

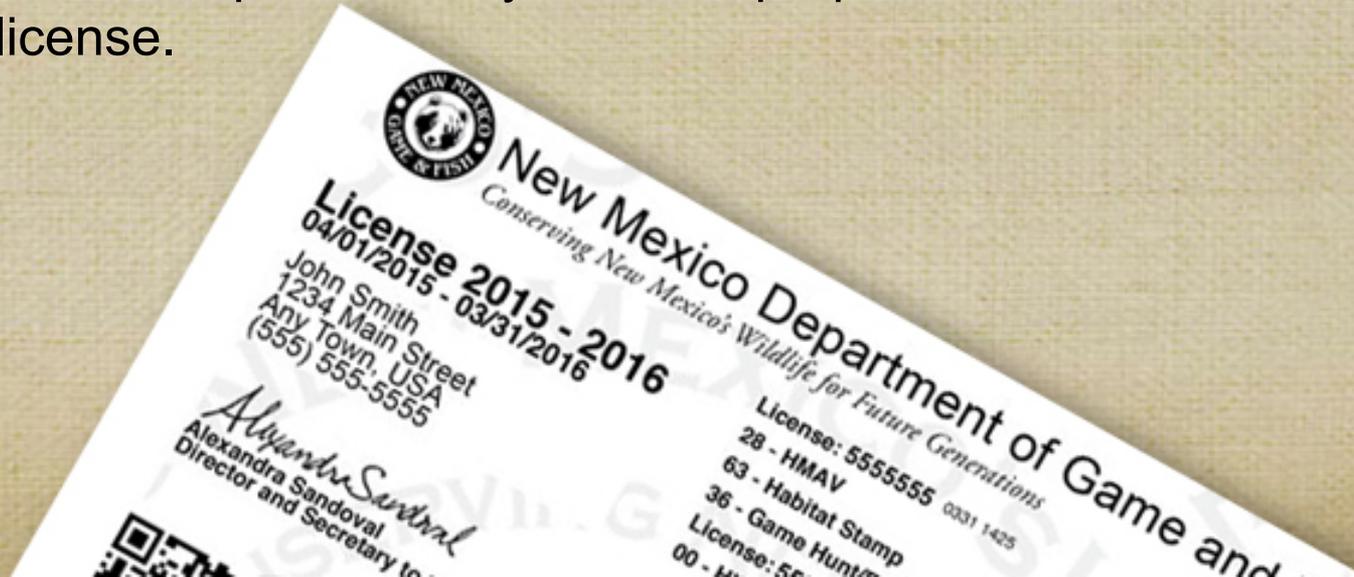
CARCASS TAGGING



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
- Initiate electronic tagging pilot program
- Effective April 1, 2018
- Paper or Electronic versions of licenses accepted



Department-issued Carcass Tag

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

Requires Amending the Following Rules:

- 19.31.10 NMAC Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method
- 19.30.9 NMAC Wildlife Administration (license vendors)
- All Species Rules (19.31.11 – 19.31.17, 19.31.21 NMAC)



Electronic Reporting System

- Current: May file report utilizing a variety of methods:
 - Dept. Information Center
 - Automated phone system
 - Website
 - Department offices
- New: “Game Check” function on new smart phone application





Electronic Reporting System

Pros:

- Convenience
- Better harvest information
- Minimizes licensing errors
- Additional investigative tools
- Greater appeal to next generation of hunter

Cons:

- Will need to educate hunters about changes
- Hunters have shorter timeframe to file harvest report



Department-issued Carcass Tag

Pros:

- Addresses some hunters concerns
- Process already understood by hunters
- Officers can easily determine properly tagged and possessed game in field
- Officers can handle failure to tag violations in the field rather than with a search warrant several days or months later
- Department controls the number of carcass tags in the field
- Very efficient method which will result in less intrusive LE contacts

Cons:

- Controlled carcass tag system is not as convenient as print at home system
- Duplicates will have to be purchased from vendor or Department offices
- Private land and over the counter will have to be purchased at a vendor or Department offices

