



Landowner
Compensation Tag
Program

Issue

- When annual counts are conducted to determine the number of tags a cooperators may qualify for, that number can exceed that total allowed in statute.
- Was 1.5% prior to statutory change in 2017 legislative session, now 2.5% of total deer and antelope tags authorized by Commission.

January Meeting

- o The Commission direction:
 - o Seek additional feedback on the concept of protecting the cooperators that receive a single damage compensation tag
 - o Use a mathematical formula based on counts to determine how to equitably distribute any remaining tags
 - o Favor a concept that would provide preference to cooperators that had been engaged in this program for the longest time

Since January

- o Sent letter to 105 participants (Commission and CABMWs).
- o Shared with:
 - o Nevada Farm Bureau
 - o Cattleman's Association
 - o Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
 - o Carson Valley Chukar Club
 - o Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
 - o Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (Fallon, Reno, and Midas)
 - o Nevada Bowhunters Association
 - o Nevada Chukar Foundation
 - o Nevada Muleys
 - o Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association

Background on Process

- o Cooperator registers
- o Agreed upon count date
- o May be rescheduled
- o Count occurs
 - o At low numbers, exact count generally recorded
 - o Exact count is not always provided (qualify for 1 tag for every 50)
 - o Exact count comes with increased time and human resource cost

Challenge

- o No existing regulation if statutory limit is reached:
 - o Existing NRS has provision allowing Commission to promulgate additional NAC for program
 - o No change to NRS needed
 - o Existing process simple, supported
 - o Limit increased (equivalent to about 200 tags in 2018)

Discussion Draft

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