

# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CLIENT RETURN OF GAME TAG

Game tags may be returned to the Department under conditions illustrated in NAC 502. For reasons of **death, medical disability, military transfer, or extenuating circumstances**, adequate documentation **MUST** be provided when the tag is returned to the Department before the tag return can be accepted. Tags may be returned for **“any reason”** as defined in NAC 502.422 (See NAC 502 regulations included on this form)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Client completes section 4. Acknowledging return deadlines and regulatory requirements.
2. Client completes section 5a.
3. Client completes either 5b., and 5c. or 5d., dependent on their reason for returning the tag.

### **Mail Tag, Documentation and Form to**

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Data and Technology Services Division – Tag Return  
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy Ste 120  
Reno, NV 89511

### Client Section:

4. Pursuant to NAC 502, I acknowledge that the game tag must be **RECEIVED** by the Department either 1 business day before the opening day of the season for which the tag is issued or, 14 days into the season for which the tag was issued.” The deadline for acceptance of the return by the Department is dependent on the reasoning behind the return of the tag. This request will be processed according to the NAC 502 regulation.

Client initials \_\_\_\_\_

5. a. NAME ON TAG: \_\_\_\_\_ CLIENT ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
TAG TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

b. **DEATH, MEDICAL DISABILITY, MILITARY TRANSFER or EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE**  
Adequate documentation **MUST** be provided with the tag before NDOW can accept the returned tag. Tag is returned for the following reason: (Mark applicable box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH                               | <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL DISABILITY                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY TRANSFER                   | <input type="checkbox"/> EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE (continue to section d.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANY REASON (continue to section c.) |  |

c. **ANY REASON**, please provide a brief description of the reason for returning the tag:

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d. **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 as defined in NRS 502.103. Adequate documentation **MUST** be provided by the tag holder to prove the extenuating circumstance and that it occurred after the last business day before the hunt begins but before legal shooting hours on the first day of the season. Please provide a brief description of the reason for returning the tag:

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Please request an action relating to the tag return. **NOTE: transferring a tag is only available for those who have been diagnosed as terminally ill. Deference of a tag will be to the next applicable hunting season and only for extenuating circumstances that occur after the last business day before the hunt begins but before legal shooting hours on the first day of the season.**

BONUS POINT RESTORATION       DEFERANCE       TRANSFER

Complete for transfer only. Transfer recipient information and signature.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLIENT ID: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO TAG HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of transfer recipient)

**\* By signing this form, all parties attest that all information provided is correct and all regulatory provisions have been read. In the case of a tag transfer, the transferer and transferee attest that their relationship falls within the definition of family provided in NRS 502.103, and both the original holder of the tag and the new recipient of the tag acknowledge that both parties will be treated as if he/she drew the tag with respect to any applicable waiting periods and bonus points.**

Signature of tag holder returning the tag:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Section:**

Department employee receiving the returned tag:

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A new section of NAC was adopted by the Nevada Legislative Commission in February 2020 and reads as follows:**

1. A holder of a tag may claim an extenuating circumstance and request to transfer the tag, return the tag for the restoration of bonus points or defer the use of the tag pursuant to NRS 502.103 only in accordance with the requirements of this section.

2. If the holder of a tag is diagnosed as terminally ill before hunting hours begin on the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued, the holder of the tag may claim an extenuating circumstance and request to transfer the tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the Department shall allow the holder of a tag to return the tag to the Department for the restoration of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag or defer the use of the tag to the next applicable hunting season if any of the following extenuating circumstances occur after the last day that the holder is entitled to return the tag pursuant to NAC 502.422, but before the hunting hours begin on the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued **\*this means that if you have an extenuating circumstance that originates after the close of NDOW's business day before the tag's season but before legal shooting hours of the opening day of the tag's season, you are eligible to select an extenuating circumstance\*:**

(a) The death of a family member of the holder of the tag, as verified by a certificate of death;

(b) The holder of the tag or a family member of the holder incurs a severe and unanticipated injury or illness which prevents the holder from hunting during the season for which the tag was issued, as verified in writing by a physician; or

(c) The holder of the tag is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is transferred to a location which makes it impracticable for the holder to hunt in the area for which the tag was issued, as verified by a copy of his or her orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department.

4. If the holder of the tag claims an extenuating circumstance as described in subsections 2 and 3, he or she must:

(a) Return the tag to the Department not later than 14 business days after the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued;

(b) Attest that he or she did not hunt on the tag; and

(c) Submit evidence to the Department of the extenuating circumstance. In the case of the death of a family member, if the holder of the tag has not received a death certificate for the deceased person within the 14 business days required to return the tag to the Department pursuant to paragraph (a), the death certificate may be submitted to the Department at such time as the holder of the tag receives a copy of the death certificate.

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

6. The Department shall process the transfer, return or deferral within 5 business days after receiving the tag.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply to the holder of a tag who is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States if he or she defers the use of a tag pursuant to NAC 502.336.

8. The Department shall update the Commission on all tags that are transferred, returned or deferred pursuant to this section.

9. As used in this section:

(a) "Family member" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.103. "Family member" means:

(1) A spouse of the big game hunter;

(2) A person who is related to the big game hunter within the first degree of consanguinity; or

(3) A stepchild of the big game hunter.

(b) "Terminally ill" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449A.081. "Terminally ill" means a medical diagnosis made by a physician that a person has an anticipated life expectancy of not more than 12 months.

**\* The section of NAC 502 will remain unknown until the time NAC 502 is codified by the Legislative Council Bureau.**

**NAC 502.422 Cancellation of tag issued in error; return of tag; provision of refund.**

1. The Department may cancel a tag and provide a refund if the Department issues the tag in error.

2. The Department shall provide a refund if the holder of a tag:

(a) Or a person to whom the holder is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity dies, as verified by a certificate of death;

(b) Or a person to whom the holder is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity incurs a disability, as verified in writing by a physician, which prevents him or her from hunting during the season for which the tag was issued;

(c) Is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is transferred, as verified by a copy of his or her orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department, to a location which makes it impracticable for the holder to hunt in the area for which the tag was issued; or

(d) Is a recipient of a Dream Tag issued pursuant to NRS 502.219 and returns the drawn tag to the Department pursuant to NAC 502.42695,

(e) and, except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.336, his or her tag is received by the Department at least 1 business day before the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued. If the holder obtained his or her hunting license with his or her tag, the hunting license may be returned with the tag.

3. If a refund is provided pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the Department shall:

(a) Return all the fees submitted with the application for the tag except the fees required pursuant to NRS 502.253 and NAC 502.331; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 502.4225, treat the recipient of the refund, with respect to his or her eligibility to obtain a tag and to be awarded a bonus point, as if the tag had not been issued and the applicant was unsuccessful.

4. If a tag for any subspecies of bighorn sheep or mountain goat is returned for a reason other than the reasons set forth in subsection 1 or 2, the Department shall:

(a) If the tag is received not later than July 15, return all the fees submitted with the application for the tag except the fees required pursuant to NRS 502.253 and NAC 502.331; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 502.4225, treat the recipient of the refund, with respect to his or her eligibility to obtain a tag and to be awarded a bonus point, as if the tag had not been issued and the applicant was unsuccessful.

5. If a tag for antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, bear, turkey, deer or elk is returned for a reason other than the reasons set forth in subsection 1 or 2, and if the tag is received at least 1 business day before the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued, the Department:

(a) Shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of NAC 502.4225, treat the applicant, with respect to his or her eligibility to obtain a tag and to be awarded a bonus point, as if the tag had not been issued and the applicant was unsuccessful; and

(b) Shall not return any fee paid for the tag.

6. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.421, the Department is not required to refill a quota for the issuance of tags if the application of this section reduces the number of tags issued to less than a quota.

### **NRS 502.103 Authority for Commission to establish program for transfer, deferral or return of tag to hunt big game mammals if extenuating circumstances apply.**

1. The Commission may adopt regulations establishing:

(a) Conditions or events which are extenuating circumstances;

(b) A process through which a big game hunter who claims an extenuating circumstance may provide documentation to the Department which shows that his or her condition or event qualifies as an extenuating circumstance; and

(c) A program through which a big game hunter who has proven that he or she qualifies for an extenuating circumstance pursuant to paragraph (b) may:

(1) Transfer his or her tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State;

(2) Defer his or her use of the tag to the next applicable open season; or

(3) Return his or her tag to the Department for restoration by the Department of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag that is being returned.

2. If a big game hunter transfers his or her tag to another person pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the big game hunter may not charge a fee or receive any compensation for such a transfer.

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.

(c) "Family member" means:

(1) A spouse of the big game hunter;

(2) A person who is related to the big game hunter within the first degree of consanguinity; or

(3) A stepchild of the big game hunter.

(d) "Tag" means a tag to hunt a big game mammal in this State.