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Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

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Members Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners:

Chairman Grant Wallace
Commissioner Tom Barnes
Commissioner David McNinch

Vice Chairman Brad Johnston
Commissioner Jeremy Drew
Commissioner Paul Valentine

Commissioner Jon Alberg
Commissioner Kerstan Hubbs
Commissioner Bill Young

Secretary Tony Wasley
Recording Secretary Suzanne Scourby

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward
Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer

Nevada Department of Wildlife personnel in attendance during the two day meeting:

Deputy Director Jack Robb
Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed
Vasey

Deputy Director Liz O'Brien
Conservation Educator Administrator Chris

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling
Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Sollberger
Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne
Administrative Assistant 2 Rheena Am-Is
Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder

Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger
Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jen Newmark
NDOW Biologist 4 Mike Scott
NDOW Biologist 3 Cody McKee
Staff Game Warden Mike Maynard

Carson City Meeting Location Attendees:

Gil Yanuck, Carson CABMW
Glenn Bunch, Mineral CABMW
Bobbie McCollum, self
Brian Beffort, Sierra Club, Toiyabe Chapter
Fred Anderson, Secret Pass Outfitters
Bob Rittenhouse, Douglas CABMW
Sean Shea, Washoe CABMW
Paul Dixon, Clark CABMW
Judi Caron, self
Madi Stout, self
Lynn Cullens, Mountain Lion Foundation

Monty Martin, Systems Consultants
Donald H. Sefton, Systems Consultants
Fred Voltz, recreationist
Chase Whittemore, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited (NBU)
Korin Carpenter, Nevada Bow Hunters Association
Gene Green, Carson CABMW
Jason Graham, Nevada Sporting Dog Alliance
Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW
Shannon Greene, Nevada Sportsman's Unlimited
CJ Ellingwood, self
Jennifer Simeo, self

Mike Laughlin, self	Elaine Carrick, self
Doug Martin, Carson CABMW	Joe Crim, Pershing CABMW
Chrissy Pope, Nye CABMW	Shane Madziarek
Mike Cassidy, general public	Ray Sawyer, White Pine CABMW
Cory Lytle, Lincoln CABMW	Jacob Harris, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)
David Gough, (BHA)	Ryan Hughes
Steven Bohrn, Nevada Houndsmen Association	Tina Nappe, self
Josh Vittori, NBU	Carol-Ann Weed, No Bear Hunt Nevada
Travis Gibson	Jonathan Lesperance
Matt Dixon	Don Molde, Nevada Wildlife Alliance
Mitch Bailey, Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association (NOGA)	Sherwin Von Tobel, BHA
Darcy Shepard	Josh Bice
Darin Elmore	Karen Boeger, BHA
Brett Clarke	Nick Brooks, BHA
Carl Erquiaga, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partners	Lindsay Dugas
Richie Bedowski	Jennifer Woodman
Garret Woodman	Rob Boehmer, Carson CABMW
Elaine Carrick, self	Lydia Peri, self
Kyle Davis, Nevada Conservation League	Ron Pierini, Douglas County Sheriff
John Brummer, self	David Bobzien, BHA
Larry Johnson, Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife	Ken Brooke, Representative Mark Amodei
Jason Barnes, Trout Unlimited (TU)	Mike Caltagirone, TU
Gerald Lent, Nevada Hunters' Association	Erik Johnson
Nic Nelson, Ducks Unlimited	Renee Aldrich
Elizabeth Mason	Remi Warren

Las Vegas Location Attendees:

Stephanie Myers	Jana Wright
Robert Gaudet, president Nevada Wildlife Federation	

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 – 10 a.m.

- 1 Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace

Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order; all nine Commissioners present.

Roll call of CABMW Members conducted: Craig Burnside, Douglas; Rob Boehmer, Carson; Cory Lytle, Lincoln; Bob Rittenhouse, Douglas; Chrissy Pope, Nye; Sean Shea, Washoe; Glenn Bunch, Mineral; Joe Crim, Pershing; Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt; and Gene Green, Carson.

- 2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

Chairman Wallace said he would like agenda item #4, NDOW Project Updates, to be at call of the chair, preferably before or after Department activity report.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH AGENDA ITEM #4, NDOW PROJECTS TO BE AT CALL OF CHAIR. COMMISSIONER ALMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE RESIDENT ELK ANTLERLESS ANY LEGAL WEAPON DEPREDATION HUNT 4107 AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE TWO CLERICAL ERRORS SUGGESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN WALLACE. MOTIONED PASSED 7 - 0. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT.

Resident Elk Antlerless Elk Management any legal weapon hunt 4481, option for mule deer hunt 1331

Commissioner Drew reminded the Commission that all these hunts are associated with the mule deer hunts. We can make a motion to make sure that the seasons are updated to reflect any changes that we have made in the associated mule deer hunt.

Public Comment –

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE RESIDENT ELK ANTLERLESS ELK MANAGEMENT ANY LEGAL WEAPON HUNT 4481 OPTION FOR MULE DEER HUNT 1331; HUNT 4481 OPTION FOR MULE DEER HUNT 1331 ON PAGE 15; HUNT 4476 OPTION FOR MULE DEER HUNT 1371; HUNT 4411 OPTION FOR MULE DEER HUNT 1341 AND IN ALL CASES THAT WE UPDATE THE SEASONS TO REFLECT ANY COMENSURATE CHANGES WITH THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MULE DEER HUNTS. MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNES. JUNIOR ANTLERLESS ELK HUNT WILL BE MIRRORED AND TO MATCH THE JUNIOR DEER SEASON. MOTIONED PASSED 7 - 0. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT.

23 Commission Regulation 17-06, 2018 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2018 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Ma 3 Hullinger presented CR17 - 06 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas. There are no changes to the species seasons and quotas from last year or the special regulations on page 2. The Department is still recommending Unit 041 in the California Heritage Tag to be closed, same as last year.

Commissioner Johnston stated that they have seen it. He has heard that many have not seen this. It was developed through a public process where first in July, at the Elko Commission Meeting, Mr. Deputy Director, Jack Robb and he believes Mr. Wakeling came forth with a proposal they put together in the car to try and come up with 3 proposals. The TAC committee then put the 3 proposals that were presented at the Elko Commission Meeting together in writing; we then sent it out to the public, including the CAB's requesting input. We got limited input back, in a future or subsequent TAC meeting we went through the input. We came up with a 'hybrid approach'. That was put together in an October 31st letter that was then sent out to the public, including the CAB's, asking for input, we got minimal. We then took it to the November Commission meeting and gave a report on it. So the notion that this has not gone out to the public is false.

Commissioner Drew has question in regard to the TAAHC if there was a formal recommendation of the committee in regards to change in unit group for Nelson or California Bighorn.

Discussion on how the TAAHC committee and its role in the setting of seasons are adopted and the Commission changing members in the 2018 year.

Public Comment –

Sean Shea, Washoe CABMW, stated that he has not seen this TAAHC recommendation at the CABS.

Tom Cassinelli, Humboldt CABMW, said for the record they did receive that and they sent that information back to the Commission, if not it must have been something internal that did not allow it to get done.

Commissioner Drew expressed that in the future we should be consistent in the course of how each specialty tags are set.

Commissioner Johnston clarifies that the information that Commissioner Drew intended to strike from CR 17-06 is language that the Commission followed the work of the TAAHC would be included for all specialty tags.

Commissioner Drew explained that for Heritage Tags we are setting for 2018, all the other specialty tags are for 2017. This will be an issue next year and it causes confusion when setting these CR's.

Discussion continued.

COMMISSIONER BARNES MOVED TO ACCEPT CR 17- 06 2018 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AS PROPOSED. COMMISSIONER ALMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSES 6 TO 1. COMMISSIONER DREW OPPOSED THE MOTION.

24 Commission Regulation 17-07, 2017 Dream Tag Seasons – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Dream Tag seasons.

MA 3 Hullinger presented the Dream Tag season regulation.

Commissioner Drew wanted to be sure he was clear that in previous year's rules on Dream Tag for Nelson bighorn sheep is that the only unit that would have actually be closed was 267 is that correct? He also wanted to be sure that what we are doing different than the Heritage, is we are pooling all the specialty tags rather than just looking at where the Dream Harvest of the year prior, correct?

MA 3 Hullinger said Commissioner Drew is correct.

CABMW and Public Comment –

Sean Shea, Washoe CABMW, said the CABMW approved Dream Tag with the only amendment being Unit 267 would be closed.

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE CR 17-07 2017 DREAM TAGS AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS THAT UNDER NELSON DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP WE STRIKE UNITS 253 AND 263 WITH DIRECTION

TO STAFF THAT FOR THE 2018 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE MIRROR THE LANGUAGE THAT WE JUST ADOPTED FOR 2018 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS FOR BOTH DESERT AND CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP. NEXT YEAR WHEN THIS COMES UP IT SHALL STATE ANY MANAGEMENT UNIT WHERE THERE IS AN OPEN SEASON FOR NELSON BIGHORN SHEEP EXCEPT THE HUNT UNIT WHERE THE DREAM TAG WAS FILLED THE PRIOR YEAR, IF THE TAG QUOTA FOR THE PRIOR YEAR FOR THAT UNIT IS LESS THAN 10 AND COMMENSURATE LANGUAGE FOR THE CALIFORNIA ON THE EXEMPTION OF SEVEN TAGS. COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTIONED PASSED 7 - 0. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT.

Discussion period of the tags under the previous system. The previous system would close Unit 267 for desert bighorn and Unit 031 for California. As we move forward there will be more inconsistencies in the years to come.

Commissioner Hubbs personally likes the other tags and how they are handled.

Commissioner Johnston said that those that have already bought Dream Tag tickets, it does not affect them since they do not know what the Dream Tag regulation is going to be until it is set at the Commission Meeting. These tags are done on a season to season basis.

Deputy Director Robb stated that what has been advertised on our website states that limited closure for sheep tags. It does not say for what unit it was killed in before. It is not marketed wrong.

Maureen Hullinger explained the blue lettering in her support material is what is recommended.

Commissioner Drew looking to DAG Ward and wanting the Department to come forward with language for all the tags.

Commissioner Hubbs is the Heritage tag needing deference?

Commissioner Drew depends on who you ask about deference, he is seeking consistency on all of them.

Commissioner Johnston explaining how the specialty tags work. Whoever gets the Dream tag, they will not be upset that there are three units that are closed. He feels that treating it differently is to know what particular unit will be closed.

Commissioner Drew would say that it would be same as last year, but recommend the rules for Heritage be used next year.

Deputy Director Robb said if we left only one tag left, the season would have been closed. We are protecting a very small resource area 031. That is a high take on a small unit.

Commissioner Drew clarified his motion would strike the closure for 253 and 263. The only closed unit for desert Dream Tag would be 267 where we had the harvest last year; there would be no change this year to the California. The proposed closure of 031 and 041 would stay in place.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 2. COMMISSIONERS JOHNSTON AND ALMBERG OPPOSED. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT.

- 25 Commission Regulation 17-08, 2017 Partnership in Wildlife Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.

MA 3 Hullinger explained CR 17-08. The Department recommends only two tags, one desert and one California. Closure in 091.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE CR 17 - 08 2017 PIW HUNTS AS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH ONE CHANGE AND THAT WOULD BE TO STRIKE UNIT CLOSURES UNDER DESERT BIGHORN FOR 263 AND 267 WITH THE SAME REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2018 SEASONS BEING CONSISTENT WITH BOTH HERITAGE AND DREAM FOR UNIT GROUP ON BIGHORN SHEEP.

Chairman Wallace confirmed that closing units 253 and 267, and asked if he meant Unit 253 and 263.

Commissioner Drew wants to strike from the proposal to the closure of 263 and 267 so the Unit that would remain closed for 2017 would be 253 which is where the PIW was harvested last year. He confirmed with MA 3Hullinger that is correct.

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Hubbs has questions about doing something different with the California tags?

Commissioner Drew states that what the motion was is what they just motioned on Dream Tag.

Commissioner Johnston is not going to support the motion. He feels there is a definite distinction between PIW and the Dream Tags and Heritage tags and Silver State tag. He believes that closing these units as proposed is the best thing for the resource. This would not impact the overall value of the PIW draw and who puts in for it.

COMMISSIONERS ALMBERG AND JOHNSTON OPPOSED. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 2.

- 26 Commission Regulation 17-09, 2017 Silver State Tag Seasons and Quotas– Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

MA 3 Hullinger presented the regulation.

Public Comment –

COMMISSIONER DREW MOVED TO APPROVE CR 17 - 09 SILVER STATE HUNTS AS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH RECOMMENDATION OF SYNCRONIZATION OF UNIT GROUPS DURING THE 2018 RECOMMENDATION. COMMISISONER MCNINCH SECONDED. COMMISSIONER ALMBERG OPPOSED. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT. MOTION PASSED 6-1.

- 27 Commission Regulation 17-10, 2017 Big Game Application Deadline Information – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application deadline information.

MA 3 Hullinger presented the regulation.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER MCNINCH MOVED TO APPROVE CR 17-10 AS PRESTENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. COMMISSIONER HUBBS SECONDED THE MOTION. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT. MOTION PASSED 7- 0.

- 28 Commission Regulation 17-11, 2017 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application eligibility, to include ability to apply for bull and spike elk, and ram and ewe of same bighorn subspecies.

MA 3 Hullinger explained there are no changes, but would like to note there was no antlerless depredation hunt 1101 in the CR for the Big Game Seasons, so there is an exception listed in the deer.

Public Comment – None

COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MOVED TO APPROVE CR 17-11 AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALMBERG. COMMISSIONERS VALENTINE AND YOUNG ABSENT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7 - 0.

- 29 Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2017, in Southern Nevada and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

Director Wasley said the next meeting is scheduled for March 24 and 25 at the Clark County Shooting Complex. Staff continues to check for other locations to accommodate videoconferencing. Videoconferencing will not be available at the March meeting. As far as agenda items, the primary order of business at that March meeting will be waterfowl seasons and limits in the new federal framework. Clark CABMW requested a field trip in conjunction with the meeting, and has heard from several persons the desire to better understand the process by which data is collected, modeled and eventually quotas are derived. Perhaps there may be an



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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 11, 2017

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Robert Haughian, Administrator, Operations Division

Title: Informational Sheet associated with CR 17-06 through CR 17-11

Description: Informational paper associated with Commission Regulations for the 2018 Heritage tags, 2017 Partnership in Wildlife tags, 2017 Silver State tags and 2017 Dream tag species, seasons, units and quotas. This document also addresses the 2017 big game tag application eligibility and deadline regulations.

Presenter: Maureen Hullinger, Management Analyst III, Operations Division

This support document is to assist you when reviewing Commission Regulation (CR) 17-06 through CR 17-11. You can refer to this document for some basic information and/or changes regarding each CR to be discussed.

During your review of these recommendations for the Heritage Tags and Silver State Tags remember NRS stipulates that the quotas for Heritage Tags and Silver State Tags (SST) cannot exceed 14 big game tags and 5 turkey tags. So keep this limit in mind during your discussion.

CR 17-06 2018 Heritage Tags

- This regulation is to establish the Heritage Auction tags for 2018.
 - Pursuant to Commission Policy P-10 the Department must mail, email and post on the Department website the vendor proposal packets by March 1.
 - The Heritage Committee will review vendor proposals during their May committee meeting and provide recommendations to the CABs and Commission for the June Commission meeting.
 - No changes are recommended to the species, seasons and quotas.
 - No changes are recommended in the special regulation requirements on page 2.
- ❖ **New recommendations regarding unit closures for Bighorn Sheep. The unit language is in the format recommended by the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) after public input and presentation to CABs and Commission.**

Nelson (Desert) BHS Heritage Tag	2018 Recommended Closure
Nelson (Desert) BHS Heritage Tag No. 1	The hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 1 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that hunt unit is less than ten (10).
Nelson (Desert) BHS Heritage Tag No. 2	The hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 2 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that hunt unit is less than ten (10).

- For California Bighorn sheep the Department is continuing to recommend the closure of Unit 041 due to the limited number of mature rams in this new unit.

California BHS Heritage Tag	2018 Recommended Closure
California BHS Heritage Tag	The hunt unit where California Heritage Tag was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that unit is less than seven (7) and Unit 041.

CR 17-07 2017 Dream Tags

- NRS stipulates the species and quota, therefore those items and cannot be changed.
- The season recommendations are the same as last year.
- Unit closure recommendations for elk are the same as last year with Unit 091 being closed.

❖ **New recommendations regarding unit closures for Bighorn Sheep. The closed units are determined using the format recommended by the TAAHC after public input and presentation to CABs and Commission.**

- Desert Bighorn Sheep has unit closures based on the TAAHC format recommendation regarding specialty sheep tags.

Nelson (Desert) BHS Dream Tag	2017 Recommended Closure
Those hunt units where any Desert specialty tags were filled in the prior year and the tag quotas for the hunt units for the prior year is less than ten (10).	2016 Heritage Tags – Unit 268, Quota 30 2016 SST tag- Unit 263, Quota 6 2016 PIW tag– Unit 253, Quota 9 2016 Dream tag – Unit 267, Quota 8 Units 253, 263, 267 closed

- In regards to California Bighorn Sheep, the Department continues to recommend the closure of Unit 041. The recommendation for closure is due to a limited number of mature rams in this new unit.

California BHS Dream Tag	2017 Recommended Closure
Those hunt units where any California specialty tags were filled in the prior year and the tag quota for the prior year for the hunt unit is less than seven (7).	2016 Heritage tag– Unit 032, Quota 11 2016 PIW tag– Unit 031, Quota 3 2016 Dream tag– Unit 031, Quota 3 Units 031, 041 closed

CR 17-08 2017 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Tags

- Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) stipulates that the quotas cannot exceed the following:
 - Mule deer resident – 22, nonresident – 3.
 - Antelope resident only – 5
 - Elk resident only – 3
 - Mountain Goat resident only – 1
 - Bighorn Sheep resident only – 4
- The species, quota, and season recommendations are the same as last year, with the maximum allowed by NAC for mule deer, antelope and elk. Only 2 sheep tags are recommended, 1 for Desert Bighorn and 1 for California Bighorn. No Mountain Goat tags are recommended at this time.
- Unit closure recommendations for elk are the same as last year with Unit 091 being closed.

- ❖ **New recommendations regarding unit closures for Bighorn Sheep. The closed units are determined using the format recommended by the TAAHC after public input and presentation to CABs and Commission.**
 - Desert Bighorn Sheep has unit closures listed based on the TAAHC format recommendation regarding specialty tags.

Nelson (Desert) BHS PIW Tag	2017 Recommended Closure
Those hunt units where any Desert specialty tags were filled in the prior year and the tag quota for the prior year for the hunt unit is less than ten (10).	2016 Heritage tags– Unit 268, Quota 30 2016 SST tag - Unit 263, Quota 6 2016 PIW tag – Unit 253, Quota 9 2016 Dream tag – Unit 267, Quota 8 Units 253, 263, 267 closed

- In regard to California Bighorn Sheep the Department continues to recommend the closure of Unit 041. The recommendation for closure is due to a limited number of mature rams in this new unit.

California BHS PIW Tag	2017 Recommended Closure
Those hunt units where any California specialty tags were filled in the prior year and the tag quota for the prior year for the hunt unit is less than seven (7).	2016 Heritage tag – Unit 032, Quota 11 2016 PIW tag – Unit 031, Quota 3 2016 Dream tag – Unit 031, Quota 3 Units 031, 041 closed

CR 17-09 2017 Silver State Tags

- As noted earlier, authority for Silver State tags and Heritage Tag quotas are pursuant to NRS and cannot exceed 14 big game tags and 5 wild turkey tags. The **2017** Heritage tags were approved last year, of which there were 9 Big Game tags. (2 deer, 2 elk, 2 antelope, 2 Desert BHS and 1 Calif. BHS).
- The species, seasons, quota recommendations for Silver State tags are the same as last year.
- Unit closure recommendations for elk are the same as last year with Unit 091 being closed.
- ❖ **New recommendations regarding unit closures for Bighorn Sheep. The closed unit is determined using the format recommended by the TAAHC after public input presentation to CABs and Commission.**
 - Desert Bighorn Sheep has a unit closure listed based on the TAAHC format recommendation regarding specialty tag.

Nelson (Desert) BHS Silver State Tag	2017 Recommended Closure
The hunt unit where Desert Silver State Tag was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior for that hunt unit is less than ten (10).	2016 SST tag - Unit 263, Quota 6 Unit 263 closed

CR 17-06 2018 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the wildlife resource. NRS 502.250 authorizes the Wildlife Commission to designate the number of Wildlife Heritage tags to allocate each year.

Hunting Hours: Big game mammals: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables. Wild Turkey: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Big game species: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season. Wild Turkey: Any legal weapon per NAC 503.187 or shotgun or longbow and arrow may be used throughout the season.

Species	Class	Unit Group	Season	Quota	Organization
Mule Deer	Any Mule Deer	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Pronghorn Antelope	Any Pronghorn Antelope	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Rocky Mountain Elk	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for Unit 091 which is closed.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	2	To be determined at June Commission mtg
					To be determined at June Commission mtg
Nelson Bighorn Sheep #1	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 1 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota in the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Nelson Bighorn Sheep #2	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except the hunt unit where Desert Heritage Tag No. 2 was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for the prior year for that unit is less than ten (10).	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
California Bighorn Sheep	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California bighorn sheep except for the hunt unit where California Heritage Tag was filled in the prior year if the tag quota for that unit is less than seven (7) and unit 041.	Aug 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	1	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Wild Turkey	Any Wild Turkey	Any management unit where there is an open season for Wild Turkey	March 24, 2018 – May 6, 2018	5	To be determined at June Commission mtg
Total				14	

CR 17-07 2017 DREAM TAG HUNTS

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Archery when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to archery. Muzzleloader when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to muzzleloader. Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

Species and Hunt #	Class	Unit Group	Season Dates	As established by NRS 502.219 Quota
Mule Deer Hunt 1500	Antlered only	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 1331, 1341, and 1371	1
Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2500	Pronghorn Antelope with horns longer than ears	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 2151, 2161, and 2171	1
Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt 4500	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for unit 091 which is closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 4151, 4156, 4161	1
Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3500	Any Ram	*Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except for units 253, 263, 267 which are closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunt 3151	1
California Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8500	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California Bighorn sheep except for units 031, 041 which are closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunt 8151	1

* Fallon NAS - There are portions of unit 181 in Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon where public access is restricted. To hunt Nelson (desert) bighorn sheep in the NAS portion of unit 181, 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.

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CR 17-08 2017 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) HUNTS

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Archery when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to archery. Muzzleloader when the season for that species and management unit is restricted to muzzleloader. Any legal weapon when the season for that species and management unit allows any legal weapon.

Species and Hunt #	Class	Unit Group	Season Dates	Quota
Resident Mule Deer Hunt 1000	Antlered only	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 1331, 1341, and 1371	22
Nonresident Mule Deer Hunt 1200	Antlered only	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit-group for hunts 1331, 1341, and 1371	3
Resident Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2000	Pronghorn Antelope with horns longer than ears	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 2151, 2161, and 2171	5
Resident Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3000*	Any Ram	*Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except for units 253, 263, 267 which are closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunt 3151	1
Resident Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt 4000	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for unit 091 which is closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunts 4151, 4156, 4161	3
Resident California Bighorn Sheep Hunt 8000	Any Ram	Any management unit where there is an open season for California Bighorn sheep except for units 031, 041 which are closed.	In compliance with the season dates set for each management unit or unit group for hunt 8151	1

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CR 17-09 SILVER STATE HUNTS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of sections 501.181, 502.140, 502.250, 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulation for the management of the wildlife resource. NRS 502.250 authorizes the Wildlife Commission to designate the number Wildlife Heritage game tags and Silver State tags to allocate each year.

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, the same to be considered according to Government sunrise-sunset tables.

Limit: One animal per tag.

Legal Weapon: Any legal weapon may be used throughout the season.

Species	Age/Sex Class	Unit Group	Season Dates ^A	Quota
Mule Deer Hunt 1300	Any Mule Deer	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered deer.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	1
Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2300	Any Pronghorn Antelope	Any management unit where there is an open season for antelope with horns longer than the ears.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	1
Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt 4300	Elk with at least one antler	Any management unit where there is an open season for antlered elk except for unit 091 which is closed.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	1
Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Hunt 3300*	Any Ram	*Any management unit where there is an open season for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep except for unit 263 which is closed.	Aug 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 except for units 252, 280, 281, 282 which will be the season dates as established by the Commission for Hunt 3151	1
Total				4

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