

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1, 2 and 6, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.120; § 3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.120; § 4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, 502.160 and 502.250; § 5, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160 and 502.175.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; defining certain terms relating to moose; establishing provisions relating to obtaining a tag to hunt moose; revising provisions relating to certain bonus points awarded by the Department of Wildlife; revising provisions relating to the possession of certain parts from certain animals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations necessary to the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife, as well as those necessary to carry out the provisions of title 45 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. (NRS 501.105, 501.181) Existing law authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations defining “antlerless” mammals. (NRS 503.120) **Sections 2 and 3** of this regulation define the terms “antlered moose” and “antlerless moose,” respectively.

Existing law requires tags to hunt certain species, including moose. (NRS 502.130) Existing law authorizes the Commission to adopt any regulations necessary relative to the manner of qualifying and applying for, using, completing, attaching, filling out, punching, inspecting, validating or reporting such tags. (NRS 502.160) **Section 4** of this regulation authorizes, with certain exceptions, a resident or nonresident of this State to apply for a tag to hunt antlered moose or antlerless moose. **Section 4** also provides that a person who obtains a tag or replacement tag for an antlered or antlerless moose is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt that type of moose. Finally, **section 4** requires a person who harvests a moose to, within 5 days after harvesting it, personally present the skull and any antlers of the moose to a representative of the Department of Wildlife for inspection.

Existing law requires the Commission to establish fees for hunting certain big game species, which must not exceed the highest fee for a resident or nonresident tag established pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes. (NRS 502.130, 502.250) **Section 4** prescribes the following fees for moose tags: (1) \$120 for a resident antlered moose tag; (2) \$120 for a resident antlerless moose tag; (3) \$1,200 for a nonresident antlered moose tag; and (4) \$1,200 for a nonresident antlerless moose tag.

Existing regulations provide that any bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program must be awarded in certain enumerated categories of species, subspecies and gender. (NAC 502.4188) **Section 5** of this regulation requires the Department to award bonus points for antlered moose, antlerless moose and moose, either antlered or antlerless.

Existing regulations require a person who kills a deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope or bighorn sheep to maintain possession of a certain portion of the cape or scalp of the animal, as well as any antlers or horns, until the carcass has been frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing. (NAC 503.173) **Section 6** of this regulation adds moose to these requirements.

Section 1. Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. *“Antlered moose” means any moose having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the skull of the moose.*

Sec. 3. *“Antlerless moose” means any moose without antlers.*

Sec. 4. 1. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident of this State is eligible to apply in any year for an antlered moose tag. A person who obtains an antlered moose tag or a replacement tag for an antlered moose is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt antlered moose only.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident of this State is eligible to apply in any year for an antlerless moose tag. A person who obtains an antlerless moose tag or a replacement tag for an antlerless moose is not eligible to apply for another tag to hunt antlerless moose only.

3. *The fee for:*

(a) A resident antlered moose tag is \$120.

(b) A resident antlerless moose tag is \$120.

(c) A nonresident antlered moose tag is \$1,200.

(d) A nonresident antlerless moose tag is \$1,200.

4. A person who harvests a moose shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, personally present the skull and any antlers of the moose, if applicable, to a representative of the Department for inspection.

5. As used in this section:

(a) “Antlered moose only” means, in a designation of moose that may be taken during an open season, only an antlered moose.

(b) “Antlerless moose only” means, in a designation of moose that may be taken during an open season, only an antlerless moose.

Sec. 5. NAC 502.4188 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4188 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;

(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; ~~fox~~

(n) *Antlered moose;*

(o) Antlerless moose; or

(p) Moose ~~H~~, either antlered or antlerless.

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

Sec. 6. NAC 503.173 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.173 Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.403, any person who kills a deer, elk, *moose*, mountain goat, antelope or bighorn sheep shall, until the carcass is frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing, maintain possession of at least that portion of the cape or scalp that includes the ears to the base of the muzzle and any antlers or horns. The cape or scalp and any antlers or horns from the animal must be possessed in such a manner that they remain or are kept together with the carcass of the animal.