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MEMORANDUM**Date: June 24, 2016**

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Robert Haughian, Administrator, Operations Division

Title: Commission Regulation 16-03 Amendment #1

Description: 2017 Heritage Tag Vendors and sealed bids

Presenter: Maureen Hullinger, Management Analyst III, Operations Division

Agenda No: 22

Summary: In January 2016 the Commission approved CR 16-03 2017 Heritage Tags, species, seasons and quotas. Pursuant to Commission Policy P-10 the Department mailed vendor packets out to potential vendors for the 2017 heritage tags. The Department received 9 vendor proposals by the deadline of April 18th. At the Heritage committee meeting in May the committee reviewed the proposals and has provided the recommendations that you see on page 1 of this amendment.

Additionally, one of the challenges that the Heritage committee has faced in the past and again this year is finding vendors for the Heritage Turkey tags. This is due to the fact that most of the fundraising events occur after the opening of the Heritage Turkey Tag season. In an effort to address this challenge the Department is also presenting language changes to section 3 of the Special Regulations on page 2.

The Regulation: On page 1 of the regulation is the table listing the Heritage tags by species. The right most column of the table lists the vendor recommendations for the 2017 Heritage in blue italics as proposed by the Heritage committee.

On page 2, section 3 of the Special Regulations the Department is recommending changes to the sealed bid process. Section 6 of Commission Policy P-10 provides direction for sealed bids; if there are no acceptable vendors for the tag. The current language in CR 16-03 only addresses sealed bids if there is an issue with receiving the payment from a vendor within the 30 days after the event. The amendment changes subsection 3 to include the process if the Commission opts to have the Department award a Heritage Tag by sealed bid and maintains the ability for a sealed bid if there is difficulty receiving a payment by the deadline. As you can see in the season table Heritage Wild Turkey tag has no recommendation for a vendor at this time since there was not a suitable vendor available.

Recommendation: The Department at this time would recommend approval of CR 16-03 amendment #1 as presented except for the 5th Heritage Wild Turkey tag be awarded by sealed bid.

History Heritage Auction Tags 2013-2016

YEAR	ORGANIZATION	ANTELOPE	CALIF BHS	DEER	ELK	NELSON BHS	TURKEY	Grand Total
2013	MDF			\$65,000				\$65,000
	NBU-RENO		\$70,000			\$87,500		\$157,500
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$6,500						\$6,500
	PCCU	\$8,000					\$700	\$8,700
	RMEF				\$70,000			\$70,000
	SCI-N NV Chapter				\$55,000		\$1,200	\$56,200
	WHIN			\$70,000			\$1,700	\$71,700
	Wild Sheep Foundation					\$87,500		\$87,500
2014	MDF			\$85,000				\$85,000
	NBU-RENO		\$79,000			\$100,000		\$179,000
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$7,500						\$7,500
	PCCU	\$7,750					\$425	\$8,175
	RMEF				\$125,000			\$125,000
	SCI-N NV Chapter				\$155,000		\$1,350	\$156,350
	WHIN			\$77,500			\$1,600	\$79,100
	Wild Sheep Foundation					\$115,000		\$115,000
2015	MDF			\$100,000				\$100,000
	NBU-Fallon		\$73,500					\$73,500
	NBU-RENO					\$72,000		\$72,000
	NV Waterfowl Association	\$9,000						\$9,000
	PCCU	\$5,000					\$575	\$5,575
	RMEF				\$100,000			\$100,000
	SCI-N NV Chapter				\$70,000		\$1,800	\$71,800
	WHIN			\$105,000			\$1,600	\$106,600
Wild Sheep Foundation					\$120,000		\$120,000	
2016	MDF			\$105,000				\$105,000
	NBU-Fallon		\$75,000					\$75,000
	NBU-RENO					\$107,500		\$107,500
	NV Sportsman						\$1,200	\$1,200
	NV Waterfowl Association						\$2,292	\$2,292
	NWTF						\$625	\$6,125
	PCCU	\$5,500						\$5,500
	RMEF				\$160,000			\$160,000
	SCI				\$50,000			\$50,000
WHIN			\$135,000			\$1,500	\$136,500	
Wild Sheep Foundation					\$95,000		\$95,000	

CR 16-03
2017 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS
Amendment #1

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the wildlife resource. NRS 502.250 authorizes the Wildlife Commission to designate the number of Wildlife Heritage game tags to allocate each year.

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables. Wild Turkey: one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m., the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Big game species: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season. Wild Turkey: Any legal weapon per NAC 503.187 or shotgun or longbow and arrow may be used throughout the season.

Species	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any Mule Deer	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	2	<i>Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada</i>
					<i>Mule Deer Foundation</i>
Pronghorn Antelope	Any Pronghorn Antelope	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	2	<i>Pershing County Chukars Unlimited</i>
					<i>Nevada Waterfowl Association</i>
Rocky Mountain Elk	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	2	<i>Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation</i>
					<i>Nevada Bighorns Unlimited - Reno</i>
Nelson Bighorn Sheep	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep except for Units where the previous year harvest for the Heritage tag hunt occurred and Unit 195.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 except for unit 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	2	<i>Nevada Bighorns Unlimited - Reno</i>
					<i>Wild Sheep Foundation</i>
California Bighorn Sheep	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except for the unit where the previous year harvest for the Heritage tag hunt occurred and unit 041	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	1	<i>Wild Sheep Foundation</i>
Wild Turkey	Any Wild Turkey	Any management unit where there is an open season for Wild Turkey	Earliest date established in regulation by the Board of Wildlife Commission for Spring Wild Turkey through the last day of the last season for Spring Wild Turkey.	5	<i>Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada</i>
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					<i>Pershing County Chukars Unlimited</i>
					<i>Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited</i>
					<i>No recommendation</i>
Total				14	

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR EACH TAG:

1. Unless his privilege is revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to submit a bid for a Wildlife Heritage tag.

The bid includes the fee for a combination hunting and fishing license and the fees for processing the Wildlife Heritage tag.

2. The bid must be delivered to the Organization at the auction.

The Organization shall submit the full amount of the bid as well as the name of the designated hunter to the Department of Wildlife no later than 30 days after the auction is held. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the Department initiating a sealed bid process for the Wildlife Heritage hunt tag.

3. **Sealed Bids:**

- a) **If the Organization does not meet the deadline established in subsection 2 for payment of the bid to the Department or if the Commission approves a Wildlife Heritage Tag to be awarded by sealed bid, the Department shall initiate a sealed bid process to include a bidder packet.**
- b) **The bidder packet will be available to the public no later than 60 days after deadline in subsection 2 for those Wildlife Heritage tags with defaulted payments or no later than 60 days after approval by the Commission to award the tag by sealed bid.**
- c) ~~Should a sealed bid process become necessary, s~~ Sealed bids will be accepted by the Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Ste. 120, Reno, Nevada 89511, on or before **the deadline established in the bidder packet for that Wildlife Heritage Tag. 5:00 p.m., on the third Friday following the deadline established in subsection 2.** In the event of an identical sealed bid, the tag will be awarded based on the bid having the earliest ~~postmark or~~ date **and time** stamp.
- d) The successful bidder of the sealed bid shall submit the full amount of his bid within 10 calendar days after notification by the Department. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the tag being awarded to the next highest bidder.

4. The successful bidder for each tag type may hunt statewide in units where a season is established by Commission for that species except those areas closed to hunting in NAC 504.340 and identified in this regulation.

* Fallon NAS - There are portions of unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep in **the NAS portions of** this unit, the tag holder is required to attend a NAS hunter safety briefing.

*Portions of Hunt units 252, 280, 281, 282 are within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) where public access is **restricted**. Hunters and everyone in their respective hunting parties, must comply with all Nevada hunting requirements and all NTTR safety and security requirements including the following: 1) consent to and pass a criminal history background check, 2) be at least 14 years old on opening day of the respective hunting season, 3) attend the Nellis Air Force Base hunter safety briefing, and 4) within the NTTR portion of unit 252 limit party size to 5 including tag holder. Additional party members may complete background check and safety briefing, but only maximum of 5 party members including tag holder may be present within the NTTR portion of unit 252 at any given time.

*Hunters and members of their parties who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied access to the NTTR. Hunters and members of their parties may not access the NTTR after a tag is filled and animal has been removed and in possession of tag holder. No pets are allowed on NTTR. It is the hunter's responsibility to meet and/or comply with all NTTR eligibility requirements. In some units there may be adjustments to season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners hereby delegates authority to the Nevada Department of Wildlife to adjust season dates to accommodate Department of Defense operations so long as there is no change to the overall length of the season.

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5. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
6. There shall be no refunds except as authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. Eligibility restrictions as established by the Commission in NAC 502.341, 502.345 and 502.361 regulations do not apply to these tags.