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MEMORANDUM

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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 20-09, 2020 Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits**

Description: The Commission will review, revise and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2020 big game application eligibility and tag limits.

Agenda No:

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Summary:

This regulation is to establish 2020 big game application eligibility and tag limits.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends two (2) changes from previous year's big game application and tag eligibility. The Department removed language preventing an eligible person from submitting applications for both antlered elk and antlered depredation elk. This recommended change reduces confusion about application eligibility for these hunts and would be consistent with application eligibility for antlerless elk and antlerless depredation elk. The Department also recommends the removal of language that identified an exception to limits for elk tags, making tag limits for elk consistent with other big game species (i.e., a person may only obtain one (1) elk tag per year, regardless of antler class or sex).

Recommendation:

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

CR 20-09
2020 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits

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.

Big Game Tag Application Eligibility

Except as otherwise provided by regulation, a person may only **apply** for one (1) big game tag per species or subspecies per draw application period, with the following exceptions:

- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered mule deer and one (1) application for antlerless mule deer, or an eligible person may submit one (1) application for the junior antlered or antlerless mule deer hunt, per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears and one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered elk, one (1) application for antlered depredation elk, one (1) application for spike elk, and one (1) application for each type of antlerless elk, including antlerless elk, antlerless management elk, and antlerless depredation elk, per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for ram bighorn sheep per subspecies and one (1) application for ewe bighorn sheep per subspecies per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered mule deer and one (1) application for antlerless mule deer per **emergency hunt** application period; and
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears and one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per **emergency hunt** application period.

Big Game Tag Limits

Except as otherwise provided by regulation, a person may only **obtain** one (1) big game tag per species or subspecies per year, with the following exceptions:

- An eligible person may obtain one (1) bighorn sheep tag per subspecies per year;
- An eligible person may obtain Heritage tags, Mule Deer or Pronghorn Antelope Landowner Damage Compensation tags, Elk Incentive tags, and Antlerless Elk Landowner tags in addition to any tags obtained through a draw process.

Big Game Second Draw Eligibility

A second drawing will be held for all mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black bear, elk, mountain goat and bighorn sheep tags that remain after the completion of the big game main draw process. Eligible residents and nonresidents may apply for **any** remaining tags during the big game second draw application period, with the exception of the junior mule deer and antlerless mule deer hunt tags, which will only be available to eligible resident applicants.