

Tag Return, Transfer, and Deference Program CGR 485



2019 Tag Return Data as of September 17, 2019

- 133 tags returned for Death/Medical/Military Reasons which allows for a refund and bonus point accrual
- 881 tags have been returned for “any reason,” which, if returned “1 business day before the hunt begins,” allows for bonus point accrual.

Existing Timeline for Tag Returns

2 Weeks Before
Hunt Begins

- Bonus Points are restored and accrued
- Death/Disability/Military full refunds
- Tags are re-issued to alternates

Last **Business** Day Before Hunt

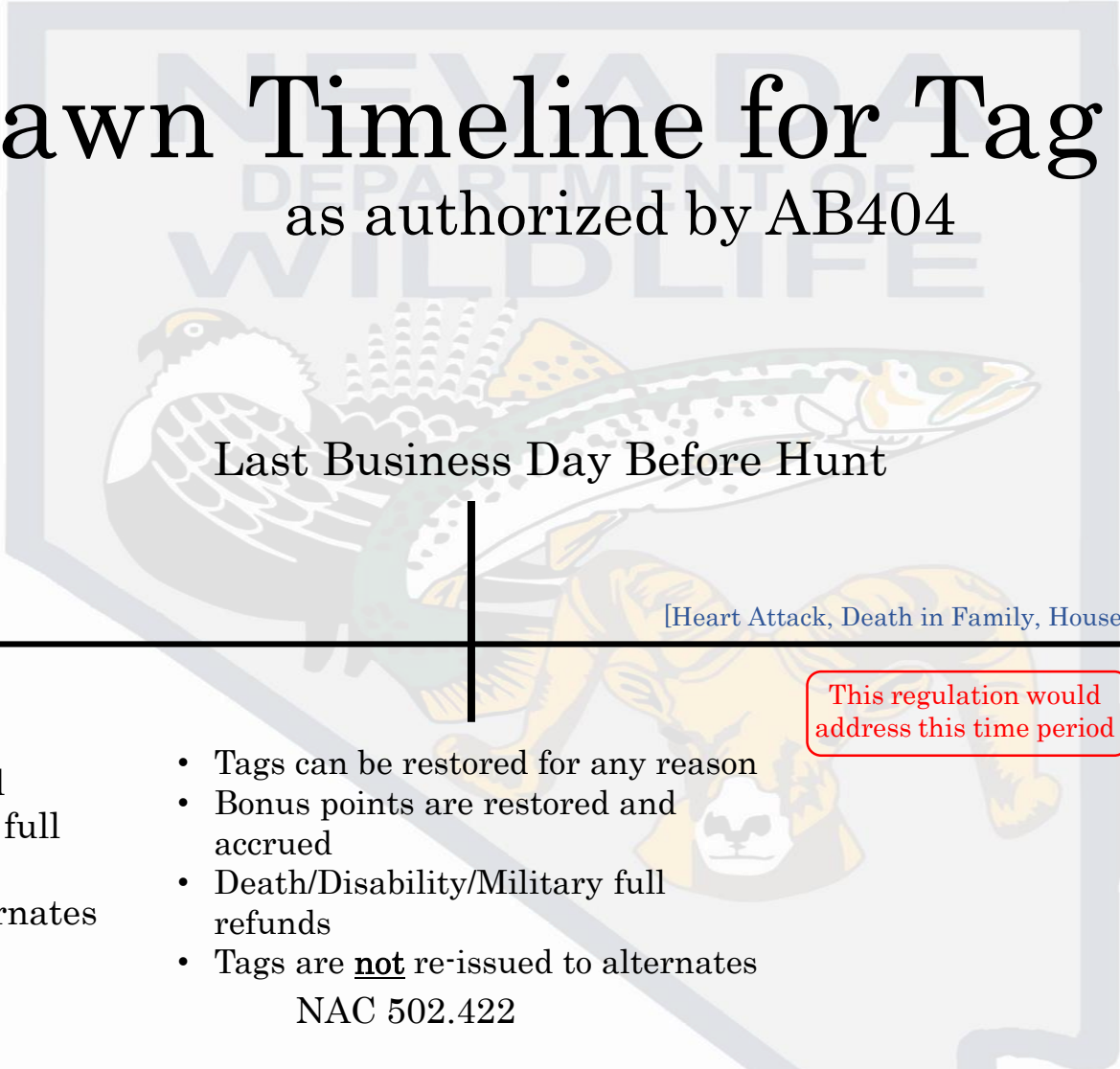
- Tags can be returned for “any reason”
- Bonus points are restored and accrued
- Death/Disability/Military full refunds
- Tags are **not** re-issued to alternates

Hunt Begins at
Legal Shooting Hour

NAC 502.422

Re-Drawn Timeline for Tag Returns

as authorized by AB404



2 Weeks Before
Hunt Begins

Last Business Day Before Hunt

Hunt Begins at
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[Heart Attack, Death in Family, House Fire, etc.]

This regulation would address this time period

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- If extenuating circumstances are substantiated as occurring before the hunt begins (legal shooting hours on first day)
- Then the tag can be transferred, deferred, or returned for bonus points
- The tag must still be presented to the Department as soon as logistically possible

Why have the day the hunt begins as the deadline?

3. As used in this section:
 (a) "Big game hunter" means a person who holds a tag.
 (b) "Extenuating circumstance" means any injury, illness or other condition or event, as determined by the Commission, of a big game hunter or a family member of a big game hunter that causes the big game hunter to be unable to use his or her tag.

Possible Considerations

- The timeframe for an “extenuating circumstance” to occur in order to return, defer, or transfer a tag is before legal shooting hours on the first day of the hunt.
 - For example, Jane’s father had a heart attack the day before her season began but she did not think to return her tag to the Department until two weeks later. She will qualify for this program.
- If the transferor loses bonus points and is in a waiting period, they will not be able to keep applying for someone else to keep transferring that tag

Department's Thoughts...

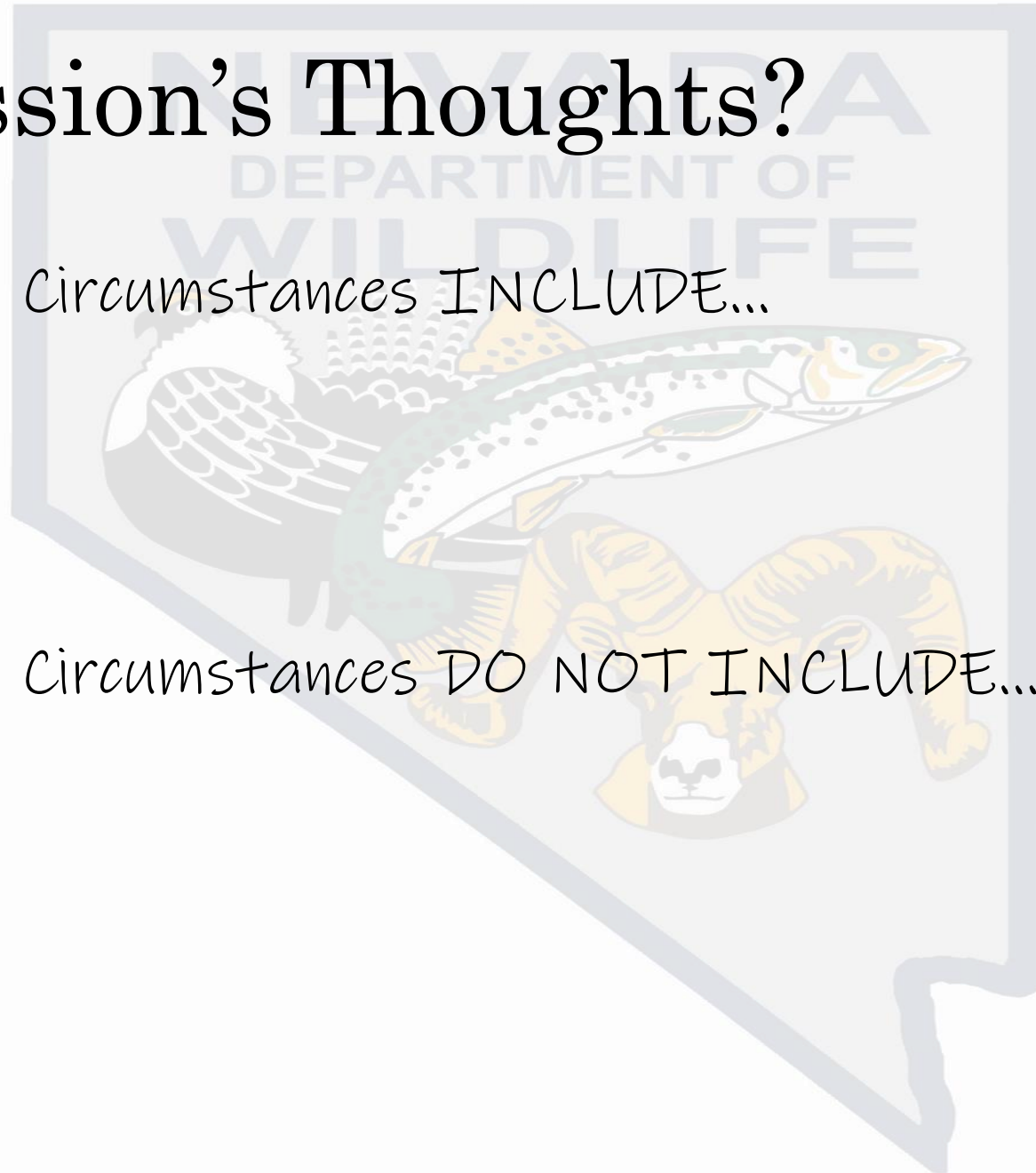
Extenuating Circumstances **INCLUDE** unanticipated, severe, catastrophic events, injuries, and illnesses

Extenuating Circumstances **DO NOT INCLUDE** anticipated, mild, or planned life events, medical events, or illnesses. For example, loss of job, divorce, vehicle problems, weapon issues, pregnancy, planned surgery, regular treatments

Commission's Thoughts?

- Extenuating Circumstances INCLUDE...

- Extenuating Circumstances DO NOT INCLUDE...



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
CLIENT RETURN OF GAME TAG

Game tags may be returned to the Department under four conditions as illustrated in the regulation on the reverse of this form. For reasons of death, medical disability or military transfer, adequate documentation must be provided when the tag is returned to the Department before we can accept the returned tag. The fourth condition is for "any reason." (NAC 502.422—see reverse of this form).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Client completes section 4. Acknowledging return deadline and regulatory requirements.
2. Client completes section 5a.
3. Client completes either 5b. or 5c., dependent on their reason.

Mail Tag, Documentation and Form to
Nevada Department of Wildlife

Operations Division – Tag Return
6680 Sierra Center Pkwy Ste 120
Reno, NV 89511

Client Section:

4. Pursuant to NAC 502.422, I acknowledge that the game tag must be RECEIVED by the Department at least 1 business day before the opening day of the season for which the tag is issued.* The tag may be returned to the Department after the first day of the hunt *only* if an extenuating circumstance occurred one day before the hunt was to begin. This request will be processed according to regulation.

Client initials _____

5. a. NAME ON TAG: _____ SPORTSMAN ID: _____
Tag Type _____
(Print)

b. DEATH, MEDICAL DISABILITY or MILITARY TRANSFER
Adequate documentation must be provided with the tag before NDOOW can accept the returned tag.
Tag is returned for the following reason: (Mark applicable box)
DEATH MEDICAL DISABILITY MILITARY TRANSFER
Name and signature of the person returning the tag:

(Print) (Sign) Phone # _____ Date: _____

c. ANY REASON, please provide a brief description of reason:
Name and signature of the person returning the tag:

(Print) (Sign) Phone # _____ Date: _____
(Today)

d. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE, justification and proof must be attached (i.e. hospital visit note, accident report, insurance claim, etc.)

Name and Signature of the person returning the tag:

(Print) (Sign) Phone # _____ Date: _____
(Today)

} Added to form

Department Section:

Department employee receiving the returned tag:
SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Changes to LCB version. *Blue* is regulation language, *green* is language we are proposing to LCB

Section 3:

Subsection 1

- (a) *Transfer the tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State; or*
- (b) *Defer the use of the tag for ~~an identical~~ the most similar privilege in the same management unit(s), and weapon class and to the next applicable hunting season the following year; or*
- (c) *Return the tag to the Department for restoration of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag that is being returned.*

Subsection 2

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, the Department shall allow the holder of a tag to transfer, ~~or~~ defer, or return a tag pursuant to subsection 1 if any of the following extenuating circumstances occur:

- (d) ~~*The holder is the recipient of a dream tag issued pursuant to NRS 502.219 and returns the drawn tag to the Department pursuant to NAC 502.42695;*~~

Subsection 3

*If a tag is transferred to another person pursuant to this section, the original holder of the tag will be treated as if he or she drew the tag with respect to any applicable **bonus points and** waiting periods.*

Subsection 4

The recipient of the transferred tag will not lose his or her bonus points or be in a waiting period for the species for which the transferred tag was valid.

New Subsection (5):

The Department has 5 business days to process the transfer of a tag

Section 8:

- (e) ~~*Incurs any other circumstances that the Commission and the Department determine qualifies the holder for a refund*~~