

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATIONS

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 24th, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 W 6th St. Ely, NV 89301. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of commission regulations. If a person who is directly affected by the proposed action fails to appear to request to make an oral presentation, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

Meeting materials are available at:
<https://www.ndow.org/events/june-2023-commission-meeting/>

Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, Small Game Season Changes for the 2023-2024 Season

The Commission will consider and adopt changes to seasons, bag limits and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey and furbearers.

Commission Regulation 23-10 Amendment #1, 2024 Heritage Tag Vendors

The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations from the Heritage Committee for the assignment of the 2024 Heritage Tags to proposed vendors for sale by auction.

The regulation dates and language are subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Commission.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or submit their comments at the appropriate times to the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org or in written form, to the Secretary of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. Written submissions must be received at least five days before the scheduled public hearing.

A copy of the regulations to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada and at each Nevada county public library, in which an office of the agency is not maintained, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be adopted will be available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89511, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. Copies will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

These regulations will also be available at the following website:
<https://nvboardofwildlife.org/#notices>

A copy of this notice and the regulation will be available for inspection at the following Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1510

1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1506

380 W. B Street, Fallon, Nevada 89406 (775) 423-3171

60 Youth Center Road, Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 777-2300

4747 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 (702) 486-5127

Persons wishing to request a copy of this notice and the mentioned regulation may contact Meghan Beyer at cameron.tull@ndow.org

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STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of game birds, small game, and furbearing mammals.

CR 22-12 Amendment #1

2023-2024

SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS, RABBITS, WILD TURKEY, FURBEARERS, AMERICAN CROW, MOURNING AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE, AND FALCONRY SEASONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND RABBITS.

THIS AMENDMENT MODIFIES GREATER SAGE-GROUSE OPEN AND CLOSED HUNT UNITS, ADDS HUNT UNITS FOR WILD TURKEY AND MODIFIES QUOTAS AND PROPOSES CHANGES TO BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new; matter in red brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

UPLAND GAME (Units referenced are Game Management Units)

SAGE-GROUSE	
OPEN AREAS:	Hunt Units 062, 064, 067, [071, 072, 073 and 074] <i>071-075</i> , and <i>101-102</i> in Elko County
SEASON DATES:	September 23 – October 1, 2023
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 2.
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Closed to nonresidents.

SAGE-GROUSE	
OPEN AREAS:	<p>Hunt Units, or those portions of Hunt Units, 161 and 162 in Eureka 172 and 173 in Lander and Nye County</p> <p>Hunt Units, or those portions of Hunt Units, 012, 013 and 015 in Washoe County</p> <p>Hunt Unit, or that portion of Hunt Unit 012 in Humboldt County</p> <p>Hunt Units 031 and 051 in Humboldt County</p>
SEASON DATES:	September 23 – 24, 2023
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 2.
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Closed to nonresidents.

WILD TURKEY

2024 SPRING TURKEY APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT HUNTS:

Unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, an eligible person may apply once for a type of hunt for Wild Turkey during a draw period.

Only one person may apply on an application.

Except for those Wild Turkey hunts requiring the landowner to sign the application, Wild Turkey applications must be submitted online through www.ndowlicensing.com. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted. Applications will be accepted until 11:00:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in February. Applications for bonus points only will be accepted until 11:00:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in February. The release date will be on or before the first Friday in March.

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. Remaining tags will be sold until seven (7) weekdays prior to the close of the season.

Only one Wild Turkey tag can be awarded to an individual within a calendar year.

JUNIOR WILD TURKEY 2024 SPRING - HUNT 0138

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:	Bearded Wild Turkey	
LIMIT:	1 by tag only.	
SHOOTING HOURS:	One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily	
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	<p>Youth must be 12 prior to the opening of the hunt season indicated and not attain their 18th birthday until after the last day of the hunt season indicated, pursuant to NAC 502.063.</p> <p>Applications for these tags or bonus points will only be accepted during the draw application periods. Remaining tags will not be issued.</p> <p>Closed to nonresidents.</p>	
OPEN AREAS:	Season Dates	Quota
Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	3 2
Moapa Valley of Clark County*	Last Saturday in March through second Friday in April	3
Hunt Units 102, 103 & and 065 within Elko County	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	3
Hunt Unit 115 within White Pine County**	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	1
Pershing County*	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	2
Unit 151 and 152 of Lander County	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	2
Unit 154 of Lander County*	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	1
Lincoln County	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	5 4

** Applicants are advised that a significant portion of the turkey population occurs on private lands and permission should be obtained from a landowner before applying for this hunt.*

*** Applicants are advised that a significant portion of the turkey population occurs on Great Basin National Park lands. Hunting is not permitted within park boundaries.*

WILD TURKEY 2024 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:	Bearded Wild Turkey		
LIMIT:	1 by tag only		
SHOOTING HOURS:	One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily		
UNIT 091 of ELKO COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	2	-
UNIT 101 of ELKO COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	5	-
UNITS 102 & 065 of ELKO COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	10	1
UNITS 103 and 108 of ELKO and WHITE PINE COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-
UNITS 151 and 152 of LANDER COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – second Sunday in April	3	-
	Third Saturday in April – first Sunday in May	3	-
UNIT 154 of LANDER COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-
UNIT 231 of LINCOLN COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-
*Applicants are advised that a significant portion of the turkey population occurs on private lands and permission should be obtained from a landowner before applying for this hunt.			

WILD TURKEY 2024 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:	Bearded Wild Turkey		
LIMIT:	1 by tag only		
SHOOTING HOURS:	One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily		
UNITS 241 and 242 of LINCOLN COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	<i>Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May</i>	10	1
THAT PORTION OF HUNT UNIT 202 in LYON COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	<i>Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May</i>	2	-
MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ONLY OF UNIT 203			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Periods:	March 30 – April 7, 2024	3 2	4
	April 13 – April 21, 2024	3 2	-
	April 27 – May 5, 2024	3 2	-
MOAPA VALLEY PORTION OF CLARK COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Periods:	March 23 – March 29, 2024	4 3	-
	March 30 – April 5, 2024	4 3	-
	April 6 – April 12, 2024	4 3	1
PERSHING COUNTY*			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	<i>Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May</i>	10	1
UNIT 115 OF WHITE PINE COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	<i>Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May</i>	4	-
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FURBEARING ANIMALS

BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES

Pelt sealing, other than a single exception for taxidermy sealings, will be done only on the dates and during the times specified. Sealing locations will be at Department offices unless otherwise noted.

BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES FOR THE 2023-2024 SEASON			
City	Date	Time	Location
Carson City	January 16	10am – 2 p.m.	NDOW Warehouse Corner of south Carson at Colorado St.
Elko	January 16 February 20 February 28	9a.m. – 3 p.m.	NDOW Elko Office
Ely	January [18] 17 February 21	[8 a.m. – Noon] 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	[NDOW Ely Office] 2018 Pioche Highway Ely, NV 89301
Eureka	[January 17]	[12 p.m. – 4 p.m.]	[NDOW Eureka Office]
Fallon	January 23	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	NDOW Fallon Office
	Annually scheduled to coincide with the NTA Fur Sale.	7 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Nevada Trappers Association Fallon Fur Sale
	February 28	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	NDOW Fallon Office
Las Vegas	January 17	8 a.m. – [5 p.m.] Noon	NDOW Las Vegas Office
	February 20	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	
	February 28	[1 p.m. – 5 p.m.] 8:00 a.m. - Noon	
Panaca	February 20	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Nevada State Parks - NDOW Office, Panaca
	February 28		
Tonopah	February 7	8 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.	NDOW Tonopah Office
	February 28	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	
Winnemucca	January 24	8 a.m. – Noon	NDOW Winnemucca Office

Taxidermy Pelt Sealing: From the opening day of the bobcat season (Second Saturday in November) until the first regularly scheduled bobcat sealing date in January, any person who wishes to have a single bobcat (1 per person per season) sealed for the purpose of tanning or taxidermy may personally present the lawfully taken pelt to any Nevada Department of Wildlife Regional office (Elko, Las Vegas, Reno) and request to have the Departments seal affixed to the pelt. All requirements of NAC 502.347 apply.

CR 23-10 Amendment #1 2024 Wildlife Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas

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.

Wildlife Heritage Tags

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals and wild turkey 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: Any legal firearm or bow as described in NRS 503.150 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.141, 503.142, 503.143 and 503.144 may be used throughout the big game season. Additionally, any legal weapon or shotgun or bow as described in NAC 503.187 may be used throughout the wild turkey season.

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.

Species	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any mule deer	Any hunt unit assigned an antlered mule deer season.	August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	2	Mule Deer Foundation
					Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada (WHIN)
Pronghorn Antelope	Any pronghorn antelope	Any hunt unit assigned a pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears season.	August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	2	Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU) – Reno
					Mule Deer Foundation
Rocky Mountain Elk	Any elk with at least one antler	Any hunt unit assigned an antlered elk season except for unit 091.	August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	2	Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited
					Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU) - Elko

Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep*	Any ram	Any hunt unit assigned a Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep season.	July1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	2	Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU) – Reno Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
Wild Turkey	Any wild turkey	Any hunt unit assigned a wild turkey season.	March 21, 2024 through May 3, 2024	5	Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada (WHIN) Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited Pershing County Chukars Unlimited Safari Club International (SCI) – Las Vegas Muley Fanatic Foundation
Total				13	

* 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 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 Hunt Units 252, 280, 281, 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 Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 at any given time. Those portions of Hunt Units 252, 280, 281 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.

In the instance that an approved Heritage Tag vendor is unable to hold an event where a Heritage Tag is scheduled to be sold, the Board of Wildlife Commission grants authority to the Department to allocate the tag(s) to a different Commission approved Heritage Tag vendor for the corresponding year who has the ability to hold their event and offer for auction the Heritage Tags.