

**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. ~~1A1~~ *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.