

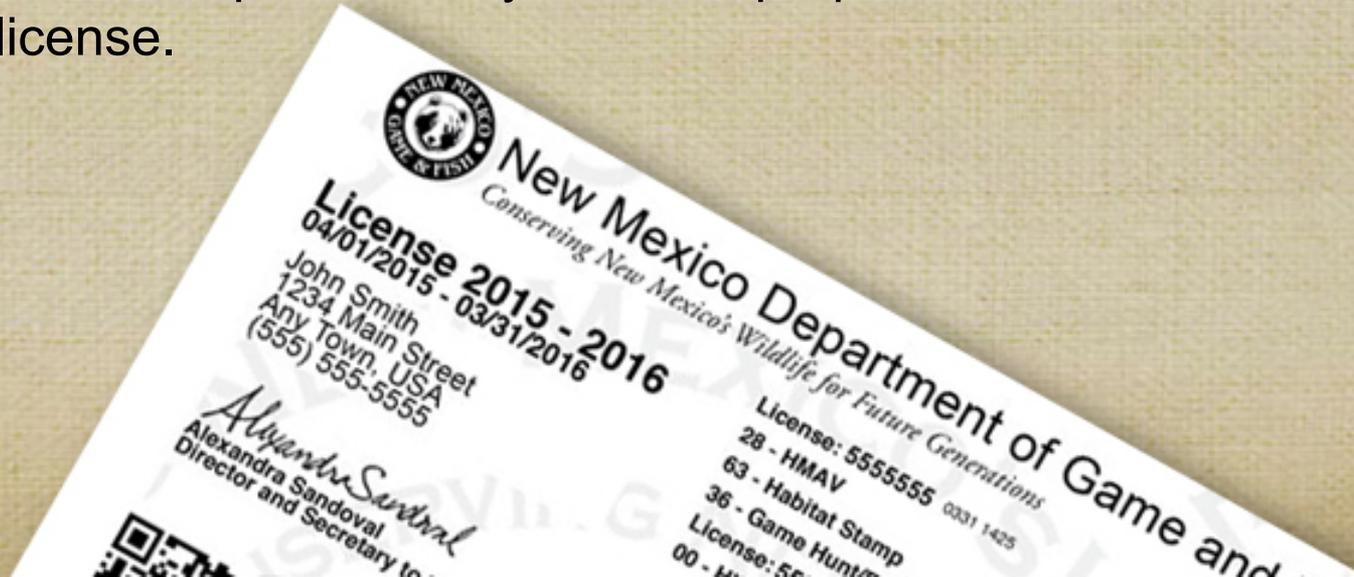
UPDATE ON CARCASS TAGGING AND THE POTENTIAL USE OF TECHNOLOGY



CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

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.



RECENT DISCUSSIONS

Options Include the Following:

- Retain the current system
- Department-issued carcass and antler tag
- Develop an electronic reporting system

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Possession of another person's un-notched tag is illegal, unless that person is physically present. You also must have a copy of your license available while hunting.

Note:
 1. Remove the tag portion to fit a wallet.
 2. Keep one lock tender naturally attached to boxed out meat for tagging.

Antlered and Horned Game: Detach antler tag from carcass tag. Attach the **antler 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 back 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!**

Antlerless / Female Game, Turkey, Bear and Cougar: Leave antler tag attached to carcass tag. Notch the month and day of kill on the **carcass tag**, and then attach to the back 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 the 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.**



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

Department-issued Carcass Tag

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Antler Tag
ELK 2-123; Bag limit: One (1) ES Elk
Ranch only: Tecolote Ranch
GMU 46, Sept. 15-24, 2016 & Jan. 1-5, 2017

Remove entire triangle for the month when kill was taken.

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Carcass Tag **Keep this tag!**
ELK 2-123; Bag limit: One (1) ES Elk
Ranch only: Tecolote Ranch
GMU 46, Sept. 15-24, 2016 & Jan. 1-5, 2017
Game storage authorized for one year from date of kill.

Alexandra Sandoval
Alexandra Sandoval, Director and Secretary to the Commission

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- 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.
- Process allows Officers to determine immediately if carcass is legally possessed by the presence of the tag being attached to the carcass/antlers in the field
 - Also addresses Sportsmen's and Officers' concerns regarding proof of legal possession of both a carcass and antlers that have been separated for the purposes of transportation to camp and/or place of processing/storage



Revised Carcass Tag Process

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.



ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Options for Filing Harvest Report

- Require all big game and turkey hunters to report harvest no later than 48 hours after harvest (new requirement)
- Utilize new and existing methods to report

How to file harvest report:

- Department Info Center/automated system
- Department website
- Department office or license vendor
- Department cell phone app



DEPARTMENT MOBILE APP

Electronic Harvest Report

- For antlered hunts, report antler configuration
- Upon submission, hunter would receive a confirmation number (if unable to connect, hunter would receive message indicating that their harvest report is pending)



PAPER LICENSE

Harvest Confirmation

- Hunter would be required to write down the harvest date, antler configuration and confirmation number on the license (change from current process)



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License 2015 - 2016
04/01/2015 - 03/31/2016

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63 - Habitat Stamp
36 - Game Hunt/Fish
License: 0000000 0000 000
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Special Hunt
Hunt: ELK-1-183
Species: Elk
Hunt Dates: Oct 24 - Oct 28
Bag Limit: 1 mature bull

Hunt Description:
Unit 52

Licensee shall immediately upon kill, permanently mark the date and time of kill, record antler points and report harvest within 48 hours using one of the following methods:

- On your smart phone through the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish mobile app
- Online at www.wildlife.state.nm.us
- By phone (866) 248-6866
- At any Department office or license vendor

Once completed, the confirmation number must be recorded and accompany the animal to its place of final storage.

Harvest:

____/____/20____ :____ a.m.
p.m.

Date: (Month/Day/Year) Time: (Hour:Min.)

Points: (Facing the animal)

R: _____ L: _____

Confirmation No.: _____

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