

**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**INFORMATION ON STATEWIDE TAGS**  
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**Current Programs for  
Statewide Tags**

**Heritage Tags (Auction)**

Authority - NRS 502.250 – This statute identifies the not to exceed numbers for Heritage Auction tags, it allows for 15 big game tags and 5 turkey tags. Funds generated from the auction of these tags are deposited into the Wildlife Heritage Trust account.

Policy P-10 directs the Department on the vendor processes.

Species for Tags – determined by recommendations through annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February commission meeting.

Quota Establishment – the number of Heritage tags per species is determined by recommendations through the annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February Commission meeting

Season Setting - This also is determined by annual CR presented during the big game season and bag setting at a February commission meeting. These seasons are not the same as those set for the general hunter and can start before and end after the general hunting seasons. See the attached CR for the current seasons.

Units - These tags are statewide tags where there is an open unit for that species as established by the Commission.

Legal Weapon - Any legal weapon

Currently Allocated -

- 9 big game tags (2 deer, 2 antelope, 2 elk, 2 Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep, 1 California bighorn sheep) and 5 turkey tags. This leave 6 big game Heritage tags identified in NRS 502.250 unallocated.

Changes to quota, seasons, legal weapons and units- This can occur as part of the CR process without impact to NAC or NRS.

- A current CR – it can be done as an amendment but would be difficult since the information is sent to the vendors and they could have already advertised for their function.
- Future – through public input during the regular CR process at a Commission meeting.

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**Partnership in Wildlife Tags**

Authority - NRS 502.250 – Allows for the funds generated from the PIW draw to be deposited into the Wildlife Heritage Trust account.

NAC 502.427 – directs that the unsuccessful applicants in the initial drawing if they indicate the desire to participate PIW on their application will participate as a single applicant in the PIW drawing.

NAC 502.428 directs that the Commission will adopt regulations to establish season, quotas per species and units. PIW tags will be in addition to quotas for the initial drawing for big game tags.

Species for PIW Tags – determined by recommendations through annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February commission meeting.

Quota Establishment –determined by recommendations through the annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February Commission meeting. This quota is separate from the 15 big game tags and 5 turkey tags allowed in NRS 502.250.

Season Setting - This also is determined by annual CR presented during the big game season and bag setting at a February commission meeting. PIW tag is a stratified season structure. The hunter must hunt with the appropriate weapon for unit and the time frame they are in the field as established by the commission.

Units - These tags are statewide tags where there is an open unit for that species as established by the Commission.

Legal Weapons – Must be in compliance with weapon seasons for that unit as established by the commission. Such as longbow for the longbow season, muzzleloader for the muzzleloader season and any legal weapon during that season.

Currently Allocated - Per NAC 502.428 PIW tags will not exceed the following quotas:

- (a) Deer tags:
  - (1) Resident..... 22
  - (2) Nonresident..... 3
- (b) Antelope tags (resident)..... 5
- (c) Elk tags (resident)..... 3
- (d) Mountain goat tags (resident)..... 1
- (e) Bighorn sheep tags (resident)..... 4

The PIW quotas have not been less than the maximum since inception. The bighorn sheep tags have been 3 Nelson and 1 California tag since inception of the program in 1996.

Changes to quota, seasons, legal weapons and units- This can occur as part of the CR process without impact to NAC or NRS.

- A current CR – it can be done as an amendment but would be difficult since the information is sent to the vendors and they could have already advertised for their function.
- Future – through public input during the regular CR process at a Commission meeting.

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**Proposed Programs for  
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**Silver State Tags**

Authority - NRS 502.250 – Allows for the funds generated from the Silver State Tag draw (when established) to be deposited into the Wildlife Heritage Trust account. NAC will be created to regulate the tag draw, application process, eligibility, seasons and quota allocation.

Species for Tags – To be determined by recommendations through annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February commission meeting.

Quota Establishment – To be determined by recommendations through the annual CR process during the big game season and bag setting at the February Commission meeting. The quota is going to have to be coordinated with the Heritage Tags so as not to exceed the 15 big game tags in NRS 502.250.

Season Setting - This also is determined by annual CR presented during the big game season and bag setting at a February commission meeting. The Silver State tag CGR regulation will propose that the season be the same as the Heritage Tags.

Units - These tags are statewide tags where there is an open unit for that species as established by the Commission.

Legal Weapons – Any legal weapon

Tags Currently Allocated - None, as this is a new program for the future. Coordination with the Heritage tag allocation during the season setting is necessary to ensure the 15 big game tags allowed by NRS is not exceeded.

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**Dream Tags**

Authority - AB246 and SB411 to be added to NRS Chapter 502 –Section 4 of Assembly Bill No. 246 of this Session is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 1. The Commission may establish a program for the issuance of additional big game tags each year to be known as “Dream Tags.” For the sale of Dream Tags to a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section.

NAC - The Commission may adopt regulations establishing such other provisions concerning Dream Tags as the Commission determines reasonable or necessary in carrying out the program.

Species for Tags – Section 6 of the bill states, “big game tag” means a tag permitting a person to hunt any species of pronghorn antelope, bear, deer, mountain goat, mountain lion, bighorn sheep or elk.

For the issuance of one Dream Tag for each species of big game for which 50 or more tags were available under the quota established for the species by the Commission during the previous year.

Quota Establishment – The new NRS provides for the issuance of one Dream Tag for each species of big game for which 50 or more tags were available under the quota established for the species by the Commission during the previous year.

Season Setting – To be determined by annual CR presented during the big game season and bag setting at a February commission meeting.

Units - These tags are statewide tags where there is an open unit for that species as established by the Commission.

Legal Weapons – To be determined by annual CR presented during the big game season and bag setting at a February commission meeting.

Tags Currently Allocated - None, as this is a possible new program for the future.