

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. R114-09**

Effective April 20, 2010

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105 and 501.181; §3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; requiring a person who shoots and wounds any wildlife to make a reasonable effort to take that wildlife under certain circumstances; authorizing the use of an arrow with an illuminated nock; prohibiting the use of certain other arrows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*Each person who shoots and wounds any wildlife while hunting shall make a reasonable effort to take that wildlife, including, without limitation, pursuing and tracking it.*

**Sec. 2.** NAC 503.141 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.141 As used in NAC 503.141 to 503.195, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation*, “longbow” includes any recurved bow or compound bow.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 503.144 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.144 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection ~~[3.]~~ **4**, the bowstring of a longbow used in hunting any game mammal or game bird must be moved or held entirely by the muscle power of the shooter through all points of the draw cycle until release and may only be released by direct and conscious action of the shooter, either by relaxing the tension of the fingers or by triggering the release action of a handheld release aid.

2. A longbow used in hunting a big game mammal must, in the hands of the user, be capable of throwing a 400 grain arrow 150 yards over level terrain. Arrows used in hunting big game mammals must be at least 24 inches long and have:

- (a) Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point; or
- (b) Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position.

3. *An arrow that is used in hunting any game mammal or game bird may be equipped with a nock that is illuminated electronically or chemically.*

4. It is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Carry any firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, carry a longbow with an arrow nocked on the bowstring while in or on any motorized vehicle while the vehicle is on a public highway or other public right-of-way. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes his walking, if the motorized vehicle is not in motion.

(c) Hunt any game mammal or game bird with a longbow that uses any mechanical device that can anchor a nocked arrow at full draw or partial draw unless the person:

(1) Carries written documentation, signed and dated by a licensed physician, stating that the person has a permanent disability in the upper torso; or

(2) Has had one or both arms, or a part thereof, amputated,

↪ and the permanent disability or amputation prevents him from manually drawing and holding at full draw a longbow that meets the requirements of subsection 2.

(d) Hunt any wildlife with an arrow that has any ~~chemical,~~ explosive , ~~or~~ electronic tracking device *or poison* attached. *As used in this paragraph, “poison” means any substance that, upon contact with the species of wildlife that is hunted, is capable of causing injury, illness or death.*

**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Legislative Counsel Bureau

Date: February 16, 2010

**From:** **Kenneth E. Mayer, Director**, Board of Wildlife Commissioners

**Subject:** Informational statement relating to Commission General Regulation No. 374 (LCB File No. (R114-09) – as required by Chapter 233B.066.

**1. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife.

**2. The number of persons who:**

**(a) Attended each hearing: 20 Workshop/ 25 Hearing**

**(b) Testified at each hearing: 4**

**(c) Submitted written comments: 0**

**3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.** A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife. No business was specifically affected. Copies can be obtained from the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

**4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change. N/A**

**5. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. N/A**

**(a) Estimated economic effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.**

**(1) Adverse – None**

**(2) Beneficial – None**

**(3) Immediate – None**

**(4) Long-term – None**

**(b) Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.**

**(1) Adverse – None**

- (2) Beneficial – None
- (3) Immediate – None
- (4) Long-term – None

- 6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation: N/A
- 7. A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary.

If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

- 8. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions. N/A
- 9. If the 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. N/A