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Governor Lombardo's Executive Order 2023-003:

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NAC 501 - Administrative Cleanup

The Department proposes the following changes as general administrative cleanup.

NAC 501.310 Application for money from Account: Review and recommendations. ([NRS 501.3575](#)) Upon receipt of an application, the Department shall review the application, ~~complete the portions of the application the Department is required to complete~~ and send the application to the Wildlife Heritage Committee of the Commission and to each county advisory board to manage wildlife for review and comment ~~before~~ *by* April 15 of each year. The Wildlife Heritage Committee of the Commission shall prepare its recommendations for funding and present such recommendations for public comment and approval by the Commission at the first meeting of the Commission after April 30 of each year.

NAC 501.330 Duties of Secretary of Commission. ([NRS 501.3575](#))

1. On or before November 1 of each year, the Secretary of the Commission shall make available to the public the application form described in [NAC 501.300](#).
2. ~~On or before~~ *At* the first ~~meeting of the~~ Commission *meeting of the calendar year after January 31 of each year*, the Secretary of the Commission shall provide to the Commission an accounting of:
 - (a) Seventy-five percent of the amount of money deposited in the Account during the previous calendar year; and
 - (b) All interest earned on the Account during that year.

NAC 502 - Combining Regulations Detailing Applying for Permits

The Department proposed removing NAC 502.282 that gave the authority to hold a drawing and award permits for a season or special use. The general authority of NAC 502.282 has been combined here with NAC 502.380.

NAC 502.380 *Special Use and Swans: Permits; fees; miscellaneous requirements; prohibited acts.* ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [502.130](#))

1. *The Department may award a permit for a season or special use through a random order of selection conducted pursuant to the computerized system of drawing. A person must apply for the permit in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission. A nonrefundable fee in the amount of \$10 may be charged for acting upon each application for a permit pursuant to this section.*
2. A permit is required to hunt swan. ~~The fee for the permit is \$10. A person must apply for the permit on a form provided by the Department. The form must be completed in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission.~~ Award of the swan hunt permits by the Department will be based on a drawing held after the deadline established in an annual regulation of the Commission.
3. ~~2.~~ Each person, while hunting swan, shall carry on his or her person a:

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(a) Hunting license or permit issued by the Department, unless the person is under the age of 12 years;

(b) Swan hunt permit issued by the Department; and

(c) Federal migratory bird hunting stamp, or any other such documentation as the Federal Government provides as proof that the person has paid to the Federal Government the fee for the federal migratory bird hunting stamp, unless the person is not subject to the payment of the fee.

~~4. 3.~~ When a hunter has killed a swan and taken it into his or her possession, the hunter shall:

(a) Immediately punch and attach the swan hunt permit in the manner required by [NAC 502.390](#) and [502.400](#); and

(b) Except as otherwise provided by an order or regulation of the Commission, not later than 5 days after the hunter has killed and taken the swan into his or her possession, submit the head and neck of the swan to a representative of the Department for inspection at a location designated by the Department. The Department shall provide a list of the locations upon the issuance of the swan hunt permit.

~~5. 4.~~ A person shall not use or possess a swan hunt permit issued to any other person, or transfer or give a swan hunt permit issued to him or her to any other person.

NAC 502 - Turkey Harvest Survey Deadlines

This proposed change removes the hard deadlines for submitting a turkey harvest return card and allows for turkey applicants to pay the \$50 penalty, submit their survey, and submit an application during the following year's turkey application period.

NAC 502.407 Questionnaire with turkey tag: Submission to Department; ineligibility for tag; reinstatement of certain privileges. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.119](#), [501.181](#), [502.160](#))

1. Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission, the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of a turkey tag must be received by the Department not later than *the deadline established in an annual regulation of the Commission. 11 p.m. on:*

~~—(a) May 31, or the next business day if May 31 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the season for the spring hunt for turkey; or~~

~~—(b) November 30, or the next business day if November 30 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the season for the fall hunt for turkey.~~

2. A person who fails to return the questionnaire or the information required by the questionnaire within the period specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire is ineligible for all turkey tags for 1 year.

3. A person who is ineligible for a tag pursuant to subsection 2 may have those privileges reinstated if the person:

(a) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and

(b) Submits to the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the turkey tag or the information required by the questionnaire.

~~4. A person who seeks to have privileges reinstated pursuant to the provisions of subsection 3 must perform the actions specified in that subsection not later than 11 p.m. on:~~

~~—(a) June 30, or the next business day if June 30 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the spring hunt for turkey; or~~

~~—(b) December 31, or the next business day if December 31 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the fall hunt for turkey.~~

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NAC 502 - Turkey Bonus Points

These proposed changes clarify the wild turkey bonus point category and would allow for junior turkey bonus point holders to keep their bonus points once they become ineligible to participate in the junior turkey program.

NAC 502.4187 Bonus points: Award and accumulation; effect of refund. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [502.160](#), [502.175](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 502.417](#) to [502.4225](#), inclusive, an applicant to obtain a tag for a season who is unsuccessful, or an applicant for a bonus point who does not wish to obtain a tag and is applying for the sole purpose of earning a bonus point, must be awarded a bonus point for:

~~—(a) The hunt number of the species for which the applicant applied if he or she applied for a:~~

~~—(1) Tag to hunt wild turkey; or~~

~~—(2) Bonus point for a tag described in subparagraph (1); or~~

~~—(b) The category of the species for which he or she applied if he or she applied for a tag to hunt deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope, black bear, moose, *wild turkey* or bighorn sheep, or for a bonus point for such a tag.~~

Ê Regardless of the number of applications to obtain a tag or bonus point for a season submitted by a person, the Department shall not award the person more than one bonus point per season for each species or category of a species for which the person applied.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the bonus points awarded to a person accumulate until the person is successful in drawing a tag for a season for that species or category of a species or the person fails to apply for a season for 2 consecutive calendar years during which that type of hunt for a season is open. If an applicant is successful in drawing a tag for a season for a species or category of a species or fails to apply for a season for 2 consecutive calendar years during which that type of hunt for a season is open, the applicant loses all of his or her bonus points for that species or category of a species.

3. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 502.4189](#), a person may not use any bonus points awarded to the person for being unsuccessful in a junior hunt to apply for a drawing for a tag for any other type of hunt after the person is no longer eligible to participate in a junior hunt.

4. If a person is successful in obtaining a tag for a species or category of a species pursuant to [NAC 502.4215](#), he or she must not lose any bonus point awarded to him or her for that species or category of a species.

5. If an applicant requests and receives a refund for the value of his or her hunting license, the Department shall not award the applicant a bonus point for any species or category of species applied for during the period that the applicant possessed the hunting license.

6. The Department shall not award bonus points for depredation hunts or management hunts.

7. As used in this section, “management hunt” means a hunt established to seek the harvest of additional wildlife within a population.

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NAC 502.4189 Bonus points: Use; transfer; applications by group for certain tags; junior hunts. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [502.160](#), [502.175](#))

1. Each applicant in a drawing for a tag for a season receives a number of additional draw numbers that is equal to the number of bonus points that he or she has accumulated squared, as expressed in the following equation:

$$n=b^2$$

where “n” is the number of additional draw numbers and “b” is the number of bonus points. The number of additional draw numbers determines the number of draw numbers for the species or category of the species for which the application was submitted. The applicant’s lowest randomly assigned draw number is the number used for the drawing.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, bonus points accumulated by a person for a species or category of species cannot be transferred to any other person or any other species or category of species.

3. Any bonus points accumulated by an applicant automatically transfer with the applicant if the applicant changes his or her state of residence. Bonus points transferred pursuant to this subsection apply to the same species or category of species to which they applied before the transfer.

4. The number of bonus points applicable to applications submitted by a group pursuant to [NAC 502.4185](#) for tags is the quotient of the total number of points held by the members of the group divided by the number of members in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number.

5. If a person ~~has applied for a junior hunt for deer for 5 years or~~ becomes ineligible to *apply for a junior hunt for deer pursuant to NAC 502.333 or becomes ineligible to* participate in a junior hunt for deer because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt for deer automatically transfers to the category for antlered mule deer. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a bonus point accumulated by the person for a junior hunt for deer in a year in which the person also accumulated a bonus point in the category for antlered mule deer.

6. *If a person becomes ineligible to apply for a junior hunt for wild turkey pursuant to NAC 502.333 or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for wild turkey because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt for wild turkey automatically transfers to the category for wild turkey.*

NAC 502.4188 Bonus points: Categories of species. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [502.160](#), [502.175](#))

1. ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2,~~ any bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program must be awarded in one of the following categories of species, subspecies and gender:

- (a) Antlered mule deer;
- (b) Antlerless mule deer;
- (c) Mule deer, either antlered or antlerless;
- (d) Antlered Rocky Mountain elk;
- (e) Antlerless Rocky Mountain elk;
- (f) Rocky Mountain elk, either antlered or antlerless;
- (g) Spike Rocky Mountain elk;
- (h) Pronghorn antelope whose horns are longer than their ears;
- (i) Pronghorn antelope whose horns are shorter than their ears;

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(j) Rams, from one of the following subspecies:

- (1) Nelson bighorn sheep;
- (2) California bighorn sheep; or
- (3) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;

(k) Ewes, from one of the following subspecies:

- (1) Nelson bighorn sheep;
- (2) California bighorn sheep; or
- (3) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;

(l) Mountain goats;

(m) Black bears;~~or~~

(n) Moose~~or~~

~~—2. Bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program for (o) wild turkey hunts must be awarded by hunt number.~~