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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 22-04, 2022 Partnership in Wildlife**  
**Description:** The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2022 Partnership in Wildlife tags seasons and quotas.

**Summary:**

This regulation is to establish the 2022 seasons and quotas for Partnership in Wildlife big game tags. Partnership in Wildlife tag quotas may not exceed 22 resident and 3 nonresident mule deer tags, 5 resident pronghorn antelope tags, 3 resident elk tags, 1 mountain goat tag, and 4 resident bighorn sheep tags per Nevada Administrative Code 502.428.

**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**

The Department recommends allowing the maximum tags for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk, one (1) tag for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, and zero (0) tags for mountain goat.

The Department recommends excluding the Spike Elk and Depredation Elk hunts and seasons from the Rocky Mountain Elk category.

The Department recommends removing the California bighorn sheep tag from the PIW specialty tag program and move it into the Silver State program.

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 22-04 2022 Partnership in Wildlife

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 Partnership in Wildlife 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. This closure is subject to change on a yearly basis.

Hunt	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota
<b>Resident Mule Deer</b>	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.	22
<b>Nonresident Mule Deer</b>	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 non-resident mule deer antlered hunts.	3
<b>Resident Pronghorn Antelope</b>	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.	5
<b>Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep PIW Tag*</b>	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for Nelson bighorn sheep except units <b>243, 253, 263, and 271</b>	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for the resident Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep any ram hunt.	1
<b>Resident Rocky Mountain Elk</b>	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>	3
<b>Total</b>				<b>34</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.

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.