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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator

DATE: July 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed rule R657-73 – Tagging requirements

The DWR would like to recommend creating a new rule R657-73 to consolidate tagging regulations into one rule and add language to allow electronic tagging.

Under the new rule, the hunter will need:

For **physically tagging** a carcass under this new rule, you must:

- Completely detach the tag from the permit
- Completely remove the appropriate notches to correspond with the date the animal was taken
- Attach the physical tag to the carcass so that the tag is securely fastened and visible

Important: You are no longer required to have the tag remain with the largest portion of the meat until the animal is entirely consumed.

For **electronically tagging** a carcass under this new rule, you must:

- Electronically notch the digital permit (in the Utah Hunting and Fishing app) to correspond with the date the animal was taken and to provide other required information.
- Keep the electronic harvest code in your possession

When hunting, you may **not**:

- Remove more than one notch indicating the date
- Tag more than one carcass using the same physical or electronic permit
- Hunt or pursue the species after:
 - Shooting and retrieving the animal you are hunting
 - Detaching the tag from the permit
 - Notching the tag, either physically or electronically