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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: Chet Van Dellen, Data and Technology Services Division Administrator

Title: **Commission Regulation 18-05, 2018 Partnership in Wildlife**

Description: The Commission will review, revise and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2018 Partnership in Wildlife tags seasons and quotas.

Agenda No: 22-E

Summary:

This regulation is to establish the 2018 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 no changes to the previous year's Partnership in Wildlife tag quotas, allowing the maximum tags for mule deer, pronghorn antelope and elk, one (1) tag for Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep, one (1) tag for California bighorn sheep and zero (0) tags for mountain goat.

The Department continues to recommend the closure of hunt unit 091 for elk tags and unit 041 for the California bighorn sheep tag.

The Department recommends a new method for closing PIW bighorn sheep hunt units based on the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee recommendations. These recommendations include the closure of hunt units where **any** Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep specialty tags were filled in the year prior and the harvest quota for the current year for those hunt units is less than ten (10); and the closure of hunt units where **any** California bighorn sheep specialty tags were filled in the year prior and the harvest quota for the current year for those hunt units is less than seven (7).

Recommendation:

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

CR 18-05 2018 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.

2018 Partnership in Wildlife Tags

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to 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.

Hunt	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota
Resident Mule Deer Hunt 1000	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 hunts 1331, 1341 and 1371.	22
Nonresident Mule Deer Hunt 1200	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 hunts 1331, 1341 and 1371.	3
Resident Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2000	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 hunts 2151, 2161 and 2171.	5
Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep PIW Tag No. 1 Hunt 3000*	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for Nelson bighorn sheep except for units 253 and 263.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for hunt 3151.	1
Resident Elk Hunt 4000	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 hunts 4151, 4156 and 4161.	3
Resident California Bighorn Sheep PIW Tag No. 1 Hunt 8000	Any ram	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except for units 068 and 041.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for hunt 8151.	1
Total				35

* 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.

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.

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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