

Below are relevant NRS/NAC for issuance of bear tags. As you can see from the highlighted sections I don't see an issue with the Department establishing a bear hunt/season and issuing bear tags. Per NRS 502.250 (3) the tag for a resident could not exceed \$120 and \$1200 for non-resident.....NRS 502.130 specifically requires a tag for bear.....NRS 501.046/NAC 503.020 lists bear as a game mammal.

NRS 502.250 Fees for tags and for processing certain applications; acceptance of sealed bids for tags or award of tags by auction or drawing; disposition of proceeds; regulations.

1. The amount of the fee that must be charged for the following tags is:

Resident deer tag.....	\$30
Resident antelope tag.....	60
Resident elk tag.....	120
Resident bighorn sheep tag.....	120
Resident mountain goat tag.....	120
Resident mountain lion tag.....	25
Nonresident deer tag.....	240
Nonresident antelope tag.....	300
Nonresident antlered elk tag.....	1,200
Nonresident antlerless elk tag.....	500
Nonresident bighorn sheep tag.....	1,200
Nonresident mountain goat tag.....	1,200
Nonresident mountain lion tag.....	100

2. The amount of the fee for other resident or nonresident big game tags must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident big game tag established pursuant to this section.

3. The amount of the fee for a tag determined to be necessary by the Commission for other species pursuant to NRS 502.130 must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident tag established pursuant to this section.

4. A fee not to exceed \$10 may be charged for processing an application for a game species or permit other than an application for an elk. A fee of not less than \$5 but not more than \$15 must be charged for processing an application for an elk, \$5 of which must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Obligated Reserve Account in the State General Fund and used for the prevention and mitigation of damage caused by elk or game mammals not native to this State. A fee of not less than \$15 and not more than \$50 must be charged for processing an application for a Silver State Tag.

5. The Commission may accept sealed bids for, or award through an auction or a Silver State Tag Drawing, or any combination thereof, not more than 15 big game tags and not more than 5 wild turkey tags each year. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Any amount of money received from the bid, auction or Silver State Tag Drawing that is not so deposited must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account in the State General Fund in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

6. The Commission may by regulation establish an additional drawing for big game tags, which may be entitled the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing. To reimburse the Department for the cost of managing wildlife and administering and conducting the drawing, not more than 18 percent of the total amount of money received from the drawing may be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by regulations adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection 7, the money received by the Department from applicants in the drawing who are not awarded big game tags must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account in accordance with the provisions of NRS 501.3575.

7. The Commission may adopt regulations which authorize the return of all or a portion of any fee collected from a person pursuant to the provisions of this section.

NRS 502.130 Tags, permits and seals required to hunt, trap, fish for or possess designated wildlife.

1. In addition to the regular hunting licenses and trapping licenses provided for in this chapter, additional licenses, to be known as tags, are required to hunt any deer, elk, antelope, mountain sheep or bear.
2. Whenever it is determined by the Commission that it is necessary for correct management:
 - (a) Tags also may be required to hunt, trap or fish for any other species of wildlife. The Commission may limit the number of tags to be used in a management area.
 - (b) Permits and seals may be required to hunt, trap, fish or to possess any species of wildlife.
3. The Commission shall set the fee for all permits and seals issued pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2.

NRS 501.046 “Game mammal” defined. “Game mammal” means any mammal so classified by Commission regulation.

NAC 503.020 Game mammals. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The following wild mammals are further classified as game mammals:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
1. Antelope	Pronghorn.....	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>
2. Bear	Black.....	<i>Ursus americanus</i>
3. Deer	Mule.....	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
4. Goat	Mountain.....	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>
5. Lion	Mountain (Cougar).....	<i>Felis concolor</i>
6. Moose		<i>Alces alces</i>
7. Peccary		<i>Pecari angulatus</i>
8. Rabbit	Cottontail (Audubon).....	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>
	Cottontail (Nuttall).....	<i>Sylvilagus nuttallii</i>
	Pygmy.....	<i>Sylvilagus idahoensis</i>
	Snowshoe.....	<i>Lepus americanus</i>
	White-tailed Jack.....	<i>Lepus townsendii</i>
9. Sheep	Bighorn.....	<i>Ovis canadensis canadensis</i>
		<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>
		<i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>
10. Elk	Rocky Mountain.....	<i>Cervus elaphus nelsoni</i>
11. Wolf	Gray.....	<i>Canis lupus</i>