

115-4-2. Big game and wild turkey; general provisions. (a) Possession.

(1) Each permittee shall meet either of the following requirements:

(A) Nonelectronic carcass tags. The permittee shall sign, record the county, the date, and the time of kill, and attach the carcass tag to the carcass in a visible manner immediately following the kill and before moving the carcass from the site of the kill. The carcass tag shall remain attached to the carcass or in the possession of the permittee if transporting a quartered or deboned animal until the animal reaches the permittee's residence or a commercial place of processing or preservation and is processed for consumption. The permittee shall retain the carcass tag until the animal is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of.

(B) Electronic carcass tags. Using the department's electronic carcass tag system, the permittee shall record the county, the date, and the time of kill and enter a photograph of the entire carcass, with sufficient clarity to display the species and the antlered or antlerless condition of the big game animal or the beard of the wild turkey, immediately following the kill and before moving the carcass from the site of the kill. The permittee shall possess the confirmation number until the animal reaches the permittee's residence or a commercial place of processing or preservation and is processed for consumption. The permittee shall retain the confirmation number until the animal is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of.

(2) Except for a wild turkey or big game animal taken with an "either sex" permit, the beard of the wild turkey shall remain naturally attached to the breast and the visible sex organs of the big game animal shall remain naturally attached to the carcass, or a quartered portion of the carcass, while in transit from the site of the kill to the permittee's residence or to a commercial place of processing or preservation, unless the carcass has been tagged with a department check station tag, the permittee is using the department's electronic carcass tag system and has submitted the information required in paragraph (a)(1)(B), the permittee has obtained a transportation confirmation number after electronically registering the permittee's big game animal or wild turkey on the department's electronic registration site, or the permittee retains photographs necessary for electronic registration until registration occurs. "Electronically registering" shall mean submitting any necessary and relevant information and digital photographs of the big game head or turkey breast and of the completed carcass tag of sufficient clarity to display the species and the antlered or antlerless condition of the big game animal, the beard of the wild turkey, and the transaction number and signature on a completed carcass tag.

(3) Any legally acquired big game or wild turkey meat may be given to and possessed by another, if a dated written notice that includes the donor's printed name, signature, address, and permit number accompanies the meat. The person receiving the meat shall retain the notice until the meat is consumed, given to another, or otherwise disposed of.

(4) Any person may possess a salvaged big game or wild turkey carcass if a department salvage tag issued to the person obtaining the carcass is affixed to the carcass. The salvage tag shall be retained as provided in paragraph (a)(1). Big game or wild turkey meat may be donated as specified in paragraph (a)(3) using the salvage tag number. Each salvage tag report prepared by the department agent issuing the tag shall be signed by the individual receiving the salvaged big game or wild turkey carcass. Each salvage tag shall include the following information:

(A) The name and address of the person to whom the tag is issued;

(B) the salvage tag number;

(C) the species and sex of each animal for which the tag is issued;

(D) the location and the date, time, and cause of death of each animal; and

(E) the date of issuance and the signature of the department agent issuing the salvage tag.

(b) Big game and wild turkey permits and game tags.

(1) Big game and wild turkey permits and game tags shall not be transferred to another person, unless otherwise authorized by law or regulation.

(2) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, each big game and wild turkey permit or game tag shall be invalid from the date of issuance if obtained by an individual under any of these conditions:

(A) Through false representation;

(B) through misrepresentation; or

(C) in excess of the number of permits or game tags authorized by regulations for that big game species or wild turkey.

(3) No individual shall copy, reproduce, or possess any copy or reproduction of a big game or wild turkey permit or carcass tag.

(c) Hunting assistance. Subject to the hunting license requirements of K.S.A. 32-919 and amendments thereto, the license requirements of the implementing regulations, and the provisions of paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(3), any individual may assist any holder of a big game or wild turkey permit or game tag during the permittee's big game or wild turkey hunting activity. This assistance may include herding, driving, or calling.

(1) An individual assisting the holder of a big game or wild turkey permit or game tag shall not perform the actual shooting of big game or wild turkey for the permittee. However, a permittee who is, because of disability, unable to pursue a wounded big game animal or wild turkey may designate any individual to assist in pursuing and dispatching a big game animal or wild turkey wounded by the disabled permittee.

(2) The designated individual shall carry the disabled permittee's big game or wild turkey permit or game tag and shall utilize the applicable procedure specified in subsection (a).

(3) The designated individual shall use only the type of equipment authorized for use by the disabled permittee. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 32-807, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 32-933, K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 32-937, and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 32-969; effective June 1, 2001; amended April 22, 2005; amended April 16, 2010; amended April 20, 2012; amended July 18, 2014; amended April 21, 2017; amended Dec. 20, 2019; amended May 22, 2020.)