PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. R013-16

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105, as amended by section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 78, chapter 202, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 956, and NRS 501.181, as amended by section 1.2 of Assembly Bill No. 78, chapter 202, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 956.

A REGULATION relating to elk; revising certain definitions relating to spike elk; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies and adopt regulations necessary to the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife and its habitat. (NRS 501.105, as amended by section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 78, chapter 202, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 956) Existing law also requires the Commission to adopt broad policies for the protection, propagation, restoration, transplanting, introduction and management of wildlife in this State. (NRS 501.181, as amended by section 1.2 of Assembly Bill No. 78, chapter 202, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 956)

Existing regulations set forth certain definitions relating to antlered elk and spike elk. (NAC 502.0074, 502.104, 502.1045) The term "antlered elk" is defined to mean "any elk having at least one antler that is visible above the hairline of the elk." (NAC 502.0074) **Section 1** of this regulation revises the term "spike elk" to mean "any antlered elk without branching above the ears on either antler." **Section 2** of this regulation revises the term "spike elk only" to mean "in a designation of elk that may be taken during an open season, only antlered elk without branching above the ears on either antler."

Section 1. NAC 502.104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.104 "Spike elk" means any *antlered* elk without branching *above the ears* on either antler.

Sec. 2. NAC 502.1045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.1045 "Spike elk only" means, in a designation of elk that may be taken during an open season, only *antlered* elk without branching *above the ears* on either antler.