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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 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 General Regulation 468, Bonus Point Transfer, LCB File R104-16 – For Possible Action/Public Comment Allowed

Description: The Commission will consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to automate the transfer of bonus points with the change of residency.

Presenter: Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger

Agenda No: 24

Summary:

Under existing regulation, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State and must make this request in writing to the Department. This regulation makes such a transfer automatic and eliminates the need to submit the request in writing. At the August Commission meeting a workshop was held and no additional changes were recommended.

The Department has processed and forwarded to our contractor (SCI) an average of 75 requests over the last 3 years. Additional sportsmen may not be aware of the need to request their bonus point to be transferred and they will benefit from the automatization of this.

This regulation will simplify, for our big game applicants, their understanding of this portion of the bonus point program. It will eliminate the loss of bonus points by clients due to the lack of understanding the program.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission adopt the regulation as presented.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

LCB File No. R104-16

July 1, 2016

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160 and 502.175.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; revising provisions governing the transfer of certain bonus points accumulated by a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing regulations provide for the accumulation of bonus points by a person who applies for certain drawings for tags required for hunting certain species. (NAC 502.027, 502.4187) Such bonus points accumulate and give the person a mathematical advantage in subsequent drawings for a tag. Under existing regulations, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate. (NAC 502.4189) This regulation makes such a transfer automatic upon the person’s change of residence.

Section 1. NAC 502.4189 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4189 1. Each applicant in a drawing for a tag for a season receives a number of additional draw numbers that is equal to the number of bonus points that he or she has accumulated squared, as expressed in the following equation:

$$n=b^2$$

where “n” is the number of additional draw numbers and “b” is the number of bonus points. The number of additional draw numbers determines the number of draw numbers for the species or

category of the species for which the application was submitted. The applicant's lowest randomly assigned draw number is the number used for the drawing.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, bonus points accumulated by a person for a species or category of species cannot be transferred to any other person or any other species or category of species.

3. ~~Any~~ *Any bonus points accumulated by an* applicant ~~may transfer bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate, if:~~

~~—(a) The~~ *automatically transfer with the applicant if the* applicant changes his or her state of residence . ~~;~~

~~—(b) The applicant requests in writing that the Department transfer those bonus points; and~~

~~—(c) The Department approves the request for the transfer.~~

~~→~~ Bonus points transferred pursuant to this subsection apply to the same species or category of species to which they applied before the transfer.

4. The number of bonus points applicable to applications submitted by a group pursuant to NAC 502.4185 for tags is the quotient of the total number of points held by the members of the group divided by the number of members in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number.

5. If a person has applied for a junior hunt for deer for 5 years or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for deer because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt for deer automatically transfers to the category for antlered mule deer. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a bonus point accumulated by the person for a junior hunt for deer in a year in which the person also accumulated a bonus point in the category for antlered mule deer.