MEMORANDUM: 30 December 2021

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 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines

Description: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2021 big game application deadlines.

Agenda No:

Summary:

This regulation is to establish the 2021 big game application and harvest questionnaire return deadlines. All applications and harvest questionnaire returns must be submitted online at www.ndowlicensing.com. 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 no changes to the previous year’s big game application deadline for the Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt Draw, the Big Game Main Draw, and the Big Game Second Draw format.

The Department recommends adding a sex and species draw order to the Big Game Main draw.

The Department continues to recommend that all big game applications be submitted online, and no applications will be accepted by mail. The Department also continues to recommend that all harvest questionnaire returns be submitted online or over the telephone.

The Department recommends no changes to the previous year’s harvest questionnaire return deadline, with the exception that the deadline for harvest questionnaire returns for hunts that end on or after January 31 be set to the last day in February. This change would consolidate all harvest questionnaire deadlines into this Commission Regulation rather than have exceptions defined in the big game seasons Commission Regulation.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation as presented.
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 Big Game Tag Application Information**

All applications associated with the big game tag draw processes for mule deer, including the Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Hunt, pronghorn antelope, elk, black bear, bighorn sheep and mountain goat must be submitted through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com. **Applications submitted by mail will not be accepted.** Mailed applications received at Nevada Department of Wildlife offices will be date stamped and returned to the applicant.

**Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt Draw Application Deadline**

The Department will only accept those 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 8, 2021, except for withdrawn applications as provided for in NAC 502.4183.

**Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt Draw Results**

Initial Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt draw results will be posted online at www.ndowlicensing.com no later than 48 hours after the completion of the Restricted Non-resident Guided Mule Deer Hunt draw. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are 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 only accept those applications received for the Big Game Main Draw through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00:00pm Pacific Time on Monday, May 10, 2021, except for withdrawn applications as provided for in NAC 502.4183 and for bonus point only applications as provided for in NAC 502.41895.

**Big Game Main Draw Order**

The Big Game Main Draw will be performed by species in the following order: Partners in Wildlife, Silver State, Junior Mule Deer Antlered/Antlerless, 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, California Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Ewe, Elk Antlerless, Elk Depredation Antlerless, Antelope Horns Shorter than Ears, Mule Deer Antlerless, Elk Spike, Mountain Goat either sex, Bear either sex

**Big Game Main Draw Results**

Initial Big Game Main Draw results will be 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 26, 2021. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are 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 only accept those 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 14, 2021, except for withdrawn applications as provided for in NAC 502.4183 and for bonus point only applications as provided for in NAC 502.41895.

Big Game Second Draw Results

Initial Big Game Second Draw results will be 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 Wednesday, July 9, 2021. Draw results information will not be provided in any way before the draw results are 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 First Come First Serve Application Deadlines

The Department will only accept those applications for the Big Game First Come First served through the internet at www.ndowlicensing.com submitted before 11:00:00pm Pacific Time on Monday, June 14, 2021, except for withdrawn applications as provided for in NAC 502.4183.

Harvest Questionnaires

The issuance of a big game tag includes an online harvest questionnaire that tag 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 harvest questionnaires must be submitted on or before 5:00:00pm 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.