

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

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COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 531**

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

**Section 1.** R024-25, NAC 501.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. A person who is convicted of a wildlife violation will be assessed demerit points pursuant to the following schedule:

HUNTING AND TAKING			
Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully shooting at a game mammal or game bird from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle or using such a vehicle to molest, rally, stir up or drive game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Spotting or locating game mammals or game birds from an aircraft or helicopter and communicating that information to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using information obtained in violation of subsection 3 of NRS 503.010 to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully killing or attempting to kill birds or animals from an aircraft	503.005	----	12
Unlawfully using an aircraft, balloon, unmanned aerial vehicle or satellite to locate or observe big game mammals, game birds or fur-bearing mammals for the	501.385	503.148	12

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
purpose of hunting			
Hunting or taking an endangered species without a special permit	503.585	503.093	12
Unlawfully killing, destroying, wounding, trapping or injuring bald eagles or golden eagles	503.610	----	12
Unlawfully taking bald eagles or golden eagles	503.620	----	12
Taking twice the legal limit or more of big game mammals	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully using or possessing thermal imaging, infrared or electronic night-vision, or electronic night vision, or electronically enhanced light-gathering or comparable night-vision devices or equipment	501.385	503.1455	12
Hunting or taking a threatened species	501.385	503.093	9
Unlawfully killing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.440	----	9
Unlawfully hunting migratory waterfowl by aid of baiting	501.385	503.180	6
Hunting big game mammals during the closed season	503.090	----	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals during the closed season	501.015	----	6
Hunting big game mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully hunting in a privately owned wildlife management area	504.140	----	6

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully hunting in a state-owned wildlife management area	504.143	----	6
Hunting big game mammals or migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours	503.140	----	6
Unlawfully hunting game birds or game mammals with the aid of artificial light	503.150	----	6
Hunting or taking a sensitive species	501.385	----	6
Hunting, trapping, possessing or selling birds of prey or raptors without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Hunting alternative livestock	503.242	----	6
Taking a game mammal of a prohibited age or with prohibited physical characteristics	501.385	----	6

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully possessing big game mammals during the closed season	503.030	----	12
Possessing a big game mammal or parts thereof without correct tag	502.150	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	501.385	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game fish	501.385	-----	9

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully possessing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.030	-----	9
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, during the closed season	503.030	----	6
Possessing fish during the closed season	503.030	-----	6
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6
Possessing game fish in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6
Possessing a species that may not legally be possessed without a license or permit	501.385	----	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting big game or wild turkey without a tag	502.130	-----	9
Unlawfully transferring a tag to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Possessing or using a tag legally issued to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Obtaining tags in excess of the legal limit	502.140	502.331	9
Possessing used tags or tags in excess of the legal limit	502.150	----	9
Unlawfully using a tag	502.200	-----	9
Using a tag in an improper area	502.160	502.385	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Failing to punch a tag properly	502.160	502.390	6
Failing to attach a tag to a big game mammal in the manner prescribed by regulation	502.160	502.400	6
Hunting by a Native American off an Indian reservation without a tag	502.280	----	6
Possessing fur-bearing mammals, other than a bobcat, without a seal	501.385	----	6
Possessing the pelt of a bobcat without a seal	501.385	502.347	6
Possessing the pelt of a mountain lion without a seal	501.385	502.370	6
Possessing the horns of a ram bighorn sheep without a seal or brand	501.385	502.345	6

PERMITS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully importing or transporting a prohibited species of wildlife without a permit or license	503.597	503.110	12
Collecting unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.095	12
Collecting live bait fish or live aquatic bait for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.513	12

PERMITS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Collecting unprotected fish for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.545	12
Selling live bait without a permit	501.379	503.513	6
Conducting a field trial without a permit	503.200	503.610	6
Conducting a dredging operation without a permit	503.425	503.810	6
Possessing a raptor without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a permit	502.060	-----	6
Hunting swan without a swan hunt permit	-----	502.380	6
Transferring or giving a swan hunt permit to any other person	-----	502.380	6
Using or possessing a swan hunt permit issued to another person	-----	502.380	6
Commercial taking of crayfish, except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.540	501.385	503.540	6

FISHING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Fishing at a fish hatchery or other waters used for the purpose of rearing or growing fish	503.560	-----	6

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Obstructing, hindering or otherwise interfering with an officer, employee or agent of the Department	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully selling big game mammals	501.379	-----	12
Unlawfully selling an endangered species	501.379	-----	12
Needless waste of big game mammals	503.050	-----	12
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device capable of transmitting images, video or wildlife location data at any time during the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31 of each year	501.385	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device at any time during the period beginning August 1 and ending December 31 of each year	501.358	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12
Hunting, fishing in nonnavigable waters or trapping on private property without permission	503.240	-----	9
Needless waste of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	503.050	-----	9
Unlawfully selling a threatened species	501.379	-----	9
Taking, <del>or</del> gathering, <i>or possessing in the field</i> shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and April 30 <i>by a resident</i>	503.655	503.172	<del>9</del> 12
<i>Taking, gathering or possessing in the field shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and May 30 by a nonresident.</i>	<i>503.655</i>	<i>503.172</i>	<i>12</i>

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully selling game other than big game mammals	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling a sensitive or protected species	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling game fish	501.381	-----	6
Needless waste of game fish	503.050	-----	6
Unlawfully carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in vehicle	503.165	-----	6
Unlawfully discharging a firearm	503.175	-----	6
Failing to retain the cape or scalp and any antlers or horns of wildlife	501.385	503.173	6
Destroying or mutilating signs of the Department	501.383	-----	6
Polluting water	503.430	-----	6
Removing, altering or tampering with a tag placed on wildlife or on seized equipment	501.377	-----	6
Intentionally interfering with a person lawfully hunting or trapping	503.015	-----	6
Failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled migratory waterfowl	501.385	503.180	6
Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between May 1 and June 30 without a certificate in violation of NAC 503.172	503.655	503.172	6

CATEGORY E FELONIES AND GROSS MISDEMANORS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Conviction of a felony for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for willfully possessing an unlawfully killed big game mammal	501.376	-----	12
Acting as a master guide or subguide without a license	504.395	-----	12
Furnishing false information to obtain a big game tag	502.060	-----	12

TRAPPING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully capturing a raptor with a steel leghold trap placed, set or maintained within 30 feet of exposed bait	501.385	503.157	6
Trapping in a closed area	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully removing or disturbing a trap, snare or similar device lawfully being used by another person	503.454	-----	6
Trapping fur-bearing mammals during closed season	503.440	-----	6
Trapping birds of prey or raptors without a permit or by unlawful means	503.582	503.205	6
Failing to visit traps, snares or similar devices 48 or more hours after the required period for visitation	503.570	503.152	6

LICENSES

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Refusing to exhibit a license, wildlife, weapon, ammunition, device or apparatus	502.120	-----	12
Hunting without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Fishing without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Hunting without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Fishing without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a license	502.060	-----	6
Furnishing of false information by a person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to obtain a specialty combination hunting and fishing license	502.290	502.220	6
Unlawfully transferring a license to another person	502.100	-----	6
Unlawfully using a license of another person	502.100	-----	6
Obtaining more than one license of each class	502.110	-----	6
Altering a license	502.105	-----	6
Practicing falconry without a license	503.583	503.235	6
Operating as a fur dealer without a license	505.010	-----	6
Trapping without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6

Taking fur-bearing mammals, trapping unprotected mammals or selling raw furs for profit without having procured a license	503.454	----	6
Trapping without a license in possession	502.120	----	6
Hunting, fishing or trapping using a license that is invalid by reason of expiration or a false statement made to obtain the license	502.060	----	6
Obtaining a hunting license without obtaining certification as a responsible hunter	502.360	----	6

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation that does not appear in the schedule set forth in subsection 1 will be assessed 3 demerit points. No demerit points will be assessed for a violation of NRS 502.370, 502.390, 503.185, 503.310 or 504.295 to 504.398, inclusive.

3. A person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation within 60 months after a conviction for the same violation will be assessed double the amount of demerit points listed in the schedule set forth in subsection 1.

4. A person who is convicted of committing any four wildlife violations arising out of separate events within a 60-month period will be assessed an extra 12 demerit points.

**Section 2.** NAC 503.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Prohibition, *Season, and certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antler requirements* ~~on~~ in taking or gathering shed antlers on public *or certain private* land in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties during certain period.**

1. A person shall not take, ~~or~~ gather, *or possess in the field* shed antlers from or on any public land, *or private land without written permission from the landowner* located in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties at any time from:

*(A) As residents of the State of Nevada as defined in NRS 502.015;*

~~[(a)]~~ (1) January 1 to April 30, inclusive.

~~[(b)]~~ (2) May 1 to June 30, inclusive, unless the person:

~~[(1)]~~ (a) Is 12 years of age or older and has in ~~[his or her]~~ *their* possession a certificate *of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers* issued by the Department, ~~[or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to]~~ *as required in* subsection 2; or

~~[(2)]~~ (b) Is under 12 years of age and is accompanied by a person who *is a resident*:

(I) ~~[Is]~~ at least 18 years of age; and

(II) Has in his or her possession a certificate *of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers* ~~[issued by the Department, or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to]~~ *as required in* subsection 2.

*(B) As a non-resident*

~~[(c)]~~ (1) ~~[June]~~ *January 1 to May 31, inclusive* ~~[- unless the person is a nonresident]~~

(2) *June 1 to June 30, inclusive, unless the person is*

~~[(1)]~~ (a) *12 years of age or older and has in [his or her] their possession a certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers issued by the Department* ~~[- or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible~~

~~collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to~~ *as required in subsection 2.*

~~[(2)]~~ *(b) Under 12 years of age and is accompanied by a person who:*

*(I) Is at least 18 years of age; and*

*(II) Has in ~~[his or her]~~ their possession a certificate of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers issued by the Department, ~~[or an agent designated by the Department, as proof that at any time during the current calendar year the person successfully completed the course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers offered pursuant to]~~ as required in subsection 2.*

2. The Department shall:

~~[(a)]~~ *(A)* Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers and issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course; or

~~[(b)]~~ *(B)* Designate an agent of the Department to:

(1) Offer, without charge, an online course of instruction in the responsible collection of shed antlers that is approved by the Department; and

(2) Issue a certificate of completion from the Department to a person who successfully completes the course.

3. *As used in this regulation:*

*(a) A "Certificate of Instruction in the Responsible Collection of Shed Antlers" shall be valid beginning the date the certificate was issued by the Department or designated agent and will expire December 31 of the same calendar year.*

*(b) "Take" has the meaning ascribed in NRS 501.088.*

*(c) "Gather" means to search for, collect, hide, or bring together shed antlers by any means or any purpose, including for future collection.*

- (d) *“Possess in the field” means to hold or have immediate access to, in or on one’s mode of transportation, at any location other than a residence, primary place of business.*
- (e) *“Written permission” means a written signed and dated document from the landowner granting an individual the legal right to take, gather, or possess shed antlers on that landowner’s private property for that calendar year. The written permission must include:*
- i. the landowner’s name and contact information;*
  - ii. property location or legal description;*
  - iii. name of the person granted permission; and*
  - iv. landowners signature and date*