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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 21-07 Amendment #2, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas**

Description: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2022 Heritage Tag seasons and quotas.

Summary:

This regulation amendment is to update the unit closures to the 2022 Heritage specialty tags for bighorn sheep.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends removing the unit restrictions to the 2022 Heritage bighorn sheep tags that have been assigned for auction from the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited Reno Chapter and the Wild Sheep Foundation and Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn.

The Department recommends revising the language of unit closures for the California bighorn sheep.

Recommendation:

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

CR 21-07 Amendment #2 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 units open to hunting Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep 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

Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 2*	Any ram	Any units open to hunting Nelson (desert) bighorn 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
California Bighorn Sheep Heritage Tag No. 1*	Any ram	Any units open to hunting California bighorn sheep 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
Wild Turkey	Any wild turkey	Any hunt unit with a wild turkey season.	March 21, 2022 through May 3, 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
Total				14	

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