

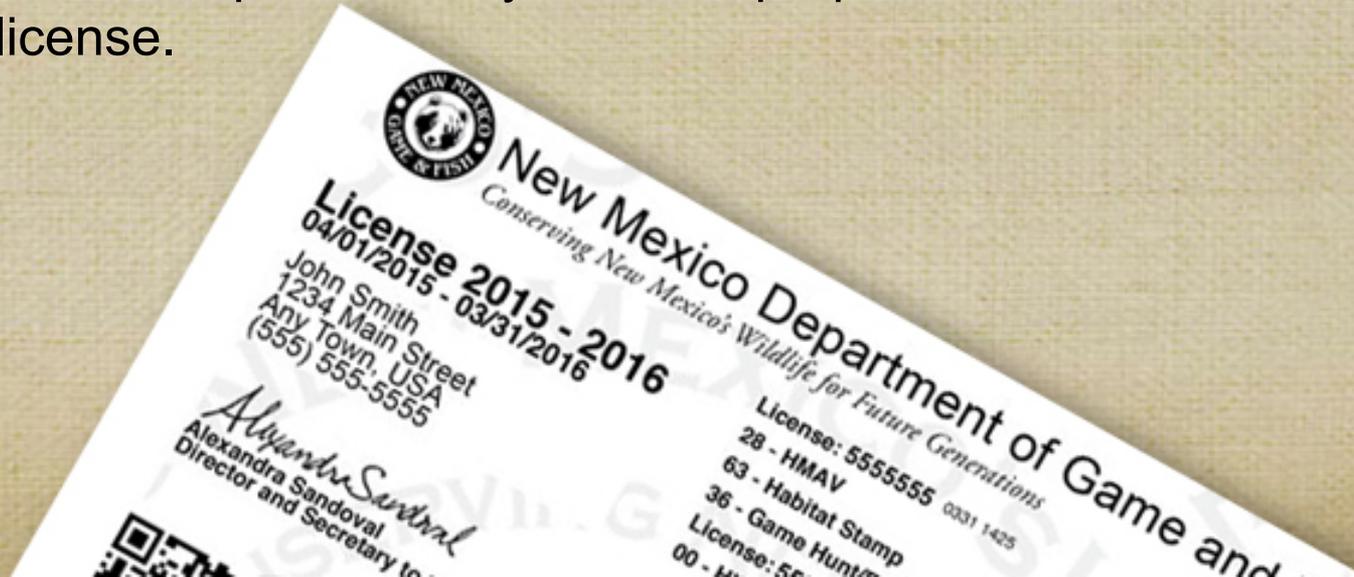
# CARCASS TAGGING



# 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.



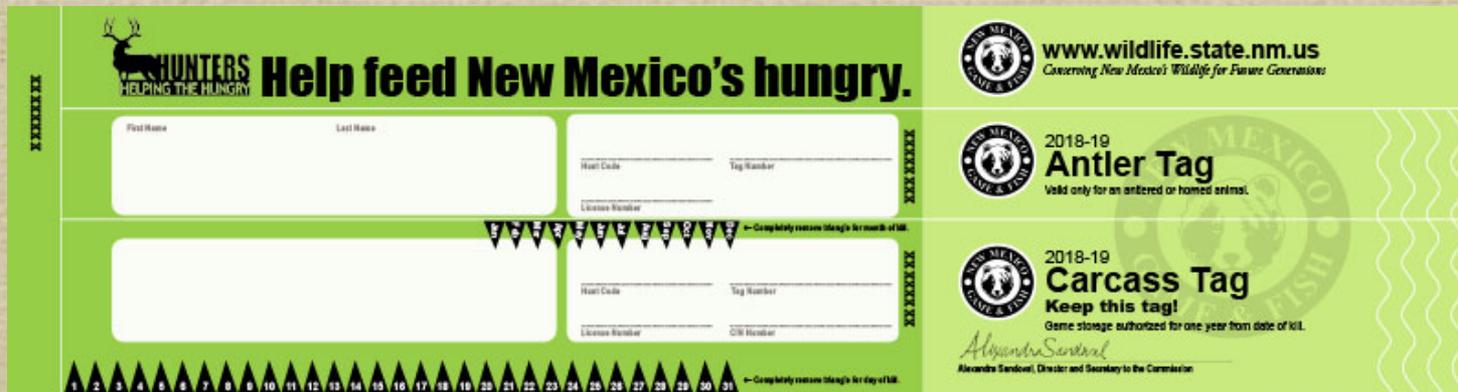
# NEW TAGGING PROPOSAL

- Re-instate Department-controlled paper tagging system
- Effective April 1, 2018
- Paper or Electronic versions of licenses accepted



# 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.



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.

**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 hook 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!**

**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.

**Note:** 1. Remove this top portion to fill in wallet.

2. If a game animal is boned out or when a javelina is killed and nothing is removed or only the skull is taken, fold and adhere the carcass tag to itself leaving the entire face of the carcass tag visible. The adhered carcass tag must remain physically with parts of the animal that are removed and possessed.

**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 hook tendon of the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. **Turkeys:** 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!**



Left to right: Turkey tag, antler tag and 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 carcass portion of the tag
- Attach both the antler and carcass tag to the game animal



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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)
- All Big Game Species and Turkey Rules (19.31.11 – 19.31.17, 19.31.21 NMAC)



# Public Comment

- Current Proposal Available on Dept. Website since October 16, 2017
- To date, Department has received three written comments regarding this proposal
  - One comment in support of the proposal
  - One comment in opposition of the proposal
  - One comment requesting that the Department send carcass tags directly to landowners who participate in the PLUS systems





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