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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 21-08, 2021 Silver State**

**Description:** The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2020 Silver State Tags seasons and quotas.

**Summary:**

This regulation is to establish the 2021 seasons and quotas for Silver State big game tags. The 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. Nine (9) big game Heritage tags for 2020 were approved last year, leaving up to six (6) big game tags remaining for Silver State.

**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**

The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Silver State tag species or quotas, allowing one (1) tag for each of mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, and Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep.

The Department recommends changing the Silver State Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep season to mirror the Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep Heritage season that was amended in November's Commission meeting. The Department has recommended no changes to the seasons of all other species from the previous year.

The Department recommend the closure of hunt unit 271 for the Desert bighorn sheep tag and unit 091 for the elk tag.

The Department recommends continuing to use the method for closing Silver State bighorn sheep hunt units based on the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee recommendations. These recommendations include the closure of hunt units where the Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Silver State Tag No. 1 was filled in the year prior and the harvest quota for the current year for that hunt unit is less than ten (10).

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.

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2021 Silver State**

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.

**2021 Silver State 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:** 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.

**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 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.

Hunt	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota
<b>Mule Deer</b>	Any mule deer	Any hunt unit with an antlered mule deer season.	August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Mule Deer hunt.	1
<b>Pronghorn Antelope</b>	Any pronghorn antelope	Any hunt unit with a pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears season.	August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Pronghorn Antelope hunt.	1
<b>Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Silver State Tag No. 1*</b>	Any ram	Any hunt unit with a Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep open season except 271.	July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 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 with an antlered elk season except for unit 091.	August 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Rocky Mountain Elk hunt.	1
<b>Total</b>				<b>4</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.

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.

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.

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 in mandatory, tag holders, guides, and sub-guides who can prove they have attended previous Bighorn seminars are exempt from attending future seminars.

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.