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MEMORANDUM:

December 31, 2020

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 21-07, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas**

Description: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2022 Heritage Tag seasons and quotas.

Summary:

This regulation is to establish the 2022 seasons and quotas for Heritage auction tags. The Department must mail, email and post Heritage tag vendor proposal packets by March 1, 2022. The Heritage Committee will review vendor proposal packets during their May meeting and provide recommendations to the County Advisory Boards and the Commission for review and adoption at the June meeting.

Combined Heritage and Silver State tag quotas may not exceed 15 big game tags and 5 wild turkey tags per Nevada Revised Statute 502.250.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage tag species or quotas, allowing two (2) mule deer tags, two (2) pronghorn antelope tags, two (2) elk tags, two (2) Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep tags, one (1) California bighorn sheep tag, and five (5) wild turkey tags. The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Heritage tag seasons that were adopted in November's Commission meeting.

The Department continues to recommend the closure of the hunt units where the Rocky Mountain Elk, as well as the Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1 and Heritage Tag No. 2 were filled in the prior year if the tag quota for those hunt units for that year was less than ten (10). The Department also continues to recommend the closure of the hunt unit where the California Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for that hunt unit for that year was less than seven (7).

The Department has added language referencing the mandatory Bighorn Sheep Indoctrination class that was directed by the Commission in their June 2020 meeting.

Recommendation:

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

CR 21-07
2022 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.

2022 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 for the following: close units of harvest during the previous year's California Bighorn Sheep, and Nelson Bighorn Sheep tags #1 and #2 hunts will be closed for the subsequent year's hunt if the quota in that unit for the prior year is less than ten (10) for Nelson Bighorn Sheep or seven (7) for California Bighorn Sheep.

Species	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any mule deer	Any hunt unit with an antlered mule deer season.	August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Mule Deer hunt.	2	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
Pronghorn Antelope	Any pronghorn antelope	Any hunt unit with a pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears season.	August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Pronghorn Antelope hunt.	2	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
Rocky Mountain Elk	Any elk with at least one antler	Any hunt unit with an antlered elk season except for unit 091.	August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Rocky Mountain Elk hunt.	2	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1	Any ram	Any hunt unit with a Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep open season except unit 263.	July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1	To be determined at June NBWC meeting

Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 2	Any ram	Any hunt unit with a Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep open season except unit 263.	July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
California Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1	Any ram	Any hunt unit with a California bighorn sheep season except unit 041.	July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the California bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
Wild Turkey	Any wild turkey	Any hunt unit with a wild turkey season.	March 21, 2021 through May 3, 2021 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Wild Turkey hunt.	5	To be determined at June NBWC meeting
Total				14	

Bighorn Sheep tag holders will be notified by the Department of Wildlife of the date, time and location of the Indoctrination classes. Attendance at one Bighorn Sheep 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. Although attendance is mandatory, tag holders, guides, and sub-guides who can prove they have attended previous Bighorn seminars are exempt from attending future seminars.