

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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COORDINATION — ROUTING

Div.	Name	Initial	Date
LE	Colonel Pete Flores	<i>PF</i>	10/13/09
LE	Major David Sinclair	<i>JSW</i>	10/13/09
Remarks:			
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To: Texas Taxidermy Association Members
From: Scott Vaca *[Signature]*
 Assistant Chief of Wildlife Enforcement
Subject: Proof of Sex Receipt
Re:

The enclosed Taxidermists 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;
 - (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).