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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 23-08, 2023 Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits**

Purpose: The Commission will review, revise, and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2023 big game application eligibility and tag limits.

Summary

This regulation is to establish 2023 big game application eligibility and tag limits.

Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation

The Department recommends updates to the First Come, First Served section that reflect changes found in the approval of Commission General Regulations that have amended Nevada Administrative Code 502.4215 and Commission Policy 24.

Recommendation

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

CR 23-08 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits

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.

Big Game Tag Application Eligibility

Except as otherwise provided by regulation, a person may only **apply** for one (1) big game tag per species or subspecies per draw application period, with the following exceptions:

- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered mule deer and one (1) application for antlerless mule deer, or an eligible person may submit one (1) application for the junior antlered or antlerless mule deer, per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears and one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered elk, one (1) application for antlered depredation elk, one (1) application for spike elk, and one (1) application for each type of antlerless elk, including antlerless elk, antlerless management elk, and antlerless depredation elk, per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for ram bighorn sheep per subspecies, one (1) application for management ram bighorn sheep hunt, and one (1) application for ewe bighorn sheep per subspecies per draw application period;
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for antlered mule deer and one (1) application for antlerless mule deer per **emergency hunt** application period; and
- An eligible person may submit one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns longer than ears and one (1) application for pronghorn antelope horns shorter than ears per **emergency hunt** application period.

Customers who are successful in a draw will have 7-days to complete the purchase of their awarded tag. Once all notification efforts are exhausted by the Department and if at the time the 7-days has ended and a tag holder has not completed a successful purchase, the customer will be treated as a successful applicant in regard to applied waiting periods and loss of bonus points. The tag will be offered to the next available alternate, if no alternate is available, offered in a subsequent draw or in the First Come, First Served program. (NAC 502, CGR 499 adopted by the Commission November 2021, adopted by the Legislative Commission in December 2021)

Big Game Tag Limits

Except as otherwise provided by regulation, a person may only **obtain** one (1) big game tag per species or subspecies per year, with the following exception:

- An eligible person may obtain Heritage tags, Dream tags, Mule Deer or Pronghorn Antelope Landowner Damage Compensation tags, Elk Incentive tags, and Antlerless Elk Landowner tags in addition to any tags obtained through a draw process.

Big Game Second Draw Eligibility

A second drawing will be held for all mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black bear, elk, mountain goat and bighorn sheep tags that remain after the completion of the big game main draw process. Eligible residents and nonresidents may apply for **any** remaining tags during the big game second draw application period, with the exception of the junior mule deer and antlerless mule deer hunt tags, which will only be available to eligible resident applicants.

First Come First Served Eligibility

For the purposes of this regulation, the term Suspicious Activity is defined as: seeking to create an unfair advantage in obtaining a big game tag.

A first come first serve process to purchase a tag will be offered for all mule deer, pronghorn antelope, black bear, elk, mountain goat and bighorn sheep tags that remain after the completion of the big game second draw process and any returned tags thereafter having no eligible alternate. **Tags offered through the First Come, First Served program will only be available for purchase to residents and nonresidents otherwise eligible to hunt the tag.** ~~Eligible residents and nonresidents may purchase any tags offered during the First Come, First Served period, with the exception of junior mule deer tags, rocky mountain bighorn sheep tags, and mountain goat tags which will only be available to eligible resident applicants.~~ Participating persons will be limited to adding one (1) tag to their cart in a seven (7)-day period. Persons who actively abuse or attempt to create an unfair advantage of the First Come, First Served program shall be suspended by the Department for suspicious activity. **Activities that are cause for suspension are defined in NAC 502.4215, section 4.** ~~Suspicious activity includes, but is not limited to, the use of technological programs designed to carry out tasks without human supervision, technological advancements designed to increase the ability of the average human, and/or multiple logins into a single account and/or multiple browser sessions open at a single time.~~ Suspensions applied for suspicious activity **will** ~~can~~ last up to the duration of the big game hunting season. More severe conduct, such as continued and substantial efforts to gain an unfair advantage, shall result in permanent restriction from use of the program.