

CHARTER
TAG ALLOCATION
AND
APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE

Background: The Application Hunt Committee was originally established by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in June 1990 as a result of the 1989 and 1990 audits of the big game application hunt program. The Committee included members of the Commission, county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and the hunting public and was charged with review of the then-existing application hunt system and processes, implementation of audit recommendations, process improvements, cost effectiveness, and potential alternatives to the program (06/1990 Commission minutes). The Committee provided input into the request for proposal and conducted interviews and selection of the vendor for the new application hunt system in 1992-1993. While the Committee's responsibilities and duties were not clearly identified and they were asked to develop a charge, mission statement or policy document (12/1996 Commission minutes), the Committee evolved to serve as a clearinghouse for the Commission for most issues involving the application hunt program. The Committee was responsible for initiating the conversion of procedural processes into permanent regulation; however, the regulations were not considered by the Committee, but were heard in public meetings by the Commission. The Committee dealt with sociological or administrative issues of how to issue tags; the Committee did not address tag allocation issues that dealt with biological issues for how many tags would be issued. The Committee was dissolved in early 1999 after fulfilling their charge.

The Chairman of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners reestablished the Committee to be known as the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) on August 5, 2006. On September 22, 2006, the Chairman appointed the Committee members representing the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and the hunting public.

Purpose: The Committee will review issues of tag allocation based on sound biological principles, evaluate potential changes to the application hunt and draw processes, and make recommendations to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding their research and findings.

Objectives for Allocation Issues:

Using sound biological principles, balance the sportsmen desire for hunting opportunity and the available wildlife resource with sound biological management decisions.

To ensure sportsmen have input and consideration into quality vs. quantity opportunities in the allocation of tags.

To review and recommend revisions or updates to any applicable policies or procedures for the allocation of tags.

To ensure an educational campaign to educate sportsmen for any changes to the allocation methods or formulas.

Objectives for Application and Draw Issues

To consider sportsman desires regarding application processes (how they apply for hunts).

To consider sportsman desires regarding the bonus point program.

To consider sportsman desires regarding the order of the draw.

To consider the cost benefit analysis for proposed changes to the existing program.

To ensure proposed changes are considered in the budgeting process.

To ensure adequate time for programming changes.

To initiate regulatory review and revision for any proposed changes to the application or draw processes.

To ensure an educational campaign to educate sportsmen for any changes to the application and draw processes.

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