

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 488.045, 488.059, 501.181 and 501.243; §§ 2 and 3, NRS 501.105, 501.110 and 501.181; § 4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.597 and 504.295; §§ 5-10, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.300 and 503.310; § 11, NRS 501.105 and 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners; revising provisions relating to the operation of vessels on certain waters in this State; making various changes to certain classifications of fish; revising provisions relating to northern pike fish; revising provisions governing the use of certain fish, or parts of certain fish, as bait; revising the circumstances under which live bait fish and other forms of aquatic life and animal life may be used as bait; revising provisions governing the capture, offering for sale, holding and transportation of aquatic bait and live bait fish by a person who is permitted to sell live bait; establishing provisions governing spearfishing or bowfishing for northern pike fish at Comins Lake; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of this State. (NRS 501.181) Existing regulations provide that only a vessel without a motor or powered by an electric motor is allowed to be operated on certain waters in this State. (NAC 488.470) **Section 1** of this regulation provides that only a vessel without a motor or powered by an electric motor is allowed to be operated on the waters of the Battle Born Pond in Washoe County.

Existing law requires the Commission to, by regulation, classify fish as either game fish, protected fish or unprotected fish and authorizes the Commission to further classify protected fish as sensitive, threatened or endangered. (NRS 501.110) Existing regulations establish these classifications. (NAC 503.060, 503.065, 503.070) **Sections 2 and 3** of this regulation revise the scientific names for certain species of classified fish.

Existing law authorizes the Commission to prohibit the importation, transportation or possession of any species of wildlife that the Commission deems detrimental to the wildlife or the habitat of the wildlife in this State. (NRS 503.597) With certain exceptions, existing regulations prohibit a person from importing, transporting or possessing certain species of live wildlife, including, without limitation, northern pike. (NAC 503.110) **Section 4** of this

regulation: (1) prohibits a person who from releasing a northern pike into any body of water in this State; and (2) requires any person who catches a northern pike while fishing to immediately kill the northern pike.

Existing law authorizes the Commission to: (1) prescribe by regulation the types of bait and methods by which it may or may not be used in any designated water; (2) regulate or prohibit the use of live bait in fishing; and (3) prescribe the species which may be held or sold by a person who holds a permit to sell live bait. (NRS 503.300, 503.310) Existing regulations authorize a person who has a fishing license or short-term permit to fish, or a person who is not required to obtain such a license or permit, to capture, transport and use bait for fishing or personal consumption, subject to certain exceptions. (NAC 503.502) **Section 5** of this regulation defines the term “animal life” to mean live insects, worms and other terrestrial invertebrates. **Section 6** of this regulation: (1) prohibits the use of parts of any game fish or protected species of fish as bait; (2) authorizes the use of any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts which are commercially prepared or preserved as bait in waters where the use of aquatic bait is authorized; (3) removes the authorization to transport aquatic bait from one area of this State to another; and (4) authorizes the use of any fresh, dead or frozen saltwater fish or parts thereof as bait in waters where the use of saltwater fish is authorized.

Existing regulations establish requirements for the use of bait in: (1) the Western Region, which consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe Counties; (2) the Eastern Region, which consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties; and (3) the Southern Region, which consists of all waters in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye Counties. (NAC 503.504-503.507) **Sections 7-9** of this regulation authorize the use of certain forms of aquatic and animal life as bait in the Western, Eastern and Southern Regions. **Section 7** prohibits the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait in certain waters of the Western Region.

Existing regulations authorize a person who is permitted to sell live bait to capture, offer for sale, hold or transport aquatic bait and certain species of live bait. (NAC 503.510) **Section 10** of this regulation removes the limitation on the species of live bait which may be captured, offered for sale, held or transported in the Western, Eastern and Southern Region by a person who is permitted to sell live bait, thereby authorizing such a person to capture, offer for sale, hold or transport any live bait fish in these Regions.

Existing regulations prohibit a hole cut in the ice for purposes of ice fishing from exceeding 10 inches in diameter. (NAC 503.583) **Section 11** of this regulation authorizes a person to cut a hole in the ice for purposes of ice fishing by spear or by bow and arrow for northern pike at Comins Lake which must not exceed 12 inches in width and 24 inches in length. **Section 11** requires a person to: (1) return the block of ice to the hole after fishing; and (2) for a hole that exceeds 10 inches in diameter, mark the location of the hole with natural vegetation or a marker which is painted brightly, not less than 36 inches in height and visible from a minimum distance of 100 feet.

Section 1. NAC 488.470 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.470 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors are permitted on the following waters:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Angel Lake	Elko
(b) Blue Lake	Humboldt
(c) Marlette Lake.....	Washoe
(d) Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.....	Storey and Washoe

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors are permitted on the following waters:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Groves Lake.....	Lander
(b) Sparks Marina Park	Washoe
(c) The lagoon south of Laughlin within section 33, T. 32 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both.....	Clark
(d) Spooner Lake.....	Douglas
(e) Knott Creek Reservoir	Humboldt
(f) Tonkin Springs Reservoir	Eureka
<i>(g) Battle Born Pond</i>	<i>Washoe</i>

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to a vessel that is:

(a) Owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated; or

(b) Operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated and issued pursuant to NRS 488.305 and NAC 488.490 to 488.510, inclusive.

Sec. 2. NAC 503.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.060 The following species of fish and all hybrids thereof are classified as game fish:

1. Cold-water game fish are:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Cutthroat trout	Bonneville	<u>Oncorhynchus</u> telarkii <u>virginalis</u> <u>utah</u>
	Lahontan	<u>Oncorhynchus</u> telarkii <u>henshawi</u> <u>henshawi</u>
	Yellowstone	<u>Oncorhynchus</u> telarkii <u>virginalis</u> <u>bouvieri</u>
(b) Salmon	Kokanee	<u>Oncorhynchus nerka</u>
	Chinook (King)	<u>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</u>
(c) Trout	Brook.....	<u>Salvelinus fontinalis</u>
	Brown.....	<u>Salmo trutta</u>
	Bull.....	<u>Salvelinus confluentis</u>
	Lake.....	<u>Salvelinus namaycush</u>

	Rainbow	<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss</u>
	Redband	<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss gairdneri</u>
		<u>Oncorhynchus mykiss newberrii</u>
(d) Whitefish	Mountain	<u>Prosopium williamsoni</u>

2. Warm-water game fish are:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Bullhead	Black	<u>Ameiurus melas</u>
	Brown.....	<u>Ameiurus nebulosus</u>
(b) Catfish	Channel	<u>Ictalurus punctatus</u>
	White.....	<u>Ameiurus catus</u>
(c) Bass	Striped.....	<u>Morone saxatilis</u>
	White.....	<u>Morone chrysops</u>
	Largemouth Black.....	<u>Micropterus salmoides nigricans</u>
	Smallmouth Black.....	<u>Micropterus dolomieu</u>
	Spotted Black	<u>Micropterus punctulatus</u>
(d) Crappie	Black	<u>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</u>
	White.....	<u>Pomoxis annularis</u>
(e) Perch	Sacramento.....	<u>Archoplites interruptus</u>
	Yellow.....	<u>Perca flavescens</u>
(f) Sunfish	Bluegill.....	<u>Lepomis macrochirus</u>

Common Name	Scientific Name
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Green.....	<u>Lepomis cyanellus</u>
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Redear	<u>Lepomis microlophus</u>
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Pumpkinseed	<u>Lepomis gibbosus</u>
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(g) Walleye	<u>Sander vitreus</u>
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(h) Muskie	Tiger..... <u>Esox masquinongy x Esox</u>
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Sec. 3. NAC 503.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.065 1. The following species of fish are classified as protected:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

Common Name	Scientific Name
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(a) Chub	Alvord..... <u>Siphateles alvordensis</u>
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	Big Smoky Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor ssp. 8</u>
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	Fish Creek Springs Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor euchila</u>
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	Fish Lake Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor ssp. 4</u>
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	Hot Creek Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor ssp. 5</u>
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	Independence Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor isolata</u>
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	Newark Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor newarkensis</u>
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	Railroad Valley Tui..... <u>Siphateles bicolor ssp. 7</u>
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Common Name	Scientific Name
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	Sheldon Tui.....	<u>Siphateles bicolor eurysona</u>
	Virgin River (Muddy River Population).....	<u>Gila seminuda</u>
(b) Dace	Big Smoky Valley Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus lariversi</u>
	Diamond Valley Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 10</u>
	Monitor Valley Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 5</u>
	Moapa Speckled.....	<u>Rhinichthys osculus moapae</u>
	Oasis Valley Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus ssp.</u>
	Relict.....	<u>Relictus solitarius</u>
	White River Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus ssp. 7</u>
(c) Spinedace	Virgin	<u>Lepidomeda mollispinis mollispinis</u>

Suckers (Catostomidae)

Common Name	Scientific Name
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(d) Sucker	Meadow Valley Wash Desert ...	<u>Catostomus clarki ssp. 2</u>
	Wall Canyon	<u>Catostomus ssp. <i>murivallis</i></u>
	White River Desert	<u>Catostomus clarki intermedius</u>

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(e) Springfish	Moorman White River	<u>Crenichthys baileyi thermophilus</u>
	Preston White River	<u>Crenichthys baileyi albivallis</u>

2. The following species of protected fish are further classified as endangered:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Chub	Bonytail.....	<u>Gila elegans</u>
	Pahrnagat Roundtail.....	<u>Gila robusta jordani</u>
	Virgin River	<u>Gila seminuda</u>
(b) Dace	Moapa	<u>Moapa coriacea</u>
	Ash Meadows Speckled.....	<u>Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis</u>
	Clover Valley Speckled	<u>Rhinichthys osculus oligoporus</u>
	Independence Valley Speckled.....	<u>Rhinichthys osculus lethoporus</u>
(c) Pikeminnow	Colorado.....	<u>Ptychocheilus lucius</u>
(d) Spinedace	White River	<u>Lepidomeda albivalis</u>
(e) Woundfin		<u>Plagopterus argentissimus</u>

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(f) Sucker	Cui-ui	<u>Chasmistes cujus</u>
	Razorback	<u>Xyrauchen texanus</u>

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(g) Poolfish	Pahrump	<u>Empetrichthys latos</u>
(h) Pupfish	Devils Hole	<u>Cyprinodon diabolis</u>
	Warm Springs	<u>Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis</u>
	Ash Meadows Amargosa	<u>Cyprinodon nevadensis mionectes</u>
(i) Springfish	Hiko White River	<u>Crenichthys baileyi grandis</u>
	White River	<u>Crenichthys baileyi baileyi</u>

3. The following species of protected fish are further classified as threatened:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

Common Name

Scientific Name

(a) Dace

Desert Eremichthys acros

(b) Spinedace

Big Spring Lepidomeda mollispinis pratensis

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

Common Name

Scientific Name

(c) Springfish

Railroad Valley Crenichthys nevadae

Suckers (Catostomidae)

Common Name

Scientific Name

(d) Sucker

Warner..... Catostomus warnerensis

Sec. 4. NAC 503.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.110 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the importation, transportation or possession of the following species of live wildlife or hybrids thereof, including viable embryos or gametes, is prohibited:

(a) Fish:

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(1) Lampreys	All species in the family Petromyzontidae
(2) Freshwater stingray.....	All species in the family Potamotrygonidae
(3) Freshwater shark.....	All species in the genus <u>Carcharhinus</u>
(4) Bowfin	<u>Amia calva</u>
(5) Gars.....	All species in the family Lepisosteidae
(6) Herring and shad, except threadfin shad and gizzard shad	All species in the family Clupeidae, except <u>Dorosoma petenense</u> and <u>Dorosoma</u> <u>cepedianum</u>
(7) European Whitefish	All species in the genus <u>Leuciscus</u>
(8) Mexican banded tetra.....	<u>Astyanax mexicanus</u>
(9) Piranhas	All species in the genera <u>Serrasalmus</u> , <u>Serrasalmo</u> , <u>Pygocentrus</u> , <u>Pristobrycon</u> , <u>Hydrolycus</u> , <u>Rooseveltiella</u> and <u>Pygopristis</u>
(10) South American Parasitic Catfish..	All species in the families Cetopsidae and Trichomycteridae
(11) White perch.....	<u>Morone americana</u>
(12) Freshwater drum	<u>Aplodinotus grunniens</u>
(13) Grass carp, except certified triploids as authorized by a special permit.....	<u>Ctenopharyngodon idella</u>

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(14) Pike top minnow	<u>Belonesox belizanus</u>
(15) Snakehead	All species in the genera <u>Parachanna</u> and <u>Channa</u>
(16) Walking catfish	All species in the genera <u>Clarias</u> , <u>Heteropneustes</u> and <u>Dinotopterus</u>
(17) Tiger fish, Tigerfish and Wolf fish	All species in the genera <u>Hydrocynus</u> and <u>Hoplias</u>
(18) Sticklebacks	All species in the genera <u>Apeltes</u> , <u>Eucalia</u> , <u>Gasterosteus</u> and <u>Pungitius</u>
(19) Tilapia	All species in the genera <u>Coelotilapia</u> , <u>Coptodon</u> , <u>Heterotilapia</u> , <u>Oreochromis</u> , <u>Pelmatolapia</u> , <u>Tilapia</u> and <u>Sarotherodon</u>
(20) Nile perch	All species in the genera <u>Lates</u> and <u>Luciolates</u>
(21) Goldeye	All species in the genus <u>Hiodon</u>
(22) Carp:	
(I) Bighead	<u>Hypophthalmichthys nobilis</u>
(II) Black	<u>Mylopharyngodon piceus</u>
(III) Crucian	<u>Carassius carassius</u>
(IV) Indian	<u>Catla catla</u> , <u>Cirrhina mrigala</u> and <u>Labeo rohita</u>
(V) Silver	<u>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</u>
(23) Rudd	<u>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</u>

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(24) Northern Pike.....	<u>Esox lucius</u>
(25) Swamp eel.....	All species in the genus <u>Monopterus</u>
(26) Round goby.....	<u>Neogobius melanostomus</u>
(27) Flathead catfish.....	<u>Pylodictis olivaris</u>
(28) Peacock bass	All species in the genus <u>Cichla</u>

(b) Reptiles:

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(1) Alligators, crocodiles and gharials ..	All species in the order Crocodilia
(2) Bird snake	All species in the genus <u>Thelotornis</u>
(3) Boomslang.....	<u>Dispholidus typus</u>
(4) Keelbacks.....	All species in the genus <u>Rhabdophis</u>
(5) Burrowing Asps.....	All species in the family Atractaspidae
(6) Coral snakes, cobras, kraits, mambas, Australian elapids and sea snakes.....	All species in the family Elapidae
(7) Pit vipers and true vipers, except species indigenous to this State ..	All species in the family Viperidae, except species indigenous to this State

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

- (8) Snapping Turtles..... All species in the family Chelydridae
- (9) Gila monsters and beaded lizards All species in the family Helodermatidae

(c) Amphibians:

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

- (1) Clawed frogs..... All species in the genus Xenopus
- (2) Giant or marine toads Bufo horribilis, Bufo marinus and Bufo paracnemis

(d) Mammals:

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

- (1) Deer, elk, wapiti, moose and caribou All species in the family Cervidae
- (2) Wild Dogs or Dhole..... Cuon alpinus
- (3) Raccoon Dog Nyctereutes procyonoides
- (4) Mongooses and Meerkats All species in the genera Atilax, Cynictis,
Helogale, Mungos, Suricate, Ichneumia and
Herpestes

Common Name	Scientific Classification
(5) Wild European Rabbit	<u>Oryctolagus cuniculus</u>
(6) Multimammate Rat or Mouse	All species in the genus <u>Mastomys</u> (=Praomys)
(7) Bats	All species in the order Chiroptera
(8) Nutria	<u>Myocastor coypus</u>
(9) Coyote	<u>Canis latrans</u>
(10) Foxes	All species in the genera <u>Vulpes</u> , <u>Fennecus</u> , <u>Urocyon</u> , <u>Alopex</u> , <u>Lycalopex</u> and <u>Pseudalopex</u>
(11) Raccoon	<u>Procyon lotor</u>
(12) Skunk	All species in the genera <u>Spilogale</u> , <u>Mephitis</u> and <u>Conepatus</u>
(13) Wild pigs and hogs	All species in the family Suidae, except domestic breeds of <u>Sus scrofa</u>
(14) Reedbucks	All species in the genus <u>Redunca</u>
(15) Oryx and Gemsbok	All species in the genus <u>Oryx</u>
(16) Addax	<u>Addax nasomaculatus</u>
(17) Blesbok, Topi and Bontebok	All species in the genus <u>Damaliscus</u>
(18) Hartebeests	All species in the genera <u>Alcelaphus</u> and <u>Sigmoceros</u>
(19) Wildebeest and Gnus	All species in the genus <u>Connochaetes</u>
(20) Chamois	<u>Rupicapra rupicapra</u> and <u>R. pyrenaica</u>
(21) Tahr	All species in the genus <u>Hemitragus</u>

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

(22) Ibex, Wild Goats, Tur and

Markhor

All species in the genus Capra, except domestic
goats, Capra hircus

(23) Barbary (Aoudad) Sheep

Ammotragus lervia

(24) Mouflon sheep, Urial, Bighorn

and Argali

All species in the genus Ovis, except domestic
sheep, Ovis aries

(e) Birds:

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

(1) Pink Starling or Rosy Pastor.....

Sturnus roseus

(2) Red-billed Dioch.....

Quelea quelea

(3) Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

(f) Crustaceans:

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

(1) Asiatic mitten crab.....

Eriocheir sinensis

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

- (2) Crayfish All species in the families Parastacidae, Cambaridae and Astacidae, except Procambarus clarkii, Orconectes causeyi and indigenous species of the genus Pacifastacus

(g) Mollusks:

Common Name**Scientific Classification**

- (1) African giant snail Achatina fulica
- (2) Zebra and quagga mussels All species in the genus Dreissena
- (3) New Zealand mud snail Potamopyrgus antipodarum, P. jenkinsi
- (4) Apple snails All species in the genus Pomacea
- (5) Golden mussel Limnoperna fortunei

2. The headquarters of the Department and each regional office of the Department will maintain a physical description and picture of each species listed in this section when reasonably available.

3. The Department may issue a scientific permit for the collection or possession of wildlife or a commercial license for the possession of live wildlife, whichever is applicable, for the importation, transportation or possession of a species listed in this section only to:

- (a) A zoo or aquarium which is an accredited institutional member of the Zoological Association of America, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or their successors.
- (b) A college, university or governmental agency, for scientific or public health research.
- (c) Any other scientific institution, as determined by the Department, for research or medical necessity.
- (d) Any person engaged in commercial aquaculture, upon application and proof to the Department that the activity will not be detrimental to aquatic life, other wildlife or recreational uses. As a condition of the issuance to such a person of a commercial license for the possession of a species listed in this section, a bond may be required to provide for the removal of any species to which the license applies that may escape or be released from captivity for any reason. The amount of the bond will be determined by the Department after considering the degree of potential hazard to wildlife.
- (e) A tax-exempt nonprofit organization that exhibits wildlife solely for educational or scientific purposes.

4. An interstate shipment of a species listed in this section may be transported through this State, without a permit or license issued by the Department, if:

- (a) The shipper or transporter has evidence of lawful possession of the species issued by the state or country where the species originated;
- (b) Mammals, birds or fish are accompanied by a health certificate issued by the state or country where the species originated that indicates the destination, origin and proof of ownership of the species being transported;
- (c) The species is in this State for less than 48 hours; and

(d) The species is not unloaded or otherwise released while being transported through this State.

5. *No person shall release a northern pike into a body of water in this State. If a person catches a northern pike while fishing, the northern pike must be killed immediately.*

6. This section does not apply to the Department when it is conducting authorized introductions or transplantations of a native species of big game mammal listed in this section.

Sec. 5. NAC 503.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.500 As used in NAC 503.500 to 503.575, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. *“Animal life” means live insects (such as grasshoppers), worms (such as earthworms and leeches) and all other terrestrial invertebrates.*

2. “Aquatic bait” means live, unprotected amphibians (such as salamanders, waterdogs and ~~frogs~~ *bullfrogs*), crustaceans (such as crayfish) and mollusks (such as clams and snails).

~~12.1~~ 3. “Aquatic life” means live amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, fish and all other animals which grow in, live in or frequent water.

~~13.1~~ 4. “Artificial lures” means any device with a hook or hooks attached which is made partly or entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, plastic or feathers.

~~14.1~~ 5. “Live bait fish” means live, unprotected species of freshwater fish.

~~15.1~~ 6. “Minimum size” means the minimum total length a fish must measure to be possessed legally.

~~16.1~~ 7. “Region” means one of the three administrative regions established by the Department.

~~{7.}~~ 8. “Single barbless hook” means a fish hook having one point which is manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been closed completely or filed off. The term does not include a fish hook which shares a common shank with one or more other fish hooks, regardless of whether the barbs have been closed completely or filed off.

~~{8.}~~ 9. “Total length” means the length of a fish measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail fin.

Sec. 6. NAC 503.502 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.502 1. A person who has a fishing license or short-term permit to fish, or who is not required to obtain such a license or permit pursuant to NRS 502.010 and NAC 502.285, may capture, transport and use bait for fishing or personal consumption except that:

(a) The use of any game fish or protected species of fish *or parts thereof* for bait is prohibited.

(b) Any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared ~~{and}~~ *or* preserved ~~{commercially}~~ may be used as bait only in waters where the use of aquatic bait is authorized, unless otherwise provided in the appropriate regional regulation.

(c) Aquatic bait, other than salamanders or saltwater mudsuckers, may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

(d) Aquatic life may be imported into this State only with the prior approval of the Department.

(e) ~~{Aquatic bait and live}~~ *Live* bait fish may be transported from one area of this State to another only as provided in the appropriate regional regulation for the use of live bait fish.

(f) Any fresh, dead or frozen saltwater fish including, without limitation, sardines, anchovies and shrimp, or parts thereof may be used as bait only in waters where the use of saltwater fish is authorized, unless otherwise provided in the appropriate regional regulation.

2. A person who possesses bait in accordance with the provisions of this section shall not sell, barter or trade that bait.

3. Any bait obtained from a dealer in live bait fish who is licensed in this State must be accompanied by a currently dated receipt issued by that dealer.

Sec. 7. NAC 503.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.504 1. The Western Region consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe Counties.

2. In the Western Region:

(a) Live bait fish may be used only in the river basin from which it is taken and only in the following waters:

(1) The Carson River Basin.

(2) The Humboldt River downstream from Stall Diversion Dam located near Golconda in Humboldt County, including Rye Patch Reservoir, Pitt-Taylor Reservoir, all waters in the Lovelock Valley, Chimney Reservoir and the Little Humboldt River downstream from Chimney Reservoir.

(3) The portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe Counties.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Truckee River Basin.

(5) The Walker River from the railroad bridge near Wabuska downstream to and including Walker Lake, except waters on the Walker River Paiute Reservation.

(b) *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), in all waters of the Western Region not listed in paragraph (a), the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, is prohibited.*

(c) Other forms of aquatic *life* and animal life, including, but not limited to, ~~grasshoppers, earthworms,~~ crayfish, *preserved salmon eggs and* any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared ~~and~~ *or* preserved ~~commercially, and preserved salmon eggs~~ may be used as bait.

3. ~~The following provisions apply to all other waters in the Western Region:~~

~~—(a) The capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, is prohibited.~~

~~—(b)~~ Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in:

~~(1)~~ (a) Catnip Reservoir;

~~(2)~~ (b) Knott Creek Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams;

~~(3)~~ (c) Marlette Lake, including tributaries and outlet streams;

~~(4)~~ (d) The portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter of a mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to one-half of a mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek; and

~~(5)~~ (e) The portion of the Truckee River from the bridge on East Mustang Road downstream to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

~~(e)~~ 4. Only artificial lures may be used in:

~~(1)~~ (a) Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area; and

~~(2)~~ (b) Hobart Reservoir.

Sec. 8. NAC 503.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.506 1. The Eastern Region consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties.

2. Within this region:

(a) ~~{The}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the* possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, ~~{for any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are prepared and preserved commercially except preserved salmon eggs,}~~ is prohibited.

(b) ~~{Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.}~~ *Other forms of aquatic life and animal life, including, but not limited to, crayfish, preserved salmon eggs and any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are commercially prepared or preserved may be used as bait.*

3. Only artificial lures may be used in the Tonkin Springs Reservoir and the collection ditch of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

4. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Snake Range High Lakes and on the south fork of the Humboldt River from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

Sec. 9. NAC 503.507 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.507 1. The Southern Region consists of all waters in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye Counties.

2. In the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County:

(a) Only the following species of live freshwater fish may be lawfully raised, transported, sold, offered for sale or imported for use as live bait:

- (1) Golden shiner.
- (2) Fathead minnow.
- (3) Threadfin shad.
- (4) Goldfish.

(b) Carp, gizzard shad and mosquito fish may be used as bait but may be taken from and used only in the waters of the Colorado River.

(c) Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, ~~the waterdog, grasshopper, earthworm and~~ crayfish, *preserved salmon eggs and any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are commercially prepared or preserved* may be used as bait.

(d) A person holding a valid fishing license may purchase fish authorized for use as bait pursuant to paragraph (a) from a dealer in bait licensed in Arizona, California or Nevada or may, for the person's own use, take fish authorized for use as bait by:

- (1) A dipnet;
- (2) A cast net with a radius not exceeding 4 feet measured from the horn to the leadline;
- (3) A seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and 4 feet in width; or
- (4) A trap for minnows not exceeding 12 inches in depth, 12 inches in width or 24 inches in length.

3. Only artificial lures may be used in the Dacey Reservoir.

4. In all other waters of the Southern Region, the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs or any

unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are *commercially* prepared ~~{and}~~ *or* preserved ~~{commercially,}~~ is prohibited.

Sec. 10. NAC 503.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.510 ~~{1.}~~ Aquatic bait and ~~{the following species of}~~ live bait fish may be captured, offered for sale, held or transported by a person permitted to sell live bait, subject to the provisions of NAC 503.500 to 503.507, inclusive, and any special conditions contained in the annual permit issued by the Department . ~~{~~

Authorized Species by Region			
Species	Western Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region}
Lahontan reidside (Richardsonius egregius)	X	N	
Tui chub (Siphateles bicolor)	X	O	
Speckled dace (Rhinichthys osculus)	X	N	
Mosquitofish (Gambusia ssp.)	X	E	
Carp (Cyprinus carpio)	X		
Goldfish (Carassius auratus)		P	X
Golden shiner (Notemigonus crysoleucas)		E	X
Fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas)	X	R	X
Threadfin shad (Dorosoma petenense)		M	X
Mountain sucker		I	

—(Catostomus platyrhynchus)	X	T	
Tahoe sucker (Catostomus tahoensis)	X	T	
Salamander (Waterdogs) (Ambystoma)		E	X
Paiute Sculpin (Cottus beldingi)	X	D	
Sacramento blackfish (Orthodon microlepidotus)	X		

~~—2. The reference work from which the species listed in subsection 1 were named is special publication 34 of the American Fisheries Society, Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States, Canada and Mexico 7th edition, 2013.~~

Sec. 11. NAC 503.583 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.583 ~~{For}~~ *1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for* purposes of ice fishing, a hole cut through the ice must not exceed 10 inches in diameter.

2. For purposes of ice fishing by spear or by bow and arrow for northern pike at Comins Lake, a person:

(a) May cut a hole through the ice which must not exceed 12 inches in width and 24 inches in length.

(b) May not cut more than one hole in the ice for each ice fishing site.

(c) Shall maintain in his or her possession the block of ice removed to create the hole in the ice.

(d) Before leaving the fishing site, shall:

(1) Return the block of ice that was removed into the hole cut through the ice; and

(2) For any hole which exceeds 10 inches in diameter, mark the location of the hole to indicate the potential hazard with:

(I) Natural vegetation; or

(II) A marker which is painted brightly, not less than 36 inches in height and visible from a minimum distance of 100 feet,

↳ which must be in the possession of the person at the time he or she cuts the hole through the ice.