

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED  
REGULATIONS**

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 9th, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Clark County Government center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. A Zoom link is provided below for those individuals that are unable to attend in person.

*If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, March 9, 2024:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83888234750?pwd=YkxrOGg1UU5KTUdDZkNwbXBjZStZQT09>

Passcode: 859244

Meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.ndow.org/events/march-2024-commission-meeting/>

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit written comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations:

**Commission Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to amend the circumstances surrounding tag deferrals.

**Commission General Regulation 521 – Junior Tag Transfer**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a tag to a junior hunter.

**The regulation language is subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Commission.**

Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. The content of written comments should be consistent with the three (3) minute public comment period allowed during normally conducted meetings.

If a comment is excessively lengthy, the Commission reserves the right to review only that portion that is consistent with this policy. Persons are invited to submit written comments to [wildlifecommission@ndow.org](mailto:wildlifecommission@ndow.org) or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511 attention Director's Office. Written submissions

must be received by the Nevada Department of Wildlife 5 weekdays before the meeting.

This Notice of Workshop and support material will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Persons wishing to request a copy of this notice and the mentioned regulations may contact Lynda Barr at [lbarr@ndow.org](mailto:lbarr@ndow.org).

These regulations will also be available at the following websites:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

<https://notice.nv.gov/>

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>

[http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Public\\_Notices/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Public_Notices/)

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting the Director's Office at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511, (775) 688-1599 or [lbarr@ndow.org](mailto:lbarr@ndow.org). A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 520**

**LCB File No. Rxx-Xx**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.103, 502.160 and 502.250; §5, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160, 502.219 and 502.250.

A REGULATION relating to licensing and the validation of a game tag in any form.....

**Sec. 2. Section 1 of LCB File No. R022-19 (uncodified regulation) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**1.** A holder of a tag may claim an extenuating circumstance and request to transfer the tag, return the tag for the restoration of bonus points or defer the use of the tag pursuant to NRS 502.103, as amended by section 4.5 of Assembly Bill No. 89, chapter 109, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 473, only in accordance with the requirements of this section.

*(a) Tags excluded for deferral approval include:*

*(1) Tags awarded pursuant to NAC 502.421: alternate list.*

*(2) Tags awarded pursuant to NAC 502.4215: First Come First Served program.*

*(2) Tags awarded pursuant to NAC 502.4237: drawing of tags for the restricted nonresident guided mule deer hunt.*

*(3) Tags awarded pursuant to NAC 502.424 through NAC 502.4268, NAC 502.42253 through NAC 502.42283: for any management, depredation, landowner damage compensation antelope or mule deer, elk incentive or emergency hunt programs.*

*(4) Tags awarded pursuant to NAC 502.4269 through NAC 502.42696, NAC 502.4273 through NAC 502.42905, NAC 502.4291 through NAC 502.4298, NRS 502.250 for Dream, Partnership in Wildlife, Heritage, or Silver State specialty tag programs.*

**2.** A person who applies for a big game tag may designate a beneficiary of the tag. Upon the death of the holder of the tag, if the designated beneficiary provides a death certificate to the Department, the designated beneficiary will be treated as if he or she were awarded the tag pursuant to subsection 6. The designated beneficiary may:

**(a)** Use the tag if he or she is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State, subject to any applicable waiting period, as long as the person has not been suspended by the Department from using a tag;

**(b)** Transfer the tag to a qualified organization approved by the Department pursuant to subsection 10; or

**(c)** Return the tag to the Department.

3. If the holder of a tag is diagnosed as terminally ill before hunting hours begin on the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued, the holder of the tag may claim an extenuating circumstance and request to transfer the tag to another person who is otherwise eligible to hunt a big game mammal in this State.
4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, the Department shall allow the holder of a tag to return the tag to the Department pursuant to NAC 502.422, for the restoration of any bonus points that he or she used to obtain the tag or defer the use of the tag to the next applicable hunting season if any of the following extenuating circumstances occur *after the last day that the holder is entitled to return the tag pursuant to NAC 502.422, but* before the hunting hours begin on the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued:
  - (a) The death of a family member of the holder of the tag, as verified by a certificate of death;
  - (b) The holder of the tag or a family member of the holder incurs a severe and unanticipated injury or illness which prevents the holder from hunting during the season for which the tag was issued, as verified in writing by a physician; or
  - (c) The holder of the tag is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is transferred to a location which makes it impracticable for the holder to hunt in the area for which the tag was issued, as verified by a copy of his or her orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department.
5. If the holder of the tag claims an extenuating circumstance as described in subsections 3 and 4, he or she must:
  - (a) Return the tag to the Department not later than 14 business days after the opening day of the season for which the tag was issued;
  - (b) Attest that he or she did not hunt on the tag; and
  - (c) Submit evidence to the Department of the extenuating circumstance. In the case of the death of a family member, if the holder of the tag has not received a death certificate for the deceased person within the 14 business days required to return the tag to the Department pursuant to paragraph (a), the death certificate may be submitted to the Department at such time as the holder of the tag receives a copy of the death certificate.
6. If a tag is transferred to another person or qualifying organization pursuant to this section, both the original holder of the tag and the new recipient of the tag will be treated as if he or she drew the tag with respect to any applicable waiting periods and bonus points.
7. The Department shall process the transfer, return or deferral within 5 business days after receiving the tag.
8. The provisions of this section do not apply to the holder of a tag who is serving in the Armed Forces of the United States if he or she defers the use of a tag pursuant to NAC 502.336.
9. The tag transfer program is hereby established. An organization that wishes to participate in the tag transfer program must submit an application to the Department between September 1 and October 31 of each year for participation in the hunting season for the following year. An application submitted by an organization must demonstrate that the organization is a qualified organization, as that term is defined in section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 89, chapter 109, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 471 (NRS 502.104), and further demonstrate:

(a) The ability of the organization to cooperate with a licensed master guide, licensed subguide or otherwise qualified person to safely guide or mentor persons who are eligible to receive a transferred tag pursuant to this section;

(b) The number of persons represented out of each category described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 89, chapter 109, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 471 (NRS 502.104), who are eligible to receive a transferred tag pursuant to this section, including, without limitation, the following information:

(1) The first and last name of each person;

(2) The date of birth of each person; and

(3) The client number, as defined in NAC 502.029, of each person; and

(c) That no monetary trade or exchange of goods will be taken or given by the organization, a person or family member of a person represented by a qualifying organization or a person wishing to transfer his or her tag.

10. If an application submitted pursuant to subsection 9 is approved, the Department shall notify the organization of the approval. Such approval authorizes the qualified organization to participate in the tag transfer program for 1 calendar year beginning on January 1 and ending on the last day of that year's concurrent hunting seasons.

11. At the request of the holder of a tag, the Department shall provide a tag transfer request form and list of qualified organizations to the holder for submission to the Department designating the qualified organization that will receive the tag.

12. If a qualified organization fails to meet the requirements set forth in subsection 9, the Department shall revoke the authorization of the organization to participate in the tag transfer program for the remainder of the current year's hunting season.

13. The Department shall update the Commission on all tags that are transferred, returned or deferred pursuant to this section.

14. As used in this section:

(a) "Family member" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 502.103.

(b) "Tag transfer program" means the program established by this section pursuant to section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 89, chapter 109, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 471 (NRS 502.104).

(c) "Terminally ill" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449A.081.

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 520 LCB File No. RXXX-XX Extenuating Circumstance Tag Deferral**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**ANSWER:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with individual customers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**ANSWER:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impact and no need for a small business impact analysis.

3. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

4. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.



5. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**ANSWER:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within the current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**ANSWER:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**ANSWER:**

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**ANSWER:**

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with individual customers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

  
Alan Jenne, Director  
Nevada Department of Wildlife

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 521**

**LCB File No. Rxx-Xx**

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.103, 502.160 and 502.250; §5, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160, 502.219 and 502.250.

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**New Tag Transfer NAC 502**

1. *A tag holder may transfer their main draw awarded mule deer tag for the current corresponding hunt year to a minor between the ages of 12 to 17 who is otherwise eligible to hunt on the mule deer tag.*
  - a. *A minor must have reached their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday before the opening day of the tag's season and must not reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before the close of the tag's season to be eligible to receive a transfer.*
  - b. *Junior mule deer tags are excluded for transfer within this program.*
2. *The minor receiving the transfer may only receive one mule deer tag annually and must have been unsuccessful in receiving any big game tag through the main draw for the corresponding hunt year.*
3. *The tag holder must designate the name(s) and client ID(s) of the minor(s) they intend to transfer their tag to at the time their main draw application is submitted.*
4. *The original tag holder shall surrender the mule deer tag to the Department and correctly enter the required information on the Department issued mule deer tag transfer affidavit. The information must include:*
  - a. *The original tag holder's legal name;*
  - b. *The legal name of the minor the big game tag will be transferred to;*
  - c. *The relationship between the tag holder and the minor receiving the tag transfer;*
  - d. *The Nevada client ID of both the original tag holder and the minor;*
  - e. *The type of hunt as defined in NAC 502.105;*
    - i. *Species;*
    - ii. *Species Category;*
    - iii. *Weapon;*
    - iv. *Residency;*
    - v. *Season;*
    - vi. *Hunt Unit;*
5. *Transfer requests must be received by the Department no later than July 1 of the corresponding hunt year.*
6. *The original tag holder is responsible for the payment of the tag fee pursuant to NRS 502.250.*
7. *Both the original tag holder and the minor receiving the mule deer tag will be treated as if they were awarded the mule deer tag with respect to bonus point cost.*



8. *The Department will return a copy of the Department signed and dated affidavit to the original tag holder-at the time the transfer has been completed. The tag holder transferring the big game tag must accompany the minor receiving the mule deer tag into the field, regardless of the age of the minor, and have on their person a copy of the Department signed tag transfer affidavit.*
9. *A tag holder may only transfer a tag through this program once in their lifetime.*
10. *Transferred tags may not be returned to the Department for the restoration of bonus points.*
11. *The exchange of anything of value including, without limitation to, money, goods, and/or services is strictly prohibited from participation in the program.*
12. *Transferred tags may not be deferred or transferred a second time to another person.*
13. *As used in this section:*
  - a. *“Accompany into the field” means the youth and adult must remain close enough for the adult to see and provide verbal assistance to the youth hunter, no more than 10 yards. Using electronic devices, such as walkie-talkies or cell phones, does not meet this requirement.*

#### **NAC 502.385 - Use of tag or permit**

1. The tag or permit must be carried by the holder at all times while the holder is hunting or trapping or while he or she is fishing for wildlife for which a tag or permit is required.
2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.42905, *name of new junior tag transfer regulation LCB File No. RXXX-XX*, and section 1 of LCB File No. R022-19, it is unlawful for any person to:
  - (a) Use or possess a tag or permit issued to any other person;
  - (b) Transfer or give a tag or permit issued to him or her to any other person;
  - (c) Use any tag or permit in a management area or unit for which it is not intended; or
  - (d) Use a tag or permit at any time other than at the time intended.
3. After it has been issued, a tag or permit may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 521 LCB File No. RXXX-XX Junior Tag Transfer**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

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**ANSWER:**

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**ANSWER:**

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**ANSWER:**

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6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**ANSWER:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**ANSWER:**


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