

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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COORDINATION — ROUTING

Div.	Name	Initial	Date
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To: Texas Taxidermy Association Member
From: Kevin Davis *KD*
 Assistant Commander of Wildlife Enforcement
Subject: Proof of Sex Receipt
Re:

Remarks:

Return To:

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).