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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 23-09, 2023 Dream Tag**

**Purpose:** The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2023 Dream Tags seasons and quotas.

**Summary**

This regulation is to establish the 2023 seasons and quotas for big game Dream Tags. Dream Tag quotas are defined by Nevada Revised Statute 502.219, allowing one Dream Tag for each species of big game for which 50 or more tags were available under the quota established for the species by the Commission during the previous year.

**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**

The Department updated the method for closing Dream Tag Bighorn Sheep hunt units based on the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) recommendations. The new process provides a quota for specialty tag holders based on the quota available for the public in each hunt unit. Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures. This process has been approved for the 2023 Heritage Tags found in Commission Regulation 22-05.

The Department recommends no change to all other previous year's Dream Tag species or quotas, allowing one (1) tag each for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep, mule deer, antelope, black bear, and elk.

**Recommendation**

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

## CR 23-09 2023 Dream Tag

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.

### Dream Tags

**Hunting Hours:** Big game mammals may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset as listed on government sunrise-sunset tables.

**Take Limit:** One animal allowed per tag.

**Legal Weapon:** Legal weapons are described in NRS 503.150 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.141, 503.142, 503.143 and 503.144. Weapon use must adhere to the weapon class seasons defined for each species, hunt unit and hunt.

**Unit Closures:** The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee and Commission directive on unit closures is associated with the setting of the annual bighorn sheep quotas and the following table that identifies the maximum number of specialty tags for every unit group that has an open season. Some unit groups may be set to zero (0) if they are not able to sustain additional ram harvest beyond the general draw's tag quota.

BHS Unit Group Quota	Maximum Specialty Tag Quota
1-2	0
3-6	1
7-12	2
13-20	3
>20	4

Upon the collection of the unit of kill during the harvest check in process, the Department will notify specialty tag bighorn sheep holders of any unit closures by cell or satellite phone, satellite communicator, email, or other forms of electronic notification the Department may adopt to advise of bighorn sheep unit group closures due to specialty tag harvest limits being reached.

Hunt	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota <sup>†</sup>
<b>Mule Deer</b>	Antlered	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for antlered mule deer.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident mule deer antlered hunts.	1
<b>Pronghorn Antelope</b>	Horns longer than ears	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears hunts.	1
<b>Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep*</b>	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for Nelson bighorn sheep.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1
<b>Rocky Mountain Elk</b>	Any elk with at least one antler	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for unit 091.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident elk antlered hunts. Excludes Spike and Depredation hunts.	1
<b>Black Bear**</b>	Any black bear	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for black bear***.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the resident black bear hunt.	1

<b>California Bighorn Sheep*</b>	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except units.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the California bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1
<b>Total</b>				<b>6</b>

\* There are portions of hunt 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. Those portions of hunt unit 181 that do not fall within the boundaries of NAS Fallon are open to the public.

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. Those portions of hunt units 252, 280, 281, and 282 that do not fall within the boundaries of NTTR are open to the public.

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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\*\* Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone numbers to call and report a harvested black bear are 775-688-BEAR (2327) or 775-720-6130.

Black Bear tag holders will be notified by the Department of Wildlife of date, time and location of the Indoctrination classes. Two (2) Black Bear Indoctrination classes will be held every year. Attendance at one Black Bear Indoctrination Class is mandatory for tag holders or their representative guides or sub-guides. A person represented by a guide or sub-guide at the Indoctrination class may only hunt under the direct supervision of the guide or sub-guide who attended the class on their behalf. Tags will only be issued upon completion of an Indoctrination class.

\*\*\* Those areas within Units 192 and 194 are closed except those areas that are within the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and those areas bounded on the west by the LTBMU boundary from the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary (approximately located at the Relay Ridge Radio Tower), by the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary from the LTBMU boundary to the western boundary of Range 19 East, and by the western boundary of Range 19 East from the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary to USFS Road No. 41049 (Logan Meadow Lane/Thomas Creek), bounded on the north by USFS Road No. 41049 from the western boundary of Range 19 East to Timberline Drive, by Timberline Drive from its junction with USFS Road No. 41049 to State Highway 431 (Mount Rose Highway), and by State Highway 431 from its junction with Timberline Drive to its junction with U.S. Highway 395, bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14 (approximately located at the northbound Bellevue Interchange off-ramp), and bounded on the south by the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Sections 14 – 18, following the southern boundary of the University of Nevada, Reno Little Valley Study Area, and Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the LTBMU boundary.

† Dream tag quotas are defined by NRS 502.219.