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**MEMORANDUM****26 January 2018**

**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 18-07, 2018 Dream Tag**

**Description:** The Commission will review, revise and adopt recommendations for the establishment of the 2018 Dream Tags seasons and quotas.

**Agenda No:** **22-G**

**Summary:**

This regulation is to establish the 2018 seasons and quotas for big game Dream Tags. Dream Tag quotas are defined by Nevada Revised Statute 502.219, allowing one Dream Tag for each species of big game for which 50 or more tags were available under the quota established for the species by the Commission during the previous year.

**Brief Explanation of the Proposed Regulation**

The Department recommends no changes to the previous year's Dream Tag seasons.

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

The Department recommends a new method for closing Dream Tag 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 18-07 2018 Dream Tag

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 Dream 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 <sup>†</sup>
<b>Mule Deer Hunt 1500</b>	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.	1
<b>Pronghorn Antelope Hunt 2500</b>	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.	1
<b>Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep Dream Tag No. 1 Hunt 3500*</b>	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
<b>Elk Hunt 4500</b>	Any 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.	1
<b>Black Bear Hunt 6500**</b>	Any black bear	Any hunt unit where there is an open season for black bear***.	In compliance with the dates set for each hunt unit group for hunt 6151.	1
<b>California Bighorn Sheep Dream Tag No. 1 Hunt 8500*</b>	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
<b>Total</b>				<b>6</b>

\* 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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\*\* Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day.

Black Bear Indoctrination classes will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 and on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Both classes will be held from 1pm to 4pm at the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Western Region Office Main Conference Room at 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada. Attendance at one Black Bear Indoctrination Class is mandatory for tag holders or their representative guides or sub-guides. A person represented by a guide or sub-guide at the Indoctrination class may only hunt under the direct supervision of the guide or sub-guide who attended the class on their behalf. Tags will only be issued upon completion of an Indoctrination class.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife phone numbers to call and report a harvested black bear are 775-688-BEAR (2327) or 775-720-6130.

\*\*\* Those areas within Units 192 and 194 are closed except those areas that are within the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and those areas bounded on the west by the LTBMU boundary from the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary (approximately located at the Relay Ridge Radio Tower), by the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary from the LTBMU boundary to the western boundary of Range 19 East, and by the western boundary of Range 19 East from the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary to USFS Road No. 41049 (Logan Meadow Lane/Thomas Creek), bounded on the north by USFS Road No. 41049 from the western boundary of Range 19 East to Timberline Drive, by Timberline Drive from its junction with USFS Road No. 41049 to State Highway 431 (Mount Rose Highway), and by State Highway 431 from its junction with Timberline Drive to its junction with U.S. Highway 395, bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14 (approximately located at the northbound Bellevue Interchange off-ramp), and bounded on the south by the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Sections 14 – 18, following the southern boundary of the University of Nevada, Reno Little Valley Study Area, and Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the LTBMU boundary.

† Dream tag quotas are defined by NRS 502.219.