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MEMORANDUM

May 22, 2025

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Shawn Espinosa, Administrator, Game Division

Title: Commission Regulation CR24-13

Description: The Commission will review and may take action to the Department's amendment recommendations identified in CR24-13 for upland game and furbearer seasons and limits for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialists Justin Small and Russell Woolstenhulme

Summary:

CR24-13

The Department's Game Division has prepared amendment recommendations for Commission Regulation CR24-13 for upland game and furbearer seasons for the 2025-2026 season. Some notable changes compared to previous 2024-2025 season include the following:

Sage-grouse

- We are recommending a 9-day season in certain additional hunt units in Elko County (061), in Eureka, Lander and Nye Counties (154 and 155) and in Humboldt County (051), with a daily limit of 2 and a recommended possession limit of 4.
- We are recommending a two-day season for additional hunt units in Washoe County (011), in Churchill and Lander Counties (184), in Elko and White Pine Counties (121), in White Pine, Eureka and Nye Counties (131), with a daily limit of 2 and a recommended possession limit of 4.
- We are recommending a special two-day sage-grouse season for the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge residing in hunt unit 033, with a daily limit of 2 and a recommended possession limit of 4.
- These recommended changes represent the additional opening of 9 hunt units compared to those that were open last season.

Junior Wild Turkey

- Recommendation to open hunt unit 203 of Lyon County instead of just Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.
- Some modifications to tag numbers are being recommended.

Wild Turkey Spring Limited Entry Hunt

- Some modifications to tag numbers are being recommended.
- We are recommending reopening hunt unit 101 in Elko County due to an increase in the turkey population from favorable habitat conditions and population augmentation efforts.
- Recommendation to open hunt unit 203 of Lyon County instead of just Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.
- We are recommending to open hunt unit 204 in Lyon County.

Furbearer Seasons

Bobcat

- Recommending change to bobcat sealing dates. Change location of Panaca sealing location to new NDOW office in Pioche. Modify bobcat sealing dates in Elko from January 6 to January 13 and modify bobcat sealing date in Ely from January 7 to January 14.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission vote to approve the amendments proposed in CR24-13 for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons as presented.

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of game birds, small game, and furbearing mammals.

CR 24-13 Amendment #1

2025-2026

SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS, RABBITS, WILD TURKEY, FURBEARERS, AMERICAN CROW, MOURNING AND WHITE-WINGED DOVE, AND FALCONRY SEASONS FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND RABBITS.

THIS AMENDMENT PROPOSES TO MODIFY, OPEN AND CLOSED HUNT UNITS FOR GREATER SAGE-GROUSE, QUOTAS FOR WILD TURKEY AND PROPOSES CHANGES TO BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *blue italics* is new; matter in red brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

SAGE-GROUSE	
OPEN AREAS:	Hunt Units <i>061</i> , 062, 064, 067, 071-076, 101 and 102 in Elko County <i>Hunt Unit 051 in Humboldt County</i> <i>Hunt Units 154 and 155 in Lander and Eureka Counties</i> Hunt Units, or those portions of Hunt Units, 161, 162, 172 and 173 in Eureka, Lander and Nye County
SEASON DATES:	September 20 – September 28, 2025
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit [2] <i>4</i> .
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Closed to nonresidents.

SAGE-GROUSE	
OPEN AREAS:	Hunt Units, or those portions of Hunt Units 011, 012, 013 and 015 in Washoe County Hunt Unit, or that portion of Hunt Unit 012 in Humboldt County Hunt Units 031 [and 051] in Humboldt County <i>Hunt Unit 184 in Churchill and Lander Counties</i> <i>Hunt Unit 121 in Elko and White Pine Counties</i> <i>Hunt Unit 131 in White Pine, Eureka and Nye Counties</i>
SEASON DATES:	September 20 – September 21, 2025
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit [2] 4.
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Closed to nonresidents.

SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPECIAL SAGE-GROUSE HUNT	
OPEN AREAS:	Unit 033 of Washoe and Humboldt Counties (Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge) excluding the Little Sheldon and other areas as posted.
HUNT PERIOD	
SEASON DATES:	September 27-28, 2025
LIMITS:	Daily bag limit 2. Possession limit 4.
SHOOTING HOURS:	Sunrise to sunset daily.
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Open to nonresidents. Limited to 40 reservations awarded through random draw. Unless his or her privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident or nonresident is eligible to apply once for the Sheldon Special Sage Grouse Hunt in a year. Up to 4 applicants may apply as a party. Parties may be comprised of a combination of residents and nonresidents. Sheldon Special Sage-grouse Hunt applications must be submitted online through www.ndowlicensing.com. Paper applications will not be accepted. Applications will be accepted until 11:00 p.m. the first Friday in August. Successful applicants will be notified via e-mail.

WILD TURKEY

JUNIOR WILD TURKEY 2026 SPRING - HUNT 0138		
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:	Bearded Wild Turkey	
LIMIT:	1 by tag only.	
SHOOTING HOURS:	One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily	
SPECIAL REGULATIONS:	Youth must be 12 prior to the opening of the hunt season indicated and not attain their 18th birthday until after the last day of the hunt season indicated, pursuant to NAC 502.063. Applications for these tags or bonus points will only be accepted during the draw application periods. Remaining tags will not be issued. Closed to nonresidents.	
OPEN AREAS:	Season Dates	Quota
{Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area} <i>Hunt Unit 203 of Lyon County*</i>	March 21 – May 3, 2026	2
Moapa Valley of Clark County**	March 21 – April 12, 2026	3
Hunt Units 102 & 065 within Elko County**	March 21 – May 3, 2026	3
Hunt Unit 115 within White Pine County***	March 21 – May 3, 2026	1
Pershing County**	March 21 – May 3, 2026	2
Unit 151 and 152 of Lander County**	March 21 – May 3, 2026	[4] 2
Unit 154 of Lander County**	March 21 – May 3, 2026	1
Lincoln County	March 21 – May 3, 2026	4
<i>*Applicants are advised that this hunt includes the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and other lands and properties within Hunt Unit 203. A portion of the turkey population occurs on private lands outside of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and permission should be obtained from applicable landowners if hunting on private lands.</i> <i>** Applicants are advised that a significant portion of the turkey population occurs on private lands and permission should be obtained from a landowner before applying for this hunt.</i> <i>*** Applicants are advised that a significant portion of the turkey population occurs on Great Basin National Park lands. Hunting is not permitted within park boundaries.</i>		

WILD TURKEY 2026 SPRING – LIMITED ENTRY – HUNTS 0131 & 0132			
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:		Bearded Wild Turkey	
LIMIT:		1 by tag only	
SHOOTING HOURS:		One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily	
UNIT 091 of ELKO COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	2	-
UNIT 101 of ELKO COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	2	-
UNIT 102 and 065 of ELKO COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	10	1
UNITS 103 and 108 of ELKO COUNTY and WHITE PINE COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-
UNITS 151 and 152 of LANDER COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – second Sunday in April	[3] 4	-
	Third Saturday in April – first Sunday in May	[3] 4	-
UNIT 154 of LANDER COUNTY**			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-
UNITS 223 and 231 of LINCOLN COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	4	-

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LIMIT:		1 by tag only	
SHOOTING HOURS:		One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily	
241 and 242 of LINCOLN COUNTY			
Hunt Periods:	Seasons	Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
	Last Saturday in March – first Sunday in May	10	1
That portion of Hunt Unit 202 in LYON COUNTY <i>and Hunt Unit 204</i>			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	2 4	-
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PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:		Bearded Wild Turkey	
LIMIT:		1 by tag only	
SHOOTING HOURS:		One half hour before sunrise to sunset daily	
[MASON VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA ONLY OF UNIT 203] HUNT UNIT 203 OF LYON COUNTY*			
Hunt Periods:	Seasons	Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
	March 28 – April 5, 2026	3	-
	April 11 – April 19, 2026	3	-
	April 25 – May 3, 2026	3	-
	MOAPA VALLEY PORTION OF CLARK COUNTY**		
Hunt Periods:	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
	March 21 – March 27, 2026	3	-
	March 28 – April 3, 2026	3	1
	April 4 – April 10, 2026	3	-
PERSHING COUNTY			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	10	1
UNIT 115 OF WHITE PINE COUNTY***			
	Seasons	Tag Quota	
		Resident Hunt 0131	Nonresident Hunt 0132
Hunt Period:	Last Saturday in March through first Sunday in May	4	-
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BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES

Pelt sealing, other than a single exception for taxidermy sealings, will be done only on the dates and during the times specified. Sealing locations will be at Department offices unless otherwise noted.

BOBCAT PELT SEALING DATES FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON			
City	Date	Time	Location
Carson City	January 20	10am – 2 p.m.	NDOW Warehouse Corner of south Carson at Colorado St.
Elko	January 6 13 February 17 March 10	9a.m. – 3 p.m.	NDOW Elko Office
Ely	January 7 14 February 18	8 a.m.– Noon 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	2018 Pioche Hwy, Ely NV
Fallon	January 27	10 a.m.– 2 p.m.	NDOW Fallon Office
	Annually scheduled to coincide with the NTA Fur Sale.	7 a.m.–11 a.m.	Nevada Trappers Association Fallon Fur Sale
	March 10	10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	NDOW Fallon Office
Las Vegas	February 19	8 a.m.– 5 p.m.	NDOW Las Vegas Office
	March 10	8 a.m.– Noon	
Panaca Pioche	February 18 March 10	8 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Nevada State Parks - NDOW Office, Panaca Pioche
Tonopah	February 17	1 p.m.– 5 p.m.	NDOW Tonopah Office
	March 10		
Winnemucca	January 28	8 a.m.– Noon	NDOW Winnemucca Office

Taxidermy Pelt Sealing: From the opening day of the bobcat season (November 1) until the first regularly scheduled bobcat sealing date in January, any person who wishes to have a single bobcat (1 per person per season) sealed for the purpose of tanning or taxidermy may personally present the lawfully taken pelt to any Nevada Department of Wildlife Regional office (Elko, Las Vegas, Reno) and request to have the Departments seal affixed to the pelt. All requirements of NAC 502.347 apply.