

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

- (1) Under authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305, the Wildlife Board has established:
 - (a) this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.
 - (b) appropriate weapons or devices to take big game and restrictions to weapons or devices to take big game.
- (2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-44. Chronic Wasting Disease - Infected Animals and Testing.

- (1) Any person who under the authority of a permit issued by the division legally takes a deer, elk, or moose that is later confirmed to be infected with Chronic Wasting Disease may:
 - (a) retain the entire carcass of the animal; or
 - (b) retain any parts of the carcass, including antlers, and surrender the rest to the division for proper disposal;
- (2)(a) The division may identify big game hunting units where all or some permit holders may be required to submit their harvested animal to the division for Chronic Wasting Disease testing.
- (b) Big game hunting units that are eligible for mandatory testing will be identified in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.
- (c) Individuals possessing permits who are selected as participants in the big game Chronic Wasting Disease testing program will be notified in writing before the opening day of their hunt with a list of program requirements.
- (d) An individual who fails to comply with mandatory testing requirements in this rule may be declared ineligible to apply for or receive any big game licenses, permits, or certificates of registration until they comply with the requirements of this rule and any assessment of fees under Section R657-42-9.

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