# PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

### **LCB File No. R055-13**

#### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapters 502 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop has been set at 9:00 a.m., on December 6, 2013 at the City of Reno, 1 East First Street, Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulation:

<u>Commission General Regulation 431 – LCB File No. R054-13 – AIS Decal Use Defined</u> - The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to watercraft; revising provisions concerning the aquatic invasive species fee for certain vessels; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

<u>Commission General Regulation 432 – LCB File No. R055-13 – Jiggs-Flatware –</u> The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions related to waters on which a reduced speed is required; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

<u>Restrictions – The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; removing Andorno Creek, Coleman Creek and the North Fork of Battle Creek from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.</u>

<u>Commission General Regulation 434 – LCB File No. R057-13 – Unit Boundaries -</u> The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife management areas and units; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

<u>Commission General Regulation 436 – LCB File No. R089-13 – Reciprocal Lake Mead/Lake Mohave – Colorado River -</u> The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to licenses required for fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, lake Mead and Lake Mohave; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

<u>Commission General Regulation 437 – LCB File No. R090-13 – Creating Ewe Hunt -</u> The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the assessment of demerit points for conviction of certain wildlife violations; establishing distinct tags for the hunting of ram and ewe bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## Commission General Regulation 438 - LCB File No. R091-13 - Bonus Point Program -

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing an exception to the prohibition on the submission of applications for hunting tags and bonus points under certain circumstances; prohibiting the award of bonus points for depredation hunts and management hunts; providing for the award of bonus points in the categories of ewes of certain bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This Notice of Workshop has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations:

Nevada Department of Wildlife 1100 Valley Road Reno, NV 89512 (775) 688-1500

Eastern Region Office 60 Youth Center Road Elko, NV 89801 (775) 777-2300 Western Region Office 380 W. B Street Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-3171

Southern Region Office 4747 Vegas Drive Las Vegas, NV 89108 (702) 486-5127

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting Joanne Trendler at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512, (775) 688-1549. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

Mailed: November 1, 2013

## NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF REGULATION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 2013 at the City of Reno, 1 East First St., Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations. If a person who is directly affected by the proposed action fails to appear to request to make an oral presentation, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

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Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Secretary, Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512. Written submissions must be received by the Secretary, Board of Wildlife Commissioners at least five days before the scheduled public hearing.

A copy of the regulations to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 401 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada and each county main library, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be adopted will be available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. Copies will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

This regulation is available for inspection at the following locations:

Western Region Field Office
380 W. "B" Street
4747 Vegas Dr.
Fallon, NV 89406
423-3171
426-5127

Southern Region
4747 Vegas Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89108
460-5127

Eastern Region Reno Headquarters
60 Youth Center Road 1100 Valley Road
Elko, NV 89801 Reno, Nevada 89512
(775) 777-2300 (775) 688-1500

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Director's Office, in writing, at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512, or call Directors office, at 688-1599, as soon as possible.

Tony Wasley, Secretary
Board of Wildlife Commissioners

Mailed: November 1, 2013

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

## Notice of Hearing for the (Adoption/Amendment/Repeal) of Regulations of The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., on December 7, 2013 at the City of Reno, 1 East First St., Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulation CGR 432 (LCB File No. R055-13) pertaining to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

- 1. The need for and purpose of the proposed regulation: (Description of regulation) Currently Jiggs Reservoir has no special regulation limiting boating speed, but does prohibit water skiing. The reservoir is too small (max 45 surface acres) and shallow (max 10 feet) to safely accommodate water skiing and other boating-related activities such as fishing. The reservoir has not been maintained at full capacity for many years since water seeps from the permeable bottom soil. Nevada Department of Wildlife is currently sealing the bottom in order to increase the water level that will restore the trout and bass fisheries. Recreational fishing is the principal management for this reservoir. It is expected that jet ski use will increase as the water level increases and the agency feels that excessive speeds from jet skies and larger boats will become unsafe. Most users are expected to come from Elko, about 35 miles to the north. However, South Fork Reservoir is located 20 miles south of Elko, which has vast boating and jet skiing accommodations and use because of its large size (1,640 acres and depth of 67 feet).
- 2. Text of the proposed regulation: NAC 488.455, See attached.
- 3A. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate:
  - (a) Adverse effect none
  - (b) Beneficial effect Possible increase in launch/entrance fees to South Fork State Park if boaters want to boat at unlimited speeds.
  - (c) Immediate effect none
  - (d) Long-term effect none
- 3B. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the public which it is to regulate:
  - (a) Adverse effect If boaters use South Fork Reservoir they will have to pay fees to enter and launch within the State park.
  - (b) Beneficial effect none
  - (c) Immediate effect none
  - (d) Long-term effect none

- 4. Estimated cost to the Department of Wildlife for enforcement of the proposed regulation: Minimal. Game Wardens will make the same routine patrols to area. Biologists will be working on the fisheries frequently in the first two years after the reservoir bottom has been sealed, and can report any violation to Game Wardens as necessary.
- 5. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates, \_\_\_\_\_ the duplication or overlapping is necessary because \_\_\_\_\_. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_. None known.
- 6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law. None.
- 7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions: None.
- 8. The proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee: X No Yes

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A copy of this notice and the proposed regulation will be on file at the State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be adopted will be available for inspection and may be copied at the following locations:

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The regulations will be available for inspection at all county main public libraries. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations are prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Council Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us. Copies 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, shall 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.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the above locations.

/s/ Tony Wasley, Secretary Board of Wildlife Commissioners