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**MEMORANDUM:****May 7, 2021**

**To:** Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

**From:** Management Analyst Megan Manfredi, Data and Technology Services Division

**Title:** Commission Regulation 21-07 A1, 2022 Heritage Tag Vendors

**Description:** The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations of the Heritage Committee for the assignment of the 2022 Heritage Tags to proposed vendors for sale by auction.

**Summary:** This regulation amendment is to establish the assignment of the Heritage Tags to vendors to be sold by auction. The vendor proposal packets were received before the April 19, 2021 deadline and reviewed by the Heritage Committee at the May 6, 2021 meeting. The regulation amendment reflects the Committee's recommendations and decision to present those recommendations to the County Advisory Boards and the Commission at the June meeting.

**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**

The Heritage Committee recommends assigning 1 Mule Deer and 1 Wild Turkey tag to Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada, 1 Mule Deer tag to Mule Deer Foundation, 1 Pronghorn Antelope and 1 Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag to Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn, 1 Pronghorn Antelope and 1 Wild Turkey tag to Safari Club International Las Vegas, 1 Rocky Mountain Elk and 1 Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag to Nevada Bighorns Unlimited Reno, 1 Rocky Mountain Elk and 1 Wild Turkey tag to Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited, 1 California Bighorn Sheep tag to Nevada Bighorns Unlimited Fallon, 1 Wild Turkey tag to Las Vegas Woods & Waters, 1 Wild Turkey tag to Muley Fanatic Foundation Sierra Front.

All tags mentioned are 2022 Heritage Tags and quotas that were approved in the January 29-30, 2021 Commission Meeting.

The Department has amended the year of the 2022 Wild Turkey Heritage Tag season from 2021 to 2022.

The Department added clarification language stating that portions of hunt units 181, 252, 280, 281, and 282 that do not fall within the boundaries of Fallon Naval Air Station (NAS) and Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) are open to the public.

**Recommendation:**

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation amendment provided by the Heritage Committee.

## CR 21-07 Amendment #1 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. This closure is subject to change on a yearly basis.

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	Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada Mule Deer Foundation
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	Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn Safari Club International – LV
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	Nevada Bighorns Unlimited – Reno Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited
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	Nevada Bighorns Unlimited - Reno

<b>Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 2*</b>	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	Wild Sheep Foundation & Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn
<b>California Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1*</b>	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	Nevada Bighorns Unlimited - Fallon
<b>Wild Turkey</b>	Any wild turkey	Any hunt unit with a wild turkey season.	March 21, <del>2021</del> 2022 through May 3, <del>2021</del> 2022 in compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Wild Turkey hunt.	5	LV Woods & Waters Safari Club International – LV Muley Fanatic Foundation – Sierra Front Meadow Valley Wildlife Unlimited Wildlife & Habitat Improvement of Nevada
<b>Total</b>				<b>14</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. *Those portions of hunt unit 181 that do not fall within the boundaries of NAS Fallon are open to the public.*

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. *Those portions of hunt units 252, 280, 281, and 282 that do not fall within the boundaries of NTTR are open to the public.*

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