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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 22-03, 2022 Dream Tag**
Description: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2022 Dream Tags seasons and quotas.

Summary:

This regulation is to establish the 2022 seasons and quotas for big game Dream Tags. Dream Tag quotas are defined by Nevada Revised Statute 502.219, allowing one Dream Tag for each species of big game for which 50 or more tags were available under the quota established for the species by the Commission during the previous year.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends no changes to the previous year’s Dream Tag seasons with the exception of excluding the Spike Elk and Depredation Elk hunts and seasons from the Rocky Mountain Elk category.

The Department has continued to generalize the description of the Black Bear Indoctrination classes due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the possible need to virtualize or reschedule the classes.

The Department recommends closing the units where the prior year’s bighorn sheep specialty tags were harvested. The Department has recommended no changes to the seasons of all other species from the previous year. For consistency, the Department recommends continuing to use the method for closing Silver State bighorn sheep hunt units based on the previously approved Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee recommendations. These recommendations include the closure of hunt units where the Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Silver State Tag No. 1 was filled in the year prior and the harvest quota for the current year for that hunt unit is less than ten (10) or seven (7) for California Bighorn Sheep. These recommendations will continue through 2022 to mirror the approved unit group closures of the 2022 Heritage Tag.

Clarification language has been added notifying the public that portions of land that do not fall within the boundaries of NTTR and NAS Fallon are open to the public.

Recommendation:

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

CR 22-03 2022 Dream Tag

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 Dream Tags

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals 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: Legal weapons are described in NRS 503.150 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.141, 503.142, 503.143 and 503.144. Weapon use must adhere to the weapon class seasons defined for each species, hunt unit and hunt.

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 years 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.

Hunt	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota [†]
Mule Deer	Antlered	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for antlered mule deer.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident mule deer antlered hunts.	1
Pronghorn Antelope	Horns longer than ears	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for pronghorn antelope with horns longer than ears.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears hunts.	1
Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Dream Tag*	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for Nelson bighorn sheep except units 243 , 253 , 263 , and 271 .	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1
Rocky Mountain Elk	Any elk with at least one antler	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for unit 091.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for resident elk antlered hunts. <i>Excludes Spike and Depredation hunts.</i>	1
Black Bear**	Any black bear	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for black bear***.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the resident black bear hunt.	1
California Bighorn Sheep Dream Tag*	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except units 031 , 035 , and 068 .	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the California bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1
Total				6

* 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.

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** Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day. The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone numbers to call and report a harvested black bear are 775-688-BEAR (2327) or 775-720-6130.

Black Bear tag holders will be notified by the Department of Wildlife of date, time and location of the Indoctrination classes. Two (2) Black Bear Indoctrination classes will be held every year. Attendance at one Black Bear 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.

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.

*** Those areas within Units 192 and 194 are closed except those areas that are within the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and those areas bounded on the west by the LTBMU boundary from the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary (approximately located at the Relay Ridge Radio Tower), by the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary from the LTBMU boundary to the western boundary of Range 19 East, and by the western boundary of Range 19 East from the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary to USFS Road No. 41049 (Logan Meadow Lane/Thomas Creek), bounded on the north by USFS Road No. 41049 from the western boundary of Range 19 East to Timberline Drive, by Timberline Drive from its junction with USFS Road No. 41049 to State Highway 431 (Mount Rose Highway), and by State Highway 431 from its junction with Timberline Drive to its junction with U.S. Highway 395, bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14 (approximately located at the northbound Bellevue Interchange off-ramp), and bounded on the south by the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Sections 14 – 18, following the southern boundary of the University of Nevada, Reno Little Valley Study Area, and Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the LTBMU boundary.

† Dream tag quotas are defined by NRS 502.219.