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MEMORANDUM:

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

From: Kimberly Munoz, Data and Technology Services Division Administrator

Title: **Commission Regulation 23-01, 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates and 2024 Spring Turkey Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates**

Purpose: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2023 upland, waterfowl, and big game application deadlines along with the 2024 spring turkey application deadlines.

Summary

This regulation is to establish the 2023 upland, waterfowl, big game, and 2024 spring turkey application and harvest questionnaire return deadlines. All applications and harvest questionnaire returns must be submitted online at www.ndowlicensing.com except applications submitted for Overton and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area (WMA) waterfowl which must be submitted through a mail-in process. Harvest questionnaire returns may also be submitted over the telephone at 1-855-542-6369 prior to the deadline.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends the inclusion of upland game and swan application and draw dates to the Commission Regulation, combining all game applications offered to the public into one centralized regulation. Newly added applications include Turkey, Swan, Overton Wildlife Management Area (WMA) dove, Overton and Key Pittman WMA opening day and weekend waterfowl. ***These new additions are existing applications historically found over a variety of Commission Regulations now combined into a single Commission Regulation.**

The Department recommends including a section for turkey harvest questionnaires as Commission General Regulation 502 proposes the removal of the turkey harvest questionnaire deadline from Nevada Administrative Code to be reviewed and approved every year in Commission Regulation.

The Department recommends including a new section titled "Tag and Permit Purchase Grace Period" that describes the process of failed payments and consolidates the notice that results

posted within the 48-hour deadline may not reflect the final status of an application due to the 7-day payment processing and electronic return period.

The Department recommends no changes in format from the previous year to the Big Game Main Draw, the Big Game Second Draw, or Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt with the exception of extending Big Game Main Draw application period by one day resulting in the application closer on a Wednesday.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation change as presented.

CR 23-01 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates 2024 Spring Turkey Application Deadline & Draw Result Dates

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of Section 501.181, 502.140, 502.250 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of wildlife resources in the State of Nevada.

General Tag Application Information

All applications associated with the tag **or permit** draw processes for mule deer, including the Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Hunt, pronghorn antelope, elk, black bear, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, **wild turkey, swan and Overton Wildlife Management Area (WMA) dove** must be submitted through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com. Applications submitted by mail for these species will not be accepted.

All applications for Overton and Key Pittman WMA waterfowl must be submitted through a mail-in application process detailed on the NDOW website at www.ndow.org.

2024 Wild Turkey Hunt Draw Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications received for the Spring Wild Turkey Hunt draw before 11:00pm Pacific Time on Monday, January 29, 2024. Applications for bonus points only will be accepted until 11:00pm Pacific Time on Monday, February 5, 2024.

Wild Turkey Hunt Draw Results

Initial Wild Turkey Draw results will be released no later than 48-hours after the completion of the Wild Turkey draw to applicants on or before Friday, February 16, 2024. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the results are finalized and applicants notified.

Except as specified for the Junior Wild Turkey Hunts and Landowner Hunts, any remaining tags will be available on a first come, first serve basis through www.ndowlicensing.com beginning 14 days after the draw results have been released.

Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt Draw Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications received for the Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt draw through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00:00pm Pacific Time on **Monday, March 6, 2023**. Personal Identifiable Numbers (PINs) generated to apply for the Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer hunt will be provided to participating guide businesses up until the opening of the application period. Any tag unissued or returned to the Department before the main draw will be allocated into the quota of the main draw in the non-resident mule deer categories relative to matching hunt criteria.

Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt Draw Results

Initial Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt draw results will be **released** ~~posted online at www.ndowlicensing.com~~ no later than 48-hours after the completion of the Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt draw. The Restricted Non-Resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt results will be posted on or before **Friday, March 17, 2023**. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are **finalized and applicants notified** ~~posted online~~.

~~**Note:** Draw results posted within the 48-hour deadline may not reflect the final status of an application due to payment processing issues that may occur after the results are posted.~~

Big Game Main Draw Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications received for the Big Game Main Draw through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00:00pm Pacific Time on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023**.

Big Game Main Draw Order

The Big Game Main Draw will be performed by species. Applications are awarded tags until all quotas are filled in the order of the following groups:

1. Silver State, Partners in Wildlife, Junior Mule Deer Antlered/Antlerless
2. Assigned simultaneously in no particular order: [Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Ram, California Bighorn Sheep Ram, Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Ram, Elk Antlered, Elk Depredation Antlered, Antelope Horns Longer than Ears, Mule Deer Antlered, Mountain Goat, Bear]
3. Assigned simultaneously in no particular order: [California Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Elk Antlerless, Elk Depredation Antlerless, Antelope Horns Shorter than Ears, Mule Deer Antlerless]
4. Spike Elk, Management Bighorn Sheep Ram

Big Game Main Draw Results

Initial Big Game Main Draw results will be **released** ~~posted online at www.ndowlicensing.com~~ no later than 48-hours after the completion of the main draw. The main draw results will be posted on or before **Friday, May 19, 2023**. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are **finalized and applicants notified** ~~posted online~~.

~~**Note:** Draw results posted within the 48-hour deadline may not reflect the final status of an application due to payment processing issues that may occur after the results are posted.~~

Big Game Main Draw Electronic Tag Return

There will be a seven (7) day period in which a successful tag recipient can choose to electronically return the tag prior to printing and mailing.

Big Game Second Draw Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications for the Big Game Second Draw received through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00:00pm Pacific Time on **Monday, June 12, 2023**.

Big Game Second Draw Results

Initial Big Game Second Draw results will be **released** ~~posted online at www.ndowlicensing.com~~ no later than 48-hours after the completion of the second draw. The second draw results will be posted on or before the **Friday, June 23, 2023**. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are **finalized and applicants notified** ~~posted online~~.

~~**Note:** Draw results posted within the 48-hour deadline may not reflect the final status of an application due to payment processing issues that may occur after the results are posted.~~

Overton Wildlife Management Area Dove Opening Day and Weekend Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications for Opening Day and Weekend Dove located on the Overton WMA through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00pm Pacific Time on Friday, July 21, 2023. Only one application per day will be accepted per individual. Applicants will be permitted to draw only one reservation during this application process unless there are less than 60 applicants on a day for which reservations are required.

Successful reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party, but that substitute must not have been an applicant in the application process or part of a standby group.

Overton Wildlife Management Area Dove Opening Day and Weekend Draw Results

Initial Overton WMA Dove reservation results will be released no later than 48-hours after the completion of the Overton WMA Dove reservation draw to applicants on or before Friday, July 28, 2023. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the results are finalized and applicants notified. Any unused reservations will be filled on a first come, first served basis the morning of the hunt.

Swan Draw Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications for the Swan Draw received through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00pm Pacific Time on Monday, September 4, 2023. Only one swan permit will be awarded to applicants through the initial drawing. Only one application per individual will be allowed for the swan draw.

Swan Draw Results

Initial Swan Draw results will be released no later than 48-hours after the completion of the Swan draw to applicants on or before Friday, September 15, 2023. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the results are finalized and applicants notified.

Any remaining swan hunt permits will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis online at www.ndowlicensing.com 14-days after the draw results have been released until all remaining permits have been sold or until the swan hunt closes, whichever comes first. During this period, individuals awarded a permit from the draw may purchase a second swan permit.

Overton and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Opening Day and Weekend Application Deadline

The Department will accept applications for the first two hunt days of the earliest opening duck and goose seasons at the Overton WMA and the opening day duck and goose seasons at the Key Pittman WMA through a mail-in application process submitted before 5:00pm Pacific Time on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Details of the application process can be found on the NDOW website at www.ndow.org. For Overton WMA, only one reservation per individual will be allowed through the application process unless there are available blinds on a day for which draw reservations are required.

Successful reservation holders will be allowed to substitute one person of a hunt party, but that substitute must not have been an applicant in the application process or part of a standby group.

Overton and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area Waterfowl Opening Day and Weekend Draw Results

Initial Overton and Key Pittman WMA Waterfowl reservation results will be released no later than 48-hours after the completion of the Overton and Key Pittman WMA Waterfowl reservation draw to applicants on or before Friday, September 29, 2023. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the results are finalized and applicants notified. Any unused reservations will be filled on a first come, first served basis the morning of the hunt.

Bonus Point Period

Bonus points for big game can be purchased during any big game application period. **Bonus points for Wild Turkey can be purchased during the spring Wild Turkey application and designated bonus point period.** The Department will only accept purchases of bonus points received through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com. Only one bonus point can be obtained per season and active license for each species or category of a species as defined in NAC 502.4187.

Harvest Questionnaires

The issuance of a big game **tags, wild turkey tags, and swan permits** includes an online harvest questionnaire that tag **and permit** recipients are required to complete, regardless of whether or not they hunted or harvested **big game**. Harvest questionnaires may be accessed and submitted to the Department's independent contractor, Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC, through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com or via telephone at 1-855-542-6369.

Properly completed big game harvest questionnaires must be submitted on or before 5:00pm Pacific Time on January 31 following the close of the hunt season for which the tag was issued, with the exception of hunts that end on or after January 31, which must have properly completed harvest questionnaires submitted on or before 5:00:00pm Pacific Time on February 28 following the close of the hunt season for which the tag was issued. NAC 502.405.

Properly completed wild turkey harvest questionnaires must be submitted on or before 5:00pm Pacific Time on May 31, for the spring wild turkey hunt and 5:00pm Pacific Time on November 30, for the fall wild turkey hunt following the close of the hunt season for which the tag was issued. NAC 502.407.

Tag and Permit Purchase Grace Period

Successfully awarded tag and permit applicants will have 7-days after the draw finalizations to complete the payment of the tag or permit. Applicants are encouraged to update the default payment in their customer accounts before a draw has been conducted. After 7-days, any unpaid tag or permit may be awarded to the next available alternate, offered in an applicable sequential draw, then offered for sale on a first come first serve basis until all tags or permits have been sold or the hunt season closes, whichever comes first.

Note: Draw results posted within the 48-hour deadline may not reflect the final status of an application due to payment processing issues that may occur after the results are posted and the 7-day electronic return period.