

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Update on Prospective Modifications to Tagging Requirements for Big Game and Turkey.

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Current Tagging Requirements

19.31.10.9

For **Big game and turkey**: 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.

Pros of the current system;

- Licenses / carcass tags are available for “at home printing”

- User friendly system if a carcass tag / license is forgotten, misplaced, lost or destroyed

Cons of the current system;

- Unlimited Licenses/carcass tags may be printed

- Carcass tags are uncontrollable

- All carcasses are always tagged and appear legal when inspected

- Having a pen readily available has proven to be an issue



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The Department is committed to progress the current carcass tag system.

Some starting points that could evolve these and future discussions.

- A department issued, controllable carcass tag.
- An electronic phone application or tagging / reporting system.
- Retain the current carcass tag system



Carcass Tag Proposal

- Continue to allow the application of draw licenses and the purchase of all over the counter licenses online.
- Allow license vendors to continue to sell over the counter licenses as well as private land elk, deer and antelope.
- The Department would control the issuance of carcass tags by:
 - Having a private vendor print and mail carcass tags on behalf of the Department for all draw hunts. (cost associated but not employee time.)
 - Department Offices could issue carcass tags for OTC, Private land Elk, Deer and Antelope.
 - Department Offices would issue Duplicate carcass tags if original was lost.
 - The Department would STOP selling licenses online that require a carcass tag 10-14 days prior to the hunt to ensure that the carcass tag could be mailed and received prior to the hunt.
 - Issue license vendors assigned books of carcass tags for all OTC and private land hunts.
 - Issue license vendors assigned books of Duplicate carcass tags for all hunts.
 - This system would combine the convenience of the online system with the security of controlling the amount of carcass tags in the field and tie the carcass tag # to specific license #'s which could be searched in the field via computers in the officer's vehicles.



Donation Certificate

Fill out when someone transports or you give any part of an animal away

HUNTER, keep your carcass/antler tag (remove from animal) when donating the meat or head of your animal to someone else. Give the person taking the donation this document. If someone is transporting part of your game for you leave the carcass tag attached. Mark either (DONATE) or (AUTHORIZE TRANSPORTATION OF), whichever is appropriate.

Person Donating:
JoAnne Hunter
License # ELK-123456

I hereby (DONATE) or (AUTHORIZE TRANSPORTATION OF) the following game animal (s) or parts: (Description of carcass)

To/by _____ (Print name of person receiving game) on Date ____/____/____

Date of kill ____/____/____ Time of Kill ____/____/____ Location of Kill _____

By signing we understand and acknowledge that to pre-date, postdate or otherwise falsify a Donation Certificate is illegal.

Signature of person receiving game: _____ Signature of tag holder _____

123456

JoAnne Hunter
123 Hunter Lane
Las Cruces, NM 88120

CIN-01011900-ABC
License # ELK-123456



ANTLER TAG

ELK-2-123 Bag Limit: One ES elk
Ranch Only: Tecolote Ranch
GMU 46 Sept 15-24, 2016 & Jan 1-15, 2017

Notch out completely if you were
UNSUCCESSFUL
on your hunt. Possession of an
un-notched tag after the end date of
your hunt ends is illegal.



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MALE FEMALE
Sex of kill—Notch and remove entire triangle

Month of kill—Notch and remove entire triangle

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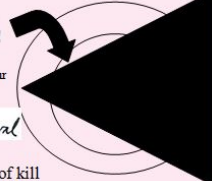


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Alexandra Sandoval
Director and Secretary to the Commission



KEEP THIS TAG--Game OR Fish storage authorized for one year from date of kill

- The tag would have three portions: 1. Donation/ Transportation authorization 2. Antler Tag 3. Carcass Tag
- The Carcass Tag would be required to be attached prior to removing the carcass from the kill site.
- The Antler Tag would be required if the head and or antlers and horns were removed from the carcass.
- The Donation Certificate would be used if any part of the game animal was donated or transported by anyone other than the licensed hunter.
- The tag # would be assigned to a specific license # once purchased or successfully drawn. This would make the actual tag worthless unless entered into the system by the Department or vendor.
- The entire tag system would be adhesive like a bumper sticker and made out of durable material.
- Although there would now be three tags, it would eliminate several points of confusion when dealing with heads in camp, carcasses sent to coolers, transportation by other than the licensed hunter, where to put the carcass tag, ect.
- The online system would not allow the printing of a license until a carcass tag # was assigned.



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Front and back of carcass tag

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KEEP THIS TAG--Game OR Fish storage authorized for one year from date of kill

For UNSUCCESSFUL hunters: If you were unsuccessful on your hunt notch and remove the entire black triangle from BOTH the carcass tag and antler tag to void the tags. DO NOT NOTCH THE UNSUCCESSFUL PORTION UNTIL YOU ARE SURE YOUR HUNT IS OVER. POSSESSION OF AN UN-NOTCHED TAG AFTER THE END DATE OF YOUR HUNT IS ILLEGAL. POSSESSION OF SOMEONE ELSE'S UN-NOTCHED TAG IS ILLEGAL UNLESS THAT PERSON IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT. YOU MUST ALSO HAVE A COPY OF YOUR LICENSE AVAILABLE WHILE HUNTING

NOTE: Remove this top portion to fit in wallet
 Keep one hock tendon naturally attached to boned out meat for tagging.

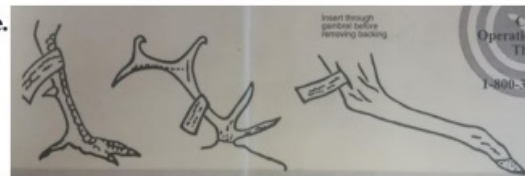
For ANTLERED / HORNED game: Detach antler tag from carcass tag. Attach the ANTLER TAG to the main beam of the animal where it will not slide off. Attach the notched CARCASS TAG to the hock tendon of the animal (see picture below) PRIOR TO MOVING IT FROM THE KILL SITE. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at the place of final storage (ex. Your home).
 The CARCASS TAG authorizes possession of the game animal for 1 year from date of kill. KEEP IT!

For ANTLERLESS / FEMALE game, TURKEY, BEAR and COUGAR: Leave antler tag attached to carcass tag. Notch month, day and sex of kill on CARCASS TAG then attach to the hock tendon of the animal (see picture below) PRIOR TO MOVING IT FROM THE KILL SITE. For TURKEY attach on leg above the spur. For BEAR and COUGAR the carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at the place of final storage (ex. Your home) The CARCASS TAG authorizes possession of the game animal for 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:

- Do not remove this backing until ready to tag.
- Upon killing your game animal, completely notch out month, day and sex of kill on carcass tag.
- Prior to moving carcass, remove entire backing material (do not leave any backing on tag) wrap tag as shown, matching the ends together and pressing adhesive sides together evenly and tightly leaving ENTIRE FACE OF TAG VISIBLE and readable. DO NOT OVERLAP TAG OR COVER ANY PRINT.



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Unused Carcass tags are used to cover Illegally taken wildlife!



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25 Big Game Heads That Were Unlawfully Killed And Seized From One Individual

- The Estimated civil value of the heads is between \$80,000 - \$100,000



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Questions, Comments, Guidance



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