

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 Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved: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

This notice of hearing has been posted 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

These regulations 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/>
<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.

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**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. RXXX-XX 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