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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Issuance of Duplicate License, Tags or Permits POLICY NO.: A-14.0

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) will only issue duplicate licenses, tags or permits when they are lost, stolen or mutilated. The Department does not assume responsibility for an individual's legally harvested game animal once it is reduced to their possession and will not issue a duplicate tag for animals lost, stolen or mutilated.

A. DUPLICATE TAG NOT ISSUED FOR LOST, STOLEN, OR MUTILATED GAME

1. Occasionally, instances occur where hunters have had their game stolen after having legally killed and tagged same. They then have approached the Department requesting that a duplicate tag be issued. The Department will not assume responsibility for a person's game after they have legally reduced it to their possession. The Department's obligation to provide them with the opportunity to take their game has been fulfilled once they have been properly issued a license and tag and have utilized the same.
2. The Department will not issue a duplicate tag to allow a person to take another game animal after the original animal has been lost, stolen, or mutilated. Once the animal is reduced to possession, the Department does not assume responsibility for failure to properly safeguard against these types of losses.

B. REPLACEMENT OF TAG FOR DISEASED ANIMAL

1. Upon certification by a Department representative that the carcass of the animal is unfit for human consumption or the hide of a bear, mountain lion or wolf is unsalvageable because of disease or infection (not for spoilage because of improper care), the Form CE-6A is completed and the hunter authorized to purchase a duplicate tag from the Department's Headquarters or Regional office or a Conservation Officer for the regular fee.
2. The affected animal, including the hide or pelt and antlers thereto, are retained by the Department. Animals retained will be disposed of (see Procedures Manual for Disposition of Seized and Unclaimed Wildlife). In no instance will an individual be allowed to retain a trophy set of antlers or other parts and subsequently be given authority to take another animal for eating purposes. The hunter will have to determine whether they want the meat or the antlers in such cases.