

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Last Approved Date: ~~November 15, 2016~~ January 24, 2018

Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 4 - Wildlife Regulations

014 Mountain Sheep

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-303, 37-314, 37-308, 37-308.01, 37-317, 37-404, 37-426, 37-427, 37-451, 37-452, 37-505. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. ~~These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.~~

Unless otherwise specified, mountain sheep are defined as bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) wherever referenced in Title 163, Chapter 4 of the Nebraska Administrative Code.

014.01 Open Season:

During years when permit(s) are authorized, the season shall be: the Tuesday following Thanksgiving through December 22.

014.02 Year ~~2018~~ 2019: Lottery – 1
 Auction – 1

014.03 Permit Bag Limit: One mountain sheep

014.04 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

014.05 Area Open: Banner, Box Butte, Dawes, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties.

014.06 Application for Lottery Permits

014.06A Applications shall be accepted from Nebraska Residents only, from the third Monday in April beginning at 1 p.m. CST through the first Friday in August (receipt date at Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln) during years when a lottery sheep permit is authorized (014.02). All valid applications accompanied by the required fee (Chapter 1, Section 006; Administration Regulations) shall be considered equally in a drawing. It is unlawful to submit more than one application per calendar year for a lottery sheep permit. If more than one such application is submitted by or for any person, all of his/her

applications shall be excluded from the drawing and accompanying lottery fees shall be forfeited.

014.07 Orientation Session: Persons with sheep permits must attend an orientation session prior to hunting.

014.08 Guiding Requirement: Each permittee must be accompanied by a representative of the Commission while hunting unless written exemption is provided by a designee of the Director of the Game and Parks Commission.

014.09 Checking: Any mountain sheep which is taken must be presented to an official check station specified by the Commission on the same day it is killed, unless the check station is notified that day and arrangements are made for a later check. Sheep must be presented to the check station with the head naturally attached to the carcass; hind half may be detached from the front, provided evidence of sex is retained on the hind half. An identifying seal or plug will be attached to or inserted in one horn and this identification must remain permanently attached.

014.10 Weapons Allowed: Firearms and archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2.

014.11 Mountain sheep or mountain sheep parts may be donated to individuals or organizations for display or educational purposes under the authority of written authorization of the Commission. It shall be unlawful for mountain sheep or parts thereof which are possessed under this authorization to be sold, bartered, or given away except by authorization of the Commission. Mountain sheep or sheep parts shall be permanently marked with an identifying number. Priority of disposition shall be at the discretion of the Commission.

014.12 Except for meat and flesh, legally possessed parts from mountain sheep other than bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis*) may be bought, sold, bartered, or given away.