

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** March 24, 2014

**COORDINATION — ROUTING**

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| LE         | Colonel Craig Hunter |           | 03/24/2014 |
| LE         | Major Larry Young    | <i>LY</i> | 03/24/2014 |
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**To:** Texas Taxidermy Association Member  
**From:** Kevin Davis *KD*  
 Assistant Commander of Wildlife Enforcement  
**Subject:** Proof of Sex Receipt  
**Re:**

The enclosed Taxidermist Proof of Sex Receipt (PWD 535-L2000 10/04) has been prepared as a courtesy for your use. This Receipt can be used to fulfill the proof of sex requirement for a hunter /customer who leaves certain parts of a deer, pronghorn, turkey or pheasant at your business for taxidermy work. Use of the department form is not mandatory; however, some of the information on the form is required. You may incorporate the required information into a receipt that you provide to the hunter / customer. The following regulation contains the proof of sex requirements.

**Texas Administrative Code, §65.10. Possession of Wildlife Resources**

- e) Proof of sex for deer and antelope must remain with the carcass until tagging requirements cease.
  - (1) Proof of sex for deer consists of:
    - (A) buck: the head, with antlers still attached; and
    - (B) antlerless: the head.
  - (2) Proof of sex for antelope consists of the unskinned head.
- (f) In a county where the bag composition for turkey is restricted to gobblers and/or bearded hens, proof of sex must remain with a turkey until it reaches either the possessor's permanent residence or a cold storage/processing facility and is finally processed. Proof of sex for turkey is as follows:
  - (1) male turkey:
    - (A) one leg, including the spur, attached to the bird; or
    - (B) the bird, accompanied by a patch of skin with breast feathers and beard attached.
  - (2) female turkey taken during the fall season: the bird, accompanied by a patch of skin with breast feathers and beard attached.
- (g) Proof of sex for pheasant consists of: one leg, including the spur, attached to the bird or the entire plumage attached to the bird.
- (i) In lieu of proof of sex, the person who killed the wildlife resource may:
  - (1) obtain a receipt from a taxidermist or a signed statement from the landowner, containing the following information:
    - (A) the name of person who killed the wildlife resource;
    - (B) the date the wildlife resource was killed;
    - (C) one of the following, as applicable:
      - (i) whether the deer was antlered or antlerless;
      - (ii) the sex of the antelope;
      - (iii) the sex of the turkey and whether a beard was attached; or
      - (iv) the sex of the pheasant; or
  - (2) if the deer is to be tested by the department for chronic wasting disease, obtain a department-issued receipt (PWD 905).