NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission

LCB File No. R014-25 Commission General Regulation 525

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing at the Washoe County Administrative Complex, Building A, Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512, on November 7 and 8, 2025, at 8:30AM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. 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, November 7, 2025 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84950227377?pwd=V6nZhpTS7t2Tb0bdneV8vk8syLhHcM.1
Passcode: 248167

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, November 8, 2025 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84441597040?pwd=r7mlvOofkSOlbOaZY4wrbrgvYpULvW.1
Passcode: 751399

Meeting materials are available at: https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-november-7-8-2025-reno/

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:

The regulation is expected to provide general clarity and structure for the conduct of coyote hunting contests in Nevada. While the direct impacts may be limited, the regulation may help support consistency with existing wildlife-related laws and address some public concerns. Overall, it offers a basic framework for the oversight of these types of activities.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved:

This regulation addresses unregulated coyote hunting contests. Such contests are, in some cases, perceived by the public as inhumane or unsportsmanlike. To encourage responsible participation and provide a consistent framework, the regulation establishes a defined season for coyote calling contests and requires that participants hold a valid Nevada hunting or trapping license. Additionally, the regulation clarifies the definition of a coyote calling contest.

3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and, in each case, must include:

a. Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses; and

The regulation will not have any significant adverse or beneficial economic effects on businesses.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:

There will be no immediate or long-term economic effects from the proposed regulation on small businesses because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

c. Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and

This regulation does not have an anticipated beneficial or adverse economic effect on the public.

d. Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:

This regulation does not have an anticipated immediate or long-term economic effect on the public.

4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

There will be no increased costs to enforce the proposed regulation.

5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:

This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state, local, or federal laws or regulations.

6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law:

This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:

This regulation does not include provisions that are more stringent than federal regulations.

8. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee:

This regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

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 Commission 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 Commission 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 Intent and the regulation language to be adopted 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. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

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1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1506

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60 Youth Center Road, Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 777-2300

3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 486-5127

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

https://notice.nv.gov/

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

https://nvboardofwildlife.org/

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing or by contacting the Director's Office at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120; Reno, Nevada 89511 or (775) 688-1597. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

10/02/2025

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. R014-25

July 28, 2025

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.010.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; setting forth certain requirements relating to a coyote hunting contest; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations governing the manner and means of taking wildlife. (NRS 501.181) Existing law also requires, with certain exceptions, a person who hunts any wildlife in this State to first obtain a license. Further, existing law authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations setting forth the species of wildlife which may be hunted or trapped without a license or permit. (NRS 502.010) Existing regulations authorize a person to hunt a coyote without obtaining a hunting license or permit. (NAC 503.035, 503.193) **Section 1** of this regulation sets forth the period of time each year during which a coyote hunting contest, which is competition held for the purpose of harvesting coyotes, may be held. Such period begins on September 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year. Additionally, **section 1** prohibits a person from participating in a coyote hunting contest unless the person holds a valid hunting license or permit or a valid trapping license issued by the Department of Wildlife. **Section 2** of this regulation makes conforming changes to account for the requirement in **section 1** that a person who participates in a coyote hunting contest must have a valid license or permit.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. A coyote hunting contest may only be held during the period beginning on September 1 and ending on March 31 of the following year.
- 2. A person shall not participate in a coyote hunting contest unless the person holds a valid hunting license or permit or a valid trapping license issued by the Department.

- 3. As used in this section, "coyote hunting contest" means an organized or sponsored competition held for the purpose of harvesting a coyote for a prize.
 - **Sec. 2.** NAC 503.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 503.193 1. [A] Except as otherwise provided in section 1 of this regulation, a person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit to hunt unprotected wild birds or mammals.
- 2. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit or a trapping license to hunt or trap wildlife which are authorized to be taken in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.710 to 503.740, inclusive.
- 3. A person who holds a valid trapping license issued by the Department is not required to obtain a hunting license to hunt coyotes, badgers, skunks, raccoons, weasels, ring-tailed cats or fur-bearing mammals during the open season to hunt [to] those mammals.

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

Commission General Regulation 525 LCB File No. R014-25 Seasons and License Requirements for Coyote Calling Contests

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:

To assess the potential business impact of the proposed regulation, a survey was developed using Microsoft Forms and distributed to small businesses likely impacted, coyote hunting contest event organizers and participants of these events. Recipients were encouraged to share the survey with other individuals or entities they believed could be affected. A total of 26 responses were received.

Most respondents indicated that the proposed regulation would have little to no economic impact on their business. Some respondents anticipated positive effects, and few noted the proposed regulation would have no impact, as coyote hunting contests already align with the proposed season.

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

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

ANSWER:

The analysis was conducted through targeted outreach to small businesses likely impacted, coyote hunting contest event organizers and participants of these events.

The data was analyzed to identify common themes, specific concerns, and overall impact. Each response was categorized based on whether the proposed regulation was perceived to have a negative, neutral, or positive impact. These findings were then summarized to ensure that stakeholder feedback was accurately represented in the regulatory decision-making process.

- 3. 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 the responses received from 26 respondents to the business impact survey, four businesses indicated that the proposed regulation would have a negative impact. The remaining respondents either reported no anticipated impact or expressed neutrality regarding the proposed regulation. Notably, five respondents reported that the regulation could have a positive economic effect.

b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

ANSWER:

Based on the feedback received from 26 small businesses, the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation includes a range of both direct and indirect impacts:

- 5 businesses reported a positive impact
- 15 businesses reported no impact
- 4 businesses reported a negative impact
- 2 businesses were unsure

Direct effects include the ability for businesses to advertise and promote their services in connection with regulated activities, resulting in increased visibility and potential for revenue generation. Businesses noted that the regulation allows for the solicitation and discussion of the services they offer in the state of Nevada, which contributes to attracting customers and driving sales.

Indirect effects were identified as increased foot traffic in stores, greater exposure of products to new customers, and an uptick in the purchase of fuel, food, and other local goods. Several respondents noted that the regulation helps bring more people into town during what is typically a slower time of year, thereby supporting the local economy more broadly.

On the other hand, a few respondents expressed concern that a reduction in such events or contests—potentially as an unintended consequence of the regulation—could lead to fewer visitors, which in turn may negatively affect sales and customer engagement in their communities.

Overall, the responses reflect a balance of perspectives, with the majority of businesses seeing either neutral or beneficial economic impacts, and a minority expressing concerns about potential negative outcomes.

4. 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:

To reduce the impact of the proposed regulation, the agency – working in coordination with the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners – held multiple public hearings to provide stakeholders the opportunity to find a regulatory solution. The proposed season outlined in the regulation was suggested by predator hunters who actively participate in coyote hunting contests, most of which take place within this time frame.

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

ANSWER:

There is no anticipated cost for the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

6. 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 a new fee or increase an existing fee.

7. 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.

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

ANSWER:

The Department believes that the establishment of seasons and license requirements for coyote calling contests provides a structured approach to the regulation of these events. While the overall biological and social impacts are expected to be limited, the regulation ensures clarity and consistency in contest oversight. The Department does not anticipate significant effects on small businesses and recognizes that, in some instances, the regulation may support local organizational efforts and community interest.

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

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission

LCB File No. R053-25 Commission General Regulation 528

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing at the Washoe County Administrative Complex, Building A, Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512, on November 7 and 8, 2025, at 8:30AM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapter 488-503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A Zoom link is provided below for those individuals that are unable to attend in person.

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The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:

The proposed regulation is needed to enhance fisheries management, improve public safety, and ensure consistency in recreational fishing rules across Nevada.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved:

The proposed amendments address public concerns by restricting gas-powered motors at Battle Born Pond, update scientific names of fish species for taxonomic accuracy, and strengthen control measures for invasive Northern Pike by requiring mandatory catchand-kill upon capture. Additionally, the regulation aims to modernize and clarify bait fishing rules to prevent unintentional violations, allow the use of widely available commercial baits, and remove outdated provisions. An exception to current ice fishing hole size limits is also proposed to facilitate more effective spear and bowfishing of Northern Pike at Comins Lake, supporting ongoing suppression efforts to maintain a healthy sport fishery.

3. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:

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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.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:

There will be no immediate or long-term economic effects from the proposed regulation on small businesses because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

c. Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and

This regulation does not have an anticipated beneficial or adverse economic effect on the public.

d. Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:

This regulation does not have an anticipated immediate or long-term economic effect on the public.

4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

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.

5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:

This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state, local, or federal laws or regulations.

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This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.

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10/02/2025

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION

LCB File No. R053-25

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 528

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

Section 1. NAC 488.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors are permitted on the following waters:

Waters	County
(a) Angel Lake	
(b) Blue Lake	Humboldt
(c)Marlette Lake	Washoe
(d) Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line	
to the point where the river enters the	
Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation	Storey and Washoe

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors are permitted on the following waters:

Waters	<u>County</u>
(a) Groves Lake	Lander
(b) Sparks Marina Park	Washoe
(c) The lagoon south of Laughlin within section 33, T. 32 S., R. 6	6 E., M.D.B.
& M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both	Clark
(d) Spooner Lake	Douglas
(e) Knott Creek Reservoir	Humboldt
(f) Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Eureka
(g) Battle Born Pond	Washoe

- 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to a vessel that is:
 - (a) Owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated; or (b) Operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated and issued pursuant to NRS 488.305 and NAC 488.490 to 488.510, inclusive.

Section 2. NAC 503.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following species of fish and all hybrids thereof are classified as game fish:

1. Cold-water game fish are:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Cutthroat trout	BonnevilleLahontanYellowstone	Oncorhynchus elarkii virginalis utah Oncorhynchus elarkii henshawi henshawi Oncorhynchus elarkii virginalis bouvieri Oncorhynchus ssp.
(b) Salmon		
	Kokanee	Oncorhynchus nerka
	Chinook (King)	Oncorhynchus tshawytscha
(c) Trout	Brook	Salvelinus fontinalis
	Brown	Salmo trutta
	Bull	Salvelinus confluentis
	Lake	Salvelinus namaycush
	Rainbow	Oncorhynchus mykiss
	Redband	Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri
		Oncorhynchus mykiss newberrii
(d) Whitefish	Mountain	Prosopium williamsoni

2. Warm-water game fish are:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Bullhead	Black	Ameiurus melas
	Brown	Ameiurus nebulosus
(b) Catfish	Channel	Ictalurus punctatus
	White	Ameiurus catus
(c) Bass	Striped	Morone saxatilis
	White	Morone chrysops
	Largemouth Black	Micropterus salmoides nigricans
	Smallmouth Black	Micropterus dolomieu
	Spotted Black	Micropterus punctulatus
(d) Crappie	Black	Pomoxis nigromaculatus
	White	Pomoxis annularis
(e) Perch	Sacramento	Archoplites interruptus
	Yellow	Perca flavescens
(f) Sunfish	Bluegill	Lepomis macrochirus
	Green	Lepomis cyanellus
	Redear	Lepomis microlophus
	Pumpkinseed	Lepomis gibbosus

Common Name

Scientific Name

(g) Walleye		Sander vitreus
(h) Muskie	Tiger	Esox masquinongy x Esox -L lucius

Section 3. NAC 503.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The following species of fish are classified as protected:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Chub	Alvord	Siphateles alvordensis
	Big Smoky Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor ssp. 8
	Fish Creek Springs Tui	Siphateles bicolor euchila
	Fish Lake Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor ssp. 4
	Hot Creek Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor ssp. 5
	Independence Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor isolata
	Newark Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor newarkensis
	Railroad Valley Tui	Siphateles bicolor ssp. 7
	Sheldon Tui	Siphateles bicolor eurysoma
	Virgin River (Muddy River Popu	
		Gila seminuda
(b) Dace	Big Smoky Valley Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus lariversi
	Diamond Valley Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 10
	Monitor Valley Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 5
	Moapa Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus moapae
	Oasis Valley Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus ssp.
(c) Spinedace	Virgin	Lepidomeda mollispinis mollispinis

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(d) Sucker	Meadow Valley Wash Desert Wall Canyon	*

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(e) Springfish	Moorman White River Preston White River	Crenichthys baileyi thermophilus Crenichthys baileyi albivallis

2. The following species of protected fish are further classified as endangered:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Chub	Bonytail	Gila elegans
	Pahranagat Roundtail	Gila robusta jordani
	Virgin River	Gila seminuda
(b) Dace	Moapa	Moapa coriacea
	Ash Meadows Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis
	Clover Valley Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus oligoporus
	Independence Valley	
	Speckled	Rhinichthys osculus lethoporus
(c) Pikeminnow	Colorado	Ptychocheilus lucius
(d) Spinedace	White River	Lepidomeda albivalis
(e) Woundfin		Plagopterus argentissimus

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(f) Sucker	Cui-ui	Chasmistes cujus
	Razorback	Xyrauchen texanus

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(g) Poolfish	Pahrump	1 2
(h) Pupfish	Devils Hole	Cyprinodon diabolis
	Warm Springs	Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis
(I) G		Cyprinodon nevadensis mionectes
(i) Springfish	Hiko White River	
	White River	Crenichthys baileyi baileyi

3. The following species of protected fish are further classified as threatened:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name		
(a) Dace(b) Spinedace	DesertBig Spring	Eremichthys acros Lepidomeda mollispinis pratensis		

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

		Common Name	Scientific Name		
(c)	Springfish	Railroad Valley	Crenichthys nevadae		

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name		
(d) Sucker	Warner	Catostomus warnerensis		

Section 4. NAC 503.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the importation, transportation or possession of the following species of live wildlife or hybrids thereof, including viable embryos or gametes, is prohibited:
- (a) Fish:

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(1) Lampreys	All species in the family
Petromyzontidae	
(2) Freshwater stingray	All species in the family
Potamotrygonidae	•
(3) Freshwater shark	All species in the genus
Carcharhinus	
(4) Bowfin	Amia calva
(5) Gars	
Lepisosteidae	T J
(6) Herring and shad, except threadfin	
shad and gizzard shad	All species in the family Clupeidae.
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	Dorosoma cepedianum
(7) European Whitefish	•
(8) Mexican banded tetra	
(9) Piranhas	•
(<i>)</i>) I numus	Serrasalmus, Serrasalmo,
	Pygocentrus, Pristobrycon,
	Hydrolycus, Rooseveltiella and
	Pygopristis
(10) South American Parasitic Catfish	
(10) South American I arasitic Catrish	Cetopsidae and Trichomycteridae
(11) White perch	*
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(12) Freshwater drum	Apioainoius grunniens
(13) Grass carp, except certified triploids	Ctananhamma adan idalla
as authorized by a special permit	
(14) Pike top minnow	
(15) Snakehead	1
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(16) Walking catfish	
	Heteropneustes and Dinotopterus
Common Name	Scientific Classification
(17) Tiger fish, Tigerfish and Wolf fish	All species in the genera <i>Hydrocynus</i> and <i>Hoplias</i>
(18) Sticklebacks	All species in the genera Apeltes,
	Eucalia, Gasterosteus and Pungitius
(19) Tilapia	<u> </u>
	Coelotilapia, Coptodom,
	Heterotilapia, Oreochromis,

	<i>Pelmatolapia</i> , Tilapia and <i>Sarotherodon</i>
(20) Nile perch	
(==) F	Luciolates
(21) Goldeye	All species in the genus <i>Hiodon</i>
(22) Carp:	
(I) Bighead	
(II) Black	
(III) Crucian	
(IV) Indian	Catta catta, Cirrhina mrigata and Labeo rohita
(V) Silver	
(23) Rudd	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
(24) Northern Pike	* *
(25) Swamp eel	
(26) Round goby	
(27) Flathead catfish	=
(28) Peacock bass	•
(b) Reptiles:	
Common Name	Scientific Classification
(1) Alligators, crocodiles and gharials	All species in the order Crocodilia
(2) Bird snake	<u>=</u>
(3) Boomslang	Dispholidus typus
(4) Keelbacks	
(5) Burrowing Asps	
	Atractaspidae
(6) Coral snakes, cobras, kraits, mambas,	
Australian elapids and sea snakes	All species in the family Elapidae
(7) Pit vipers and true vipers, except	
species indigenous to this State	
	except species indigenous to this
(9) Snapping Turtles	State All species in the femily Chelydridge
(8) Snapping Turtles(9) Gila monsters and bearded lizards	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(3) Ona monsters and bearded fizards	Helodermatidae
	Helodelmandae
(c) Amphibians:	
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Common Name	Scientific Classification
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(2) Giant or marine toads	Bufo horribilis, Bufo marinus and Bufo paracnemis
(d) Mammals:	•
Common Name	Scientific Classification
(1) Deer, elk, wapiti, moose and caribou	All species in the family Cervidae
(2) Wild Dogs or Dhole	Cuon alpinus
(3) Raccoon Dog	Nyctereutes procyonoides
(4) Mongooses and Meerkats	All species in the genera <i>Atilax</i> ,
	Cynictis, Helogale, Mungos,
	Suricate, Ichneumia and Herpestes
(5) Wild European Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus
(6) Multimammate Rat or Mouse	All species in the genus <i>Mastomys</i>
	(=Praomys)
(7) Bats	All species in the order Chiroptera
(8) Nutria	Myocastor coypus
(9) Coyote	Canis latrans
(10) Foxes	All species in the genera <i>Vulpes</i> ,
	Fennecus, Urocyon, Alopex,
	Lycalopex and Pseudalopex
(11) Raccoon	Procyon lotor
(12) Skunk	All species in the genera Spilogale,
	Mephitis and Conepatus
(13) Wild pigs and hogs	
	except domestic breeds of Sus scrofa
(14) Reedbucks	All species in the genus <i>Redunca</i>
(15) Oryx and Gemsbok	All species in the genus <i>Oryx</i>
(16) Addax	
(17) Blesbok, Topi and Bontebok	
(18) Hartebeests	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	and Sigmoceros
(19) Wildebeest and Gnus	All species in the genus
	Connochaetes
(20) Chamois	
	pyrenaica
(21) Tahr	
(22) Ibex, Wild Goats, Tur and Markhor	
	except domestic goats, Capra hircus
(23) Barbary (Aoudad) Sheep	Ammotragus lervia
(24) Mouflon sheep, Urial, Bighorn and	
Argali	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	domestic sheep, Ovis aries

(e) Birds:

Common Name

Scientific Classification

(1))	Pink	Starling	or	Rosy	Pastor	Sturnus	roseus
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- (2) Red-billed DiochQuelea quelea

(f) Crustaceans:

Common Name

Scientific Classification

(1) Asiatic mitten crabEriocheir sinensis

Pacifastacus

(g) Mollusks:

Common Name

Scientific Classification

- (2) Zebra and quagga mussels......All species in the genus *Dreissena*

- (5) Golden mussel Limnoperna fortunei
- 2. The headquarters of the Department and each regional office of the Department will maintain a physical description and picture of each species listed in this section when reasonably available.
- 3. The Department may issue a scientific permit for the collection or possession of wildlife or a commercial license for the possession of live wildlife, whichever is applicable, for the importation, transportation or possession of a species listed in this section only to:
 - (a) A zoo or aquarium which is an accredited institutional member of the Zoological Association of America, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or their successors.
 - (b) A college, university or governmental agency, for scientific or public health research.
 - (c) Any other scientific institution, as determined by the Department, for research or medical necessity.
- (d) Any person engaged in commercial aquaculture, upon application and proof to the Department that the activity will not be detrimental to aquatic life, other wildlife or recreational

uses. As a condition of the issuance to such a person of a commercial license for the possession

- of a species listed in this section, a bond may be required to provide for the removal of any species to which the license applies that may escape or be released from captivity for any reason. The amount of the bond will be determined by the Department after considering the degree of potential hazard to wildlife.
- (e) A tax-exempt nonprofit organization that exhibits wildlife solely for educational or scientific purposes.
- 4. An interstate shipment of a species listed in this section may be transported through this State, without a permit or license issued by the Department, if:
 - (a) The shipper or transporter has evidence of lawful possession of the species issued by the state or country where the species originated;
 - (b) Mammals, birds or fish are accompanied by a health certificate issued by the state or country where the species originated that indicates the destination, origin and proof of ownership of the species being transported;
 - (c) The species is in this State for less than 48 hours; and
- (d) The species is not unloaded or otherwise released while being transported through this State.
 - 5. This section does not apply to the Department when it is conducting authorized introductions or transplantations of a native species of big game mammal listed in this section.
 - 6. Any northern pike caught must be killed immediately. Releasing northern pike into any waterbody, including the waterbody from which it was caught, is prohibited.

Section 5. NAC 503.500 is hereby amended to read as follows: As used in NAC 503.500 to 503.575, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Aquatic bait" means live, unprotected amphibians (such as salamanders, waterdogs and *bull* frogs), crustaceans (such as crayfish) and mollusks (such as clams and snails).
- 2. "Aquatic life" means live amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, fish and all other animals which grow in, live in or frequent water.
- 3. "Animal life" means live insects (such as grasshoppers), worms (such as earthworms, leaches) and other terrestrial invertebrates.
- **34**. "Artificial lures" means any device with a hook or hooks attached which is made partly or entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, plastic or feathers.
- 45. "Live bait fish" means live, unprotected species of freshwater fish.
- **56**. "Minimum size" means the minimum total length a fish must measure to be possessed legally.
- 67. "Region" means one of the three administrative regions established by the Department.

- 78. "Single barbless hook" means a fish hook having one point which is manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been closed completely or filed off. The term does not include a fish hook which shares a common shank with one or more other fish hooks, regardless of whether the barbs have been closed completely or filed off.
- 89. "Total length" means the length of a fish measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail fin.

Section 6. NAC 503.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. A person who has a fishing license or short-term permit to fish, or who is not required to obtain such a license or permit pursuant to NRS 502.010 and NAC 502.285, may capture, transport and use bait for fishing or personal consumption except that:
 - (a) The use of any game fish or protected species of fish *or parts thereof* for bait is prohibited.
 - (b) Any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared *or and* preserved *commercially* may be used as bait only in waters where the use of aquatic bait is authorized, unless otherwise provided in the appropriate regional regulation.
 - (c) Aquatic bait, other than salamanders or saltwater mudsuckers, may be used only in the water from which it is taken.
 - (d) Aquatic life may be imported into this State only with the prior approval of the Department.
 - (e) Aquatic bait and *IL* ive bait fish may be transported from one area of this State to another only as provided in the appropriate regional regulation for the use of live bait fish.
 - (f) Dead fresh or frozen saltwater species (such as sardines, anchovies and shrimp) are allowed as bait in any water where bait is permitted.
- 2. A person who possesses bait in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not sell, barter or trade that bait.
- 3. Any bait obtained from a dealer in live bait fish who is licensed in this State must be accompanied by a currently dated receipt issued by that dealer.

Section 7. NAC 503.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. The Western Region consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe Counties.
- 2. In the Western Region:
 - (a) Live bait fish may be used only in the river basin from which it is taken and only in the following waters:
 - (1) The Carson River Basin.

- (2) The Humboldt River downstream from Stall Diversion Dam located near Golconda in Humboldt County, including Rye Patch Reservoir, Pitt-Taylor Reservoir, all waters in the Lovelock Valley, Chimney Reservoir and the Little Humboldt River downstream from Chimney Reservoir.
- (3) The portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe Counties.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Truckee River Basin.
- (5) The Walker River from the railroad bridge near Wabuska downstream to and including Walker Lake, except waters on the Walker River Paiute Reservation.
- (b) In all other waters of the Western Region, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, is prohibited.
- (c) Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, grasshoppers, earthworms, crayfish, *preserved salmon eggs, and* any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared *and or* preserved *commercially*, and preserved salmon eggs may be used as bait.
- 3. The following provisions apply to all other waters in the Western Region:
 - (a) The capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, is prohibited.
 - (b) Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in:
 - (1) Catnip Reservoir;
 - (2) Knott Creek Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams;
 - (3) Marlette Lake, including tributaries and outlet streams;
 - (4) The portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter of a mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to onehalf of a mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek; and
 - (5) The portion of the Truckee River from the bridge on East Mustang Road downstream to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.
- 4. (c) Only artificial lures may be used in:
 - (1) Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area; and
 - (2) Hobart Reservoir.

Section 8. NAC 503.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. The Eastern Region consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties.
- 2. Within this region:
 - (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), Ithe possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, or any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are prepared and preserved commercially except preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.
 - (b) Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken. Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, grasshoppers, earthworms, crayfish,

preserved salmon eggs and any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are commercially prepared or preserved may be used as bait.

- 3. Only artificial lures may be used in the Tonkin Springs Reservoir and the collection ditch of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
- 4. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Snake Range High Lakes and on the south fork of the Humboldt River from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

Section 9. NAC 503.507 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. The Southern Region consists of all waters in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye Counties.
- 2. In the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County:
 - (a) Only the following species of live freshwater fish may be lawfully raised, transported, sold, offered for sale or imported for use as live bait:
 - (1) Golden shiner.
 - (2) Fathead minnow.
 - (3) Threadfin shad.
 - (4) Goldfish.
 - (b) Carp, gizzard shad and mosquito fish may be used as bait but may be taken from and used only in the waters of the Colorado River.
 - (c) Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, the waterdog, grasshopper, earthworm and crayfish, grasshoppers, earthworms, crayfish, preserved salmon eggs and any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are commercially prepared or preserved may be used as bait.
 - (d) A person holding a valid fishing license may purchase fish authorized for use as bait pursuant to paragraph (a) from a dealer in bait licensed in Arizona, California or Nevada or may, for the person's own use, take fish authorized for use as bait by:
 - (1) A dipnet;
 - (2) A cast net with a radius not exceeding 4 feet measured from the horn to the leadline:
 - (3) A seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and 4 feet in width; or
 - (4) A trap for minnows not exceeding 12 inches in depth, 12 inches in width or 24 inches in length.
- 3. Only artificial lures may be used in the Dacey Reservoir.
- 4. In all other waters of the Southern Region, the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs or any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared *and or* preserved *commercially*, is prohibited.

Section 10. NAC 503.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Aquatic bait and *the following species of* live bait *fish* may be captured, offered for sale, held or transported by a person permitted to sell live bait, subject to the provisions of NAC 503.500 to 503.507, inclusive, and any special conditions contained in the annual permit issued by the Department.

	Authorized Species by Region			
Species	Western	Eastern	Southern	
	Region	Region	Region	
Lahontan redside (Richardsonius egregius)	X	$oldsymbol{\mathcal{N}}$		
Tui chub (Siphateles bicolor)	X	$oldsymbol{artheta}$		
Speckled dace (Rhinichthys osculus)	X	N		
Mosquitofish (Gambusia ssp.)	X	E		
Carp (Cyprinus carpio)	X			
Goldfish (Carassius auratus)		P	\boldsymbol{X}	
Golden shiner (Notemigonus crysoleucas)		E	X	
Fathead minnow (Pimephalespromelas)	X	R	X	
Threadfin shad (Dorosoma petenense)		\boldsymbol{M}	$oldsymbol{\mathcal{X}}$	
Mountain sucker				
(Catostomus platyrhynchus)	X	I		
Tahoe sucker (Catostomus tahoensis)	$oldsymbol{X}$	$m{T}$		
Salamander (Waterdogs) (Ambystoma)		$oldsymbol{T}$	*	
Paiute Sculpin (Cottus beldingi)	$oldsymbol{X}$	E		
Sacramento blackfish (Orthodon				
microlepidotus)	X	\boldsymbol{c}		

2. The reference work from which the species listed in subsection 1 were named is special publication 34 of the American Fisheries Society, Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States, Canada and Mexico 7th edition, 2013.

Section 11. NAC 503.583 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 1. For purposes of ice fishing, a hole cut through the ice must not exceed 10 inches in diameter.
- 2. For the purposes of spearfishing or bowfishing for northern pike at Comins Lake, a person may cut a hole through the ice measuring, 1 foot wide by 2 foot long.
 - a. The person may not exceed one hole per fishing site; and
 - b. Must retain possession of the ice block cut-out and ensure it is returned to the hole before departing the area; and
 - c. Prior to departing, the person must mark their hole with either natural vegetation or a brightly painted wooden marker at least 3 feet tall to indicate a potential hazard.
 - (1) Markers must be in the possession of the person upon creating any hole exceeding 10 inches in diameter; and

- (2) Markers must be visible from a minimum distance of 100 feet.
- d. Hook and line angling is prohibited in holes exceeding 10 inches in diameter which are cut specifically for spearfishing or bowfishing.

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

Commission General Regulation 528 – LCB File No. R053–25 Motor Restrictions and Revisions Related to Fisheries

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. 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.

- 3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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