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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

CHAPTER 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 50‑11‑546

123‑57. Electronic Harvest Reporting of Big Game – SC Game Check. (New)

**Synopsis:**

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to add Regulation 123‑57 “Electronic Harvest Reporting of Big Game – SC Game Check”. The subject of the proposed action is to amend the regulations to add provisions to prescribe details of electronic harvest reporting for all big game species (deer, wild turkey, and black bear). SC Code Section 50‑11‑546 was amended effective July 1, 2024, to make electronic harvest reporting applicable to all big game species. Regulations prescribe reporting methods and reporting elements required.

The Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on September 27, 2024.

**Instructions:**

Print the regulation as shown below. All other items remain unchanged.

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**Text:**

123‑57. Electronic Harvest Reporting for Big Game. ‑ SC Game Check.

 1. SC Game Check is available as part of a free mobile device application called “GoOutDoorsSC’, there is a web‑based portal hosted on the department web site, and a toll‑free telephone number for reporting by telephone or text message. Applicable telephone numbers and internet addresses are as posted on the Department’s website and in the annual Hunting and Fishing Regulations Guide.

 2. The contents of the harvest report varies by species but includes date, county, and time (a.m. or p.m.) of harvest, whether the game was taken on private or public (WMA) land and if taken on public land the name of the WMA, weapon type, sex, number of antler points, weight (optional), inside antler spread (optional).

 3. The harvest report confirmation number provided by the department is automatically recorded on the mobile telephone application and on the web‑based portal. There is an option for the confirmation number to be emailed if the report is made on the web‑based portal or texted to the user if the report is made using the toll‑free telephone number. The user can also record the confirmation number in writing.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

The amendment of Regulations 123‑57 will not result in additional fiscal impact to the state.

**Statement of Rationale:**

Rationale for the formulation of these regulations is based on over 70 years of experience by SCDNR in managing wildlife populations and establishing public hunting and recreation. SCDNR seeks to balance the objectives of resource protection and public use. Electronic harvest reporting has been required for bears and turkey in previous years and the reporting process has been refined during implementation of reporting for these other species.