

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED  
REGULATIONS**

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 488, 502, 503 and 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting at the Lake Mead Water Safety Center, March 13 and 14, 2026, starting at 8:30 am. A Zoom link is provided below for those individuals that are unable to attend in person.

**If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Friday, March 13, 2026:**

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86436614202?pwd=tc1q6wKDKg2xI0iqu8tSbEFWkw5mxR.1>

Passcode: 330462

**If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, March 14, 2026:**

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82511217115?pwd=bCViuCVRpeAwYonDbq3vEITC7mkBb8.1>

Passcode: 310062

**Meeting materials are available at:**

[Commission Meeting – March 13 and 14, 2026](#)

**Commission General Regulation 516, NAC 488, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Revisions  
Related to Boating Safety**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that is mandated by the United States Coast Guard on the requirements of fire extinguishers and clean up language for operating at a flat wake.

**Commission General Regulation 517, NAC 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Automatic  
Range Finding Scopes**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would prohibit the use of range finding scopes that automatically adjusts the sight reticle or aiming point while hunting certain species with a firearm, bow, or crossbow.

**Commission General Regulation 526, NAC 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Thermal  
Imaging Equipment**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would amend dates and set location or possession restrictions when the use of thermal imaging equipment is unlawful.

**Commission General Regulation 529, NAC 502 and 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Disability Permit Program Revisions**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual and special assistance disability permits.

**Commission General Regulation 530, NAC 504, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Master Guide and Sub Guide Accountability**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that puts consistent guidelines for the Department to follow to deny, revoke or suspend a guides license for specified convictions, unethical conduct, or regulatory violations, and to establish clear penalty tiers based on offense type and demerit values.

**Commission General Regulation 531, NAC 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Shed Antler Revisions**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that creates different seasons for shed antler collection, adding certain private lands and definitions.

The regulation dates and language are subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Commission.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing, submit their comments with appropriate times to the following email address: [wildlifecommission@ndow.org](mailto:wildlifecommission@ndow.org), or provide their comments in written form to the Secretary of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. Written submissions must be received at least five days before the scheduled public hearing.

This Notice of Workshop and support material will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies will be available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Director's Office, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada, 89511 for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. Copies will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

A copy of this notice and support material will be available for inspection at the following Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

- 6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1510
- 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1506
- 4082 Reno Hwy, Fallon, Nevada 89406 (775) 423-3171
- 60 Youth Center Road, Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 777-2300
- 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 486-5127

A copy of this notice will also be available at the following websites:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

<https://notice.nv.gov/>

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>

[http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Public\\_Notices/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Public_Notices/)

Persons wishing to request a copy of this notice and support material may contact Alejandra Medina at [amedina@ndow.org](mailto:amedina@ndow.org).

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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. RXXX-XX  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 516**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

**Section 1.** NAC 488.415 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Each power-driven vessel having:
  - (a) A closed compartment under a thwart or seat wherein a portable fuel tank may be stored;
  - (b) A double bottom which is not sealed to the hull or which is not completely filled with flotation material;
  - (c) A closed living space;
  - (d) A closed storage compartment in which combustible or flammable material is stored; or
  - (e) A permanently installed fuel tank,

→ must carry the type and number of fire extinguishers described in subsections ~~[2 and 3]~~ *2,3,4 and 5* each of which must be *readily accessible* fully charged and *maintained in good and serviceable condition, and not appear to have been previously used.*
2. Each power-driven vessel *model year 2018 and newer* which lacks a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:
  - (a) Class A or class 1 vessel must carry one ~~[B-I]~~ *5-B* fire extinguisher.
  - (b) Class 2 vessel must carry two ~~[B-I]~~ *5-B* fire extinguishers or one ~~B-II~~ *20-B* fire extinguisher.
  - (c) Class 3 vessel must carry:
    - (1) Three ~~[B-I]~~ *5-B* fire extinguishers; or
    - (2) One ~~[B-I]~~ *5-B* and one ~~[B-II]~~ *20-B* fire extinguisher.
3. *Each power-driven vessel model year 2017 and older which lacks a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:*
  - (a) *Class A or class 1 vessel must carry one 5-B (or serviceable B-I) fire extinguisher.*
  - (b) *Class 2 vessel must carry two 5-B (or serviceable B-I) fire extinguishers or one 20-B (or serviceable B-II) fire extinguisher.*
  - (c) *Class 3 vessel must carry:*
    - (1) *Three 5-B (or serviceable B-I) fire extinguishers; or*

***(2) One 5-B (or serviceable B-I) and one 20-B (or serviceable B-II) fire extinguisher.***

4.~~3~~ Each power-driven vessel ***model year 2018 and newer*** which has a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:

- (a) Class A or class 1 vessel is not required to carry a portable fire extinguisher.
- (b) Class 2 vessel must carry one ~~[B-I]~~ ***5-B*** fire extinguisher.
- (c) Class 3 vessel must carry two ~~[B-I]~~***5-B*** fire extinguishers or one ~~[B-II]~~ ***20-B*** fire extinguisher.

***5. Each power-driven vessel model year 2017 and older which has a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:***

- (a) Class A or class 1 vessel is not required to carry a portable fire extinguisher.***
- (b) Class 2 vessel must carry one 5-B (or serviceable B-I) fire extinguisher.***
- (c) Class 3 vessel must carry two 5-B (or serviceable B-I) fire extinguishers or one 20-B (or serviceable B-II) fire extinguisher.***

***6. Mechanically propelled personal hydrofoils and motorized surfboards are exempt from the requirements of subsection 1.***

7.~~4~~ The classes of vessels identified in this section are as described in [NRS 488.185](#).

8.~~5~~ For the purposes of this section:

- (a) “B-I fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher containing at least:
  - (1) One and one-quarter gallons of a concentrated liquid foam;
  - (2) Two pounds of a dry chemical, fire extinguishing agent; or
  - (3) Four pounds of carbon dioxide; and
- (b) “B-II fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher containing at least:
  - (1) Two and one-half gallons of a concentrated liquid foam;
  - (2) Ten pounds of a dry chemical, fire extinguishing agent; or
  - (3) Fifteen pounds of carbon dioxide.
- (c) “5-B fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher that can effectively handle a flammable liquids fire covering up to 5 square feet.***
- (d) “20-B fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher that can effectively handle a flammable liquids fire covering up to 20 square feet.***

**Section 2.** NAC 488.435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Each of the following acts endangers life, limb or property and constitutes prima facie evidence of reckless or negligent operation of a vessel:

1. On a power-driven vessel underway at a speed greater than *a speed that leaves a flat wake, or in excess of* 5 nautical miles per hour, *while* riding on the:
  - (a) Bow;
  - (b) Gunwale;
  - (c) Transom;
  - (d) Outboard engine cover; or
  - (e) Inboard engine cover unless the person’s feet are touching the deck.
2. Maneuvering a towed skier or device so as to pass the towline over another vessel or its skier.
3. Navigating any vessel, skis or device between a towing vessel and its tow.
4. Operating a power-driven vessel while any person is hanging onto, or sitting, standing or riding on, a swim platform or a swim ladder that is attached to the power-driven vessel.
5. Operating a power-driven vessel at a speed greater than a speed that leaves a flat wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, a person engaged in angling from another vessel or any manually propelled vessel.

**Section 3.** R082-23, NAC 488.455, is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Bassett Lake .....	White Pine
(b) Cave Lake .....	White Pine
(c) Jakes Creek Reservoir.....	Elko
(d) Onion Valley Reservoir .....	Humboldt
(e) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area.....	Nye

- (f) The lagoon south of Laughlin within sec. 33, T. 32 S., R. 66  
E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both ..... Clark
- (g) Likes Lake..... Churchill
- (h) The Pitt Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir..... Pershing
- (i) Illipah Reservoir..... White Pine
- (j) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area ..... Lyon
- (k) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir ..... Washoe
- (l) Echo Canyon Reservoir ..... Lincoln
- (m) Silver Creek Reservoir ..... White Pine
- (n) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area ..... Lincoln
- (o) Colorado River, the backwater south of Big Bend of the  
Colorado State Recreation Area within sec. 5, T. 33 S., R. 66  
E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both ..... Clark
- (p) Jiggs Reservoir..... Elko

2. All boat harbors and other areas designated by buoys on any of the following waters are zones in which a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Lake Mead National Recreation Area.....	Clark
(b) South Fork Reservoir .....	Clark
(c) Wildhorse Reservoir .....	Elko

	<i>Carson Douglas</i>
(d) Lake Tahoe, <i>within 600 feet of all Nevada shorelines</i> .....	<i>Washoe</i>
Zephyr Cove.....	Douglas
Cave Rock.....	Douglas
Glenbrook Bay .....	Douglas
Round Hill Pines Beach.....	Douglas
Sand Harbor .....	Washoe
Incline Village General Improvement District Boat Ram .....	Washoe
Crystal Shores West.....	Washoe
(e) Washoe Lake State Park .....	Washoe
County Boat Ramp.....	Washoe
(f) Walker Lake State Recreation Area.....	Mineral
Sportsmen’s Beach.....	Mineral
(g) Lahontan Reservoir, Churchill Beach.....	Churchill
North Shore Marina .....	Churchill
Silver Springs Beach.....	Lyon
(h) Rye Patch Reservoir, Rye Patch Dam Access .....	Pershing
(i) Topaz Lake, Boat Ramps .....	Douglas
(j) Colorado River, adjacent to Harrah’s Casino in Laughlin.....	Clark
(k) Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area, the lagoon used for launching boats .....	Clark

**STATE OF NEVADA  
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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 516 – LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Revisions Related to Boating Safety**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**Answer:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**Answer:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**Answer:**

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**Answer:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**Answer:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**Answer:**

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**Answer:**

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Alan Jenne  
Director

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. RXXX-XX  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 517**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

**Section 1.** NAC 503.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1.** The Commission hereby establishes the following exception to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 503.142, a sight attached to a firearm or bow that is used to hunt a game mammal or game bird, or a sight attached to a crossbow that is used to hunt a big game mammal, may be illuminated or powered by:

- ~~a.~~~~1.~~ A battery contained within the sight;
- ~~b.~~~~2.~~ Light-gathering fiber optics;
- ~~c.~~~~3.~~ A radioactive isotope such as tritium; or
- ~~d.~~~~4.~~ Iridescent or fluorescent paint.

~~1E~~ **2.** It is unlawful for a person to hunt a big game mammal, a game mammal or a game bird:

**a.** With a weapon that is equipped with a sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal.

**b.** *With any firearm, bow or crossbow, that is equipped with an electronic sight which has been designed to receive data from any internal or external source that aids in an automatic adjustment of the sight reticle or aiming point.*

**3.** *For the purpose of this section, a sight is any device attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow which may be used to assist in precise visual alignment of the weapon. This definition includes both magnified and non-magnified sighting systems or scopes.*

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 517– LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Range Finding Scopes**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**Answer:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**Answer:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**Answer:**

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**Answer:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**Answer:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**Answer:**

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**Answer:**

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Alan Jenne  
Director

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. RXXX-XX  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 526**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

**Section 1.** NAC 503.1455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a ~~A~~* person shall not possess or use any of the following equipment or devices:

*(a) at any time during the period beginning August 1 and ending December 4 for hunting or taking of any wildlife in management areas 11, 22, 23, and 24 as defined in NAC 504.210; or*

*(b) while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking in any management area as defined in NAC 504.210, including, without limitation:*

1. ~~(a)~~ Electronic night-vision equipment;
2. ~~(b)~~ Electronically enhanced light-gathering devices;
3. ~~(e)~~ Thermal imaging devices;
4. ~~(d)~~ Infrared night-vision equipment; or
5. ~~(e)~~ Any other comparable equipment or device used to enhance night-vision.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not limit the use of a sight attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that:

- (a) Is powered by a battery contained within the sight;
- (b) Is illuminated by light gathering fiber optics; or
- (c) Uses a radioactive isotope such as a tritium.

*3. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who is acting within the scope of his or her official duties and is:*

*(a) An employee or authorized agent of this State;*

*(b) An employee or authorized agent of a municipal or county government of this State; or*

*(c) An employee or authorized agent of the Federal Government.*

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 526 – LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Thermal Imaging Equipment**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**Answer:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

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3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**Answer:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

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**Answer:**

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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Alan Jenne  
Director

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
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**LCB File No. R004-26  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 529**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.103, 502.160 and 502.250; §5, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160, 502.219 and 502.250.

A REGULATION relating to licensing and permits for individuals with disabilities.....

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMITS**

**NAC 502.42903 Special assistance permit: Eligibility; application; designated licensed assistant. (NRS 501.181)**

1. The holder of a tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal may apply for a special assistance permit authorizing a designated licensed assistant to assist the holder in accordance with NAC 502.42905 if the holder:

- (a) Is a paraplegic;
  - (b) Has had one or both legs amputated; or
  - (c) Has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the holder's walking.
2. An application for a special assistance permit must:

- (a) Be submitted on a form provided by the Department and must include, without limitation:
  - (1) The applicant's legal name, physical address, mailing address if different from the physical address and telephone number;
  - (2) The ~~social security number and~~ client number of the applicant;
  - (3) The class and number of the hunting license issued to the applicant in this State;
  - (4) The legal name of each designated licensed assistant;
  - (5) The physical mailing address and telephone number of each designated licensed assistant; and
  - (6) The hunting license number and client number of each designated licensed assistant.

(b) Include:

- (1) A statement signed by the applicant which affirms that the applicant is eligible for the special assistance permit pursuant to subsection 1; and
- (2) A signed statement from each designated licensed assistant named in the application affirming that the designated licensed assistant meets the requirements of subsection 4.

(c) Be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1.

3. An applicant for a special assistance permit pursuant to this section who holds more than one tag issued by the Department authorizing the holder to hunt a big game mammal must complete a separate application *designating licensed assistants* for each tag. The applicant:

- (a) Is not required to use the same designated licensed assistant for each tag; and
- (b) May list more than one designated licensed assistant for each tag.

4. To be a designated licensed assistant, a person:
  - (a) Must be 18 years of age or older;
  - (b) Must hold a valid hunting license in this State;
  - (c) Must not have any license, permit or privilege issued to him or her pursuant to title 45 of NRS suspended or revoked; and
  - (d) Is not required to hold a tag for the big game mammal which the holder of the special assistance permit is authorized to take.
5. A special assistance permit issued pursuant to this section *excluding the requirement of subsections 3. and 4., is valid for five (5) years after the date it is issued and* must be issued free of charge to the applicant.

### **VISUAL DISABILITY PERMIT**

**NAC 503.146 Scope permit for person with visual disability: Issuance; application; validity.** (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

1. The Department may issue a scope permit to a person with a visual disability. The scope permit authorizes a person with a visual disability to hunt, during a type of hunt that is restricted to ~~bows or~~ muzzle-loading firearms, using a 1x magnification rifle scope *or red dot sight with no magnification* that is mounted on a ~~bow or~~ muzzle-loading rifle. A person using such a permit shall present the permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer.
2. An application for a scope permit must:
  - (a) Be submitted to the Department on a form provided by the Department;
  - (b) Include a certificate issued by a licensed ~~physician~~ *ophthalmologist or optometrist* certifying that the applicant has a visual disability; and
  - (c) Include any other information required by the Department to issue the permit.
3. A scope permit issued pursuant to this section is valid for *five (5)* ~~+~~ years after the date it is issued.
4. *Pursuant to NRS 483.790* ~~Aas~~ used in this section, “visual disability” means a visual impairment which *is a permanent, uncorrectable disease or disorder which meets one or more of the following criteria: substantially limits a major life activity and is not correctable by glasses or contact lenses.*
  - (a) *visual acuity with correcting lenses does not exceed 20/70 in the better eye, or;*
  - (b) *vision in the better eye is restricted to a field which subtends an angle of not greater than 30 degrees.*

### **ARCHERY DISABILITY PERMIT**

**NAC 503.1465 Archery disability permit for person with permanent disability: Issuance; application; expiration.** (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

1. The Department may issue an archery disability permit to a person with a disability. The permit authorizes a person with a disability to hunt, during a hunt that is restricted to the use of archery, using ~~a crossbow or~~ a bow *that uses along with modified archery equipment which assists in drawing back and firing a bow and* a mechanical device that is capable of anchoring a nocked arrow at full draw or partial full draw and complies with the requirements of subsection 2 of NAC 503.144. *This authorization does not include the use of a crossbow.*

2. A person using an archery disability permit shall present the permit upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

3. An application for an archery disability permit must:

(a) Be submitted to the Department on a form provided by the Department;

(b) Include a certificate issued by a ~~licensed physician~~ *a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), nurse practitioner (NP, APRN, ARNP), physician assistant or physician associate (PA-C) serving in the field related to a medical condition included in subsection 5(c)* certifying that the applicant has a disability; and

(c) Include any other information required by the Department to issue the permit.

4. An archery disability permit issued pursuant to this section *is valid for five (5) years* ~~expires 1 year~~ after the date on which the permit is issued.

5. As used in this section, “disability” means a *permanent lifetime and uncorrectable medical condition resulting in muscular or neurological deficit resulting in disability of at least 80 percent to a shoulder, arm, wrist, or hand and that prohibits use of an un-modified bow, including at least one of the following:* ~~disability which prohibits a person from manually drawing and holding at full draw a bow that complies with the provisions of subsection 2 of NAC 503.144.~~

*(a) amputation involving four fingers, wrist, elbow or shoulder,*

*(b) peripheral nerve damage or spinal cord damage at level of T-1 or above,*

*(c) metastatic disease impacting the bones of the shoulder, arm, wrist, or hand,*

*(d) coordination deficit caused by a central nervous system disorder including but not limited to Parkinson’s Disease, Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia, Hemiparesis, or closed head trauma, or progressive neuromuscular diseases, including but not limited to Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.*

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 529 – LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Disability Permits**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**ANSWER:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**ANSWER:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**ANSWER:**

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**ANSWER:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**ANSWER:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**ANSWER:**

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**ANSWER:**

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

  
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Alan Jenne, Director  
Nevada Department of Wildlife

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. RXXX-XX  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 530**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

**Section 1.** Chapter 504.671 of NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Department ~~may~~ *shall* deny an application for or revoke or suspend a guide's license for any of the following:

1. Fraud or deception in procuring a license.
2. Fraudulent, untruthful or misleading advertising.
3. A conviction of any:
  - (a) Felony; or
  - (b) Crime involving ~~physical violence~~, *assault, battery, domestic battery, stalking, theft or fraud, or an equal provision in the law in any state, during a current licensing period or within 10 years immediately preceding the date of application to be a guide, or;*
4. *Having been designated as a prohibited person as described in NRS 202.360 or an equal provision in the law or regulation of any other state or the Federal Government*
5. Immoral, unethical or dishonorable conduct in the licensee's relation to his or her guest, client, patron or a member of the public while providing guide services.
- ~~7~~6. A guide's substantial breach of any contract with any person utilizing the guide's services as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- ~~10~~7. Two or more convictions of any provision of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, or chapter 488 of NRS or an equivalent provision of law of any other state or the Federal Government relating to driving a motor vehicle or operating a boat while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, *during the current license year, or* within the 7 years immediately preceding the application for a license to be a guide.
- ~~11~~8. A conviction of any provision of chapter 453 of NRS or an equivalent provision of law of any other state or the Federal Government relating to controlled substances, *during the current license year, or* within the 5 years immediately preceding the application for a license to be a guide.

~~[12]~~9. Failing to report to the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department, without undue delay, any violation of *Title 45 of NRS for [the wildlife laws or regulations pertaining to the unlawful killing, possession or waste of any wildlife of]* which the guide has personal knowledge.

[14]10. Failing to comply with any provision of NAC 504.663, 504.685 or 504.688.

~~[15]~~11. Providing guide services relating to hunting or fishing on public land or public waters without having the necessary special use permit issued by the federal land management agency having jurisdiction within the wildlife management area or unit.

[4]12. A conviction of having violated a regulation of a federal land management agency, *during a current licensing period or within 5 years immediately preceding the date of application to be a guide.*

~~[18]~~13. Revocation of a hunting, fishing or trapping license of the guide in any state for the current hunting, fishing or trapping season.

~~[19]~~14. An outstanding warrant for the arrest of the applicant or guide issued in any state.

15. *A current suspension or revocation of a vehicle operator's license in any state.*

16. *A court order pursuant to NRS 504.398.*

~~[6]~~17. A conviction of having violated a provision of:

(a) Chapter 488 or title 45 of NRS, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, or for a conviction of having violated an equivalent provision in the law or regulations of any other state or the Federal Government; or

~~[(b) NRS 444.630 or 445A.465, or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, relating to the conduct of the guide while providing guide services.]~~

(b) *For convictions of NRS 207.200 if said conviction relates to wildlife or if the violation was perpetrated while conducting business for the purpose of a commercial hunting or fishing trip regardless of if the guide was in physical accompaniment of the client or not: or*

(c) *Having found to be a principal of a crime pursuant to NRS 195.020, if said crime relates to wildlife or was perpetrated while conducting business for the purpose of a commercial hunting or fishing trip regardless of if the guide was in physical accompaniment of the client or not.*

18. *Penalties:*

(a) *For convictions of NAC 504.685, 504.688, 504.693 during the current license period or within a 5-year period immediately preceding the date of the application to be a guide, the following penalties shall apply:*

- (i) *For a first offense; a written warning.*
  - (ii) *For a second offense; a 3-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
  - (iii) *For a third offense; a 5-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
- (b) *For convictions during the current license year or within a 5-year period immediately preceding the date of application to be a guide, except those listed in section 18(a), the following denial, suspension or revocation terms shall be determined by the associated demerit value of the criminal act found in NAC 501.200. For convictions occurring in other states or the Federal Government, the suspension term will be based upon the demerit value of an equivalent violation in Nevada.*
  - (i) *Any conviction with a 3-demerit value shall result in a 1-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
  - (ii) *Any conviction with a 6-demerit value shall result in a 3-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
  - (iii) *Any conviction with 9 or more-point demerit value shall result in a 5-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
- (c) *For any conviction of Chapter 488 of NRS during the current license period or within 5 years of the date of application to be a guide:*
  - (i) *For the first offense; a written warning.*
  - (ii) *For a second offense, a 1-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
  - (iii) *For a third offense, a 3-year denial or suspension of a guide license.*
- (d) *If it is determined that, through the course of an investigation, a sub guide's violation was committed at the direction or with knowledge of the master guide or under circumstances the master guide knew or should have known of the sub guide's conduct, prior to the unlawful or unethical act, the master guide's license shall be denied, suspended or revoked for a period of 5-years and may not apply as a sub guide during that period.*

→ For the purposes of this subsection, the term “conviction” means a final conviction. A forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure a defendant’s appearance or a plea of nolo contendere is equivalent to a conviction.

~~[9.—The employment or use of an unlicensed subguide by a master guide.]~~

~~[13.—Shooting, killing or taking a client's wildlife.]~~

~~[8.—Operation by a guide in an area other than that for which the guide is specifically authorized by the federal land management agency having jurisdiction.~~

~~[16.—Providing guide services relating to hunting or fishing on private land in violation of NRS 503.240.]~~

~~[17.—Intimidating, threatening or intentionally interfering with a person who is lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping, or who is attempting to do so.]~~

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 530 – LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Master Guide and Sub Guide  
Accountability**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**Answer:**

A 5-question survey was sent by email to all hunting and fishing guides who were licensed through the Department in 2025. The email contained a link to the online survey, a copy of the draft regulation language and a link to the December Wildlife Commission meeting where the Department spoke about the proposed regulation changes. In addition, the Department spoke at the Nevada Outfitters and Guide Association meeting to discuss the proposed regulation. Approximately 510 emails were sent by the Department requesting survey participation. The survey was open for a period of 3 weeks and in that time 49 responses were received.

In summary, Question 1: 92% of respondents reported a neutral or positive economic impact to their business and 8% reported a potential adverse economic impact. Question 2: 80% of respondents reported a positive or neutral beneficial economic impact to their business with 4% reporting potential negative economic impact to their business. Question 3: 94% of respondents reported a positive or neutral direct impact on their business and 6% reported a potential negative impact. Question 4: 94% of respondents reported a positive or neutral indirect impact on their business with 6% reporting a potential negative impact.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the response summary by contacting the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Director’s Office.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

Approximately 510

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

Nevada Guides and Outfitters Association

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**Answer:**

Data was collected and evaluated by Yes/No answers and an evaluation of written responses to determine a positive, neutral or negative opinion by the respondent.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**Answer:**

Based on survey respondent answers, adverse effects included denying or suspending a guide license for 'honest' mistakes by guides. A potential effect to the income of a guide business if guides are suspended or denied licensing.

Beneficial effects include creating an environment of trust and confidence in guides, potential increase in revenue for business operating legally, the creation of a higher standard and professionalism for the guiding industry, helping build good reputations, and providing for more accountability.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**Answer:**

Based on survey respondent answers, direct impacts included there being a limited number of available sub guides to hire due to license suspensions for violations, in turn, limiting the revenue the business would have been able to make due to a staffing shortfall.

One respondent reported no immediate impact but believed the change would create a large positive difference in the long run.

Indirect impacts include reducing the number of guides in Nevada, promoting higher standards and raising the quality of guides, thereby making the overall product more valuable to the client base. Lastly, creating client trust in guides by knowing that they follow the laws and limit risk.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**Answer:**

The proposed regulation is seeking to simplify and standardize regulations related to guiding which will provide better direction to the Department and it will create clear expectations for guides concerning penalties, should they violate law or other specific sections within the regulation. By simplifying the regulations rather than doing a rewrite there is a reduced impact on guides. The Department consulted the Nevada Guides and Outfitters Association Board and other guides not associated with the Association for feedback and commentary throughout the development of the proposed regulation.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**Answer:**

There is no extra cost for enforcement of this proposed regulation as we are already enforcing the content.

8. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**Answer:**

This proposed regulation does not create or increase fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**Answer:**

This proposed regulation does not duplicate and is not more stringent than federal, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**Answer:**

The Department does not anticipate any additional burden on the Department or to the guides. Currently the Department may suspend or deny licensing for up to 5 years for violations of the currently written regulation. The result of the current language has produced inconsistent enforcement of guide license denials and suspensions over time. This proposed regulation will help by establishing direction to the Department with respect to consistent enforcement actions to take against guide licensing upon convictions of wildlife, boating and other criminal matters. This proposed regulation also limits the Department's ability to continue to deny licensing for

certain violations beyond a stated period of time. The results of the Small Business Impact Survey show overwhelming support for the proposed changes to NRS 504.671.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Alan Jenne  
Director

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. RXXX-XX  
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 531**

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

**Section 1.** R024-25, NAC 501.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. A person who is convicted of a wildlife violation will be assessed demerit points pursuant to the following schedule:

HUNTING AND TAKING			
Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully shooting at a game mammal or game bird from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle or using such a vehicle to molest, rally, stir up or drive game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Spotting or locating game mammals or game birds from an aircraft or helicopter and communicating that information to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using information obtained in violation of subsection 3 of NRS 503.010 to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully killing or attempting to kill birds or animals from an aircraft	503.005	----	12
Unlawfully using an aircraft, balloon, unmanned aerial vehicle or satellite to locate or observe big game mammals, game birds or fur-bearing mammals for the purpose of hunting	501.385	503.148	12

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting or taking an endangered species without a special permit	503.585	503.093	12
Unlawfully killing, destroying, wounding, trapping or injuring bald eagles or golden eagles	503.610	----	12
Unlawfully taking bald eagles or golden eagles	503.620	----	12
Taking twice the legal limit or more of big game mammals	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully using or possessing thermal imaging, infrared or electronic night-vision, or electronic night vision, or electronically enhanced light-gathering or comparable night-vision devices or equipment	501.385	503.1455	12
Hunting or taking a threatened species	501.385	503.093	9
Unlawfully killing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.440	----	9
Unlawfully hunting migratory waterfowl by aid of baiting	501.385	503.180	6
Hunting big game mammals during the closed season	503.090	----	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals during the closed season	501.015	----	6
Hunting big game mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully hunting in a privately owned wildlife management area	504.140	----	6
Unlawfully hunting in a state-owned wildlife management area	504.143	----	6
Hunting big game mammals or migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours	503.140	----	6

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully hunting game birds or game mammals with the aid of artificial light	503.150	----	6
Hunting or taking a sensitive species	501.385	----	6
Hunting, trapping, possessing or selling birds of prey or raptors without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Hunting alternative livestock	503.242	----	6
Taking a game mammal of a prohibited age or with prohibited physical characteristics	501.385	----	6

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully possessing big game mammals during the closed season	503.030	----	12
Possessing a big game mammal or parts thereof without correct tag	502.150	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	501.385	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game fish	501.385	-----	9
Unlawfully possessing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.030	-----	9
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, during the closed season	503.030	----	6
Possessing fish during the closed season	503.030	-----	6

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6
Possessing game fish in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6
Possessing a species that may not legally be possessed without a license or permit	501.385	----	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting big game or wild turkey without a tag	502.130	-----	9
Unlawfully transferring a tag to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Possessing or using a tag legally issued to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Obtaining tags in excess of the legal limit	502.140	502.331	9
Possessing used tags or tags in excess of the legal limit	502.150	----	9
Unlawfully using a tag	502.200	-----	9
Using a tag in an improper area	502.160	502.385	6
Failing to punch a tag properly	502.160	502.390	6
Failing to attach a tag to a big game mammal in the manner prescribed by regulation	502.160	502.400	6
Hunting by a Native American off an Indian reservation without a tag	502.280	----	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Possessing fur-bearing mammals, other than a bobcat, without a seal	501.385	----	6
Possessing the pelt of a bobcat without a seal	501.385	502.347	6
Possessing the pelt of a mountain lion without a seal	501.385	502.370	6
Possessing the horns of a ram bighorn sheep without a seal or brand	501.385	502.345	6

PERMITS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully importing or transporting a prohibited species of wildlife without a permit or license	503.597	503.110	12
Collecting unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.095	12
Collecting live bait fish or live aquatic bait for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.513	12
Collecting unprotected fish for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.545	12
Selling live bait without a permit	501.379	503.513	6
Conducting a field trial without a permit	503.200	503.610	6
Conducting a dredging operation without a permit	503.425	503.810	6
Possessing a raptor without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a permit	502.060	-----	6
Hunting swan without a swan hunt permit	-----	502.380	6

PERMITS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Transferring or giving a swan hunt permit to any other person	-----	502.380	6
Using or possessing a swan hunt permit issued to another person	-----	502.380	6
Commercial taking of crayfish, except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.540	501.385	503.540	6

FISHING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Fishing at a fish hatchery or other waters used for the purpose of rearing or growing fish	503.560	-----	6

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Obstructing, hindering or otherwise interfering with an officer, employee or agent of the Department	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully selling big game mammals	501.379	-----	12
Unlawfully selling an endangered species	501.379	-----	12
Needless waste of big game mammals	503.050	-----	12
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device capable of transmitting images, video or wildlife location data at any time during the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31 of each year	501.385	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device at any time during the period beginning August 1 and ending December 31 of each year	501.358	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12
Hunting, fishing in nonnavigable waters or trapping on private property without permission	503.240	-----	9
Needless waste of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	503.050	-----	9
Unlawfully selling a threatened species	501.379	-----	9
Taking, <del>or</del> gathering, <i>or possessing in the field</i> shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and April 30 <i>by a resident</i>	503.655	503.172	<del>9</del> 12
<i>Taking, gathering or possessing in the field shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and May 30 by a nonresident.</i>	<i>503.655</i>	<i>503.172</i>	<i>12</i>
Unlawfully selling game other than big game mammals	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling a sensitive or protected species	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling game fish	501.381	-----	6
Needless waste of game fish	503.050	-----	6
Unlawfully carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in vehicle	503.165	-----	6
Unlawfully discharging a firearm	503.175	-----	6
Failing to retain the cape or scalp and any antlers or horns of wildlife	501.385	503.173	6
Destroying or mutilating signs of the Department	501.383	-----	6

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Polluting water	503.430	-----	6
Removing, altering or tampering with a tag placed on wildlife or on seized equipment	501.377	-----	6
Intentionally interfering with a person lawfully hunting or trapping	503.015	-----	6
Failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled migratory waterfowl	501.385	503.180	6
Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between May 1 and June 30 without a certificate in violation of NAC 503.172	503.655	503.172	6

CATEGORY E FELONIES AND GROSS MISDEMANORS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Conviction of a felony for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for willfully possessing an unlawfully killed big game mammal	501.376	-----	12
Acting as a master guide or subguide without a license	504.395	-----	12
Furnishing false information to obtain a big game tag	502.060	-----	12

TRAPPING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully capturing a raptor with a steel leghold trap placed, set or maintained within 30 feet of exposed bait	501.385	503.157	6
Trapping in a closed area	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully removing or disturbing a trap, snare or similar device lawfully being used by another person	503.454	-----	6
Trapping fur-bearing mammals during closed season	503.440	-----	6
Trapping birds of prey or raptors without a permit or by unlawful means	503.582	503.205	6
Failing to visit traps, snares or similar devices 48 or more hours after the required period for visitation	503.570	503.152	6

LICENSES

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Refusing to exhibit a license, wildlife, weapon, ammunition, device or apparatus	502.120	-----	12
Hunting without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Fishing without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Hunting without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Fishing without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a license	502.060	-----	6
Furnishing of false information by a person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to obtain a specialty combination hunting and fishing license	502.290	502.220	6
Unlawfully transferring a license to another person	502.100	-----	6
Unlawfully using a license of another person	502.100	-----	6
Obtaining more than one license of each class	502.110	-----	6
Altering a license	502.105	-----	6
Practicing falconry without a license	503.583	503.235	6
Operating as a fur dealer without a license	505.010	-----	6
Trapping without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Taking fur-bearing mammals, trapping unprotected mammals or selling raw furs for profit without having procured a license	503.454	-----	6
Trapping without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6

Hunting, fishing or trapping using a license that is invalid by reason of expiration or a false statement made to obtain the license	502.060	-----	6
Obtaining a hunting license without obtaining certification as a responsible hunter	502.360	-----	6

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation that does not appear in the schedule set forth in subsection 1 will be assessed 3 demerit points. No demerit points will be assessed for a violation of NRS 502.370, 502.390, 503.185, 503.310 or 504.295 to 504.398, inclusive.

3. A person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation within 60 months after a conviction for the same violation will be assessed double the amount of demerit points listed in the schedule set forth in subsection 1.

4. A person who is convicted of committing any four wildlife violations arising out of separate events within a 60-month period will be assessed an extra 12 demerit points.

**Section 2.** NAC 503.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Prohibition, *Season, and certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antler requirements* ~~(on)~~ in taking or gathering shed antlers on public *or certain private* land in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties during certain period.**

1. A person shall not take, ~~(or)~~ gather, *or possess in the field* shed antlers from or on any public land, *or private land without written permission from the landowner* located in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties at any time from:

*(A) As residents of the State of Nevada as defined in NRS 502.015;*

~~(a)~~ *(1)* January 1 to April 30, inclusive.

~~(b)~~ *(2)* May 1 to June 30, inclusive, unless the person:

~~(1)~~ *(a)* Is 12 years of age or older and has in ~~(his or her)~~ *their* possession a certificate *of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers* issued by the Department, ~~[or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person~~

~~successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to~~ *as required in* subsection 2; or

~~(2)~~ (b) Is under 12 years of age and is accompanied by a person who *is a resident*:

(I) ~~Is~~ at least 18 years of age; and

(II) Has in his or her possession a certificate *of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers* ~~[issued by the Department, or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to]~~ *as required in* subsection 2.

*(B) As a non-resident*

~~(c)~~ (1) ~~June~~ *January 1 to May 31, inclusive* ~~[unless the person is a nonresident]~~

*(2) June 1 to June 30, inclusive, unless the person is*

~~(1)~~ (a) *12 years of age or older and has in [his or her] their possession a certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers issued by the Department* ~~[, or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to]~~ *as required in subsection 2.*

~~(2)~~ (b) *Under 12 years of age and is accompanied by a person who:*

*(I) Is at least 18 years of age; and*

*(II) Has in [his or her] their possession a certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers issued by the Department,* ~~[or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the~~

~~responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to~~ *as required in subsection 2.*

2. The Department shall:

~~[(a)]~~ *(A)* Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers and issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course; or

~~[(b)]~~ *(B)* Designate an agent of the Department to:

(1) Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers that is approved by the Department; and

(2) Issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course.

3. *As used in this regulation:*

*(a) A “Certificate of Instruction in the Responsible Collection of Shed Antlers” shall be valid beginning the date the certificate was issued by the Department or designated agent and will expire December 31 of the same calendar year.*

*(b) “Take” has the meaning ascribed in NRS 501.088.*

*(c) “Gather” means to search for, collect, hide, or bring together shed antlers by any means or any purpose, including for future collection.*

*(d) “Possess in the field” means to hold or have immediate access to, in or on one’s mode of transportation, at any location other than a residence, primary place of business.*

*(e) “Written permission” means a written signed and dated document from the landowner granting an individual the legal right to take, gather, or possess shed antlers on that landowner’s private property for that calendar year. The written permission must include:*

- i. the landowner’s name and contact information;*
- ii. property location or legal description;*
- iii. name of the person granted permission; and*
- iv. landowners signature and date*

**STATE OF NEVADA  
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE  
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 531 – LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Shed Antler Revisions**

**The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).**

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

**Answer:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

**Answer:**

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

**Answer:**

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

**Answer:**

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

**Answer:**

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

**Answer:**

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

**Answer:**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

**Answer:**

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

**Answer:**

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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Alan Jenne  
Director