

**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 502 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting at the Washoe County Administrative Complex, Building A, Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512 on January 23-24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. 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, January 23, 2026:

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89858627818?pwd=iTLLWmOaiknCaetsZamPtpjahriUNf.1>

Passcode: 648884

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, January 24, 2026:

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88337021785?pwd=S6L8WdtQQQaDEQhbeVUISDYEldfPIs.1>

Passcode: 194746

Meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-january-23-and-24-2026/>

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) 502 and 503 that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual and special assistance disability permits.

The regulation dates and language are subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner.

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, 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/

Persons wishing to request a copy of this notice and support material may contact Alejandra Medina at amedina@ndow.org.

01/07/2026

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 529**

LCB File No. XXX-XX

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;~~

(2) ~~(3)~~ The class and number of the hunting license issued to the applicant in this State;
(3) ~~(4)~~ The legal name of each designated licensed assistant;
(4) ~~(5)~~ The physical mailing address and telephone number of each designated licensed assistant; and

(5) ~~(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)* ~~1~~-years after the date it is issued.
4. *Pursuant to NRS 483.790* ~~As~~ 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 permanent disability to hunt, during a hunt that is restricted to the use of archery, using a ~~crossbow or~~ *vertical* bow ~~that uses a~~ *along with modified archery equipment that assists in drawing back and firing the bow, and a* mechanical device that is capable of anchoring a nocked arrow at full draw or partial full draw and that 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,

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

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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.



Alan Jenne, Director
Nevada Department of Wildlife