### CARCASS TAGGING OPTIONS

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# **CURRENT REQUIREMENTS**

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### **Tagging:**

- For licensed hunters of any big game species or turkey, the licensee killing the animal shall immediately punch or completely fill in (black out) the area designated for the appropriate species on the license.
- Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or a place of storage, the licensee must permanently fill in the proper date and time of kill on their license.

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### **RECENT DISCUSSIONS**

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Retain the current system
Department-issued carcass and antler tag
Electronic reporting system



### **Department-issued Carcass Tag**

- Distribution of carcass tags is controlled by the Department
- Issued by Department for all draw hunts
- Vendors across the State and Department offices would have tags for all other hunts and the ability to issue duplicate tags if necessary.

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You also must have a copy of your license available while hunting.

Keep one hock tendon naturally attached to boned out meat for tagging.

Antiered and Horned Game: Detach antier tag from carcass tag. Attach the antier tag to the main beam of the animal where it will not slide off. Notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag, and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a Game and Fish official. The carcass tag authorizes possession of the game animal for one (1) year from date of kill. Keep it!

antier tag attached to carcass tag. Notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag, and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. Turkey: attach carcass tag on leg above the spur. BEAR / COUGAR: Carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a Game and Fish official. Carcass tag authorizes possession of the game animal for one (1) year from date of kill. KEEP IT!

### Tag must be notched immediately upon kill. Tag must be attached to game before leaving kill site. Tagging Instructions

- 1. Do not remove this backing until you are ready to tag.
- 2. Upon killing your game animal, completely notch out the month and day of kill on the carcass tag.

3. Prior to moving the carcass, remove this entire backing material. Do not leave any backing material on the tag. Wrap the tag on carcass as shown, matching the ends together and pressing adhesive sides together evenly and tightly. Leave entire face of tag visible and readable. Do not overlap tag ends or cover any of the print.

### Antlerless / Female Game, Turkey, Bear and Cougar: Leave



Left to right: Turkey tag, antler tag and carcass tag.

# **Department-issued Carcass Tag**

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Prior to removing the harvested animal from the kill site, the licensed hunter must:

- Notch the appropriate date of kill on tag
- Attach both the antler and carcass tag to the game animal.



### **Department-issued Carcass Tag**

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Requires Amending the Following Rules:

- 19.31.10 NMAC Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method
- 19.30.9 NMAC Wildlife Administration (license vendors)



### **Electronic Reporting System**

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- Hunters will continue to print their licenses at home
- Hunters required to record date, time of kill and the antler configuration on their license
- Must file harvest report within 72 hours of the end of the hunt; receive confirmation code



# **Electronic Reporting System**

- May file report utilizing a variety of methods:
  - Dept. Information Center
  - Automated phone system
  - Website
  - Department offices
  - Department phone application



• Requires submittal of harvest report in a shorter timeframe and does not provide a late harvest reporting option



## **Electronic Reporting System**

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