

**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 501.181 and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 215, chapter 184, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 1158.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishing requirements for the Department of Wildlife to issue a salvage permit to authorize a person to salvage certain wildlife under certain circumstances; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions relating to the salvaging and transporting of wildlife; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish certain policies and adopt certain regulations necessary to carry out and to enforce certain provisions relating to wildlife. (NRS 501.181) Senate Bill No. 215 of the 2025 Legislative Session requires the Commission to adopt regulations requiring the Department of Wildlife to issue salvage permits that authorize a person to salvage and collect any wildlife killed as a result of a vehicle collision or any other incidental event. (Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 215, chapter 184, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 1158) **Section 2** of this regulation authorizes a person to salvage certain game mammals and game birds that are killed as a result of a vehicle collision involving wildlife or an incidental event involving wildlife that did not involve negligence or an intentional or unlawful act of the person by: (1) recording certain information at the location where the wildlife is discovered, which may be used as a transportation permit to transport the salvaged wildlife; (2) if the wildlife suffers a mortal injury as a result of a vehicle collision, contacting a peace officer to euthanize the animal and, if the wildlife suffers a mortal injury or suspected mortal injury as a result of an incidental event, contacting the Department to evaluate the injury and euthanize the wildlife, if necessary; and (3) applying for a salvage permit from the Department not later than 48 hours after salvaging the wildlife.

To apply for a salvage permit, **section 2** requires the person to submit to the Department: (1) the information recorded at the location of discovery of the salvaged wildlife; (2) the head of the wildlife and any antlers and horns; and (3) if the wildlife suffered a mortal injury or suspected mortal injury, evidence that the person contacted the peace officer or Department, as applicable.

**Section 2** authorizes the Department to deny a salvage permit under certain circumstances and, if the Department denies the salvage permit, to confiscate and dispose of the salvaged wildlife.

**Section 3** of this regulation: (1) requires a person who salvages wildlife to remove the salvaged wildlife from the location where the wildlife is discovered and authorizes the person to clean, field dress or quarter the animal at the location of discovery; and (2) prohibits the person from processing the wildlife at the location of discovery and from impeding the movement of traffic on the road. **Section 3** also requires a person who salvages an ungulate within an area under quarantine to comply with any restrictions on the transportation of the carcass of the salvaged animal established by the quarantine. Lastly, **section 3** prohibits the salvaging of wildlife along active lanes of travel, roads with a speed limit of 75 miles per hour or more, construction zones or the scene of an active emergency.

**Section 1.** Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

**Sec. 2. 1.** *No person may salvage wildlife unless he or she complies with the provisions of this section and section 3 of this regulation.*

*2. A person may salvage the following wildlife if such wildlife was killed as a result of a vehicle collision involving wildlife or an incidental event involving wildlife which did not involve negligence or an intentional or unlawful act of the person:*

*(a) A game mammal, as defined in NAC 503.020, except for a black bear; or*

*(b) A game bird, as defined in NAC 503.045, except for an American crow.*

*3. To salvage the wildlife set forth in subsection 2 a person must:*

*(a) Record the following information at the location where the wildlife is discovered and salvaged which may be used as a transportation permit for the person to transport the salvaged wildlife:*

*(1) The name and address of the person salvaging the wildlife;*

*(2) A description of the salvaged wildlife, including, without limitation, the species, gender and number of antler points on either side of the head, if applicable;*

*(3) The date and time on which the person salvaged the wildlife;*

*(4) A description of the motorized vehicle involved in the collision, if applicable;*

*(5) The location to which the person will transport the salvaged wildlife; and*

*(6) A photograph of the entire carcass of the salvaged wildlife, including the head of the carcass, which must contain metadata indicating the location where the photograph was taken;*

*(b) Comply with the requirements of subsection 4, if applicable; and*

*(c) Not later than 48 hours after salvaging the wildlife, apply for a permit from the Department in accordance with the requirements of subsection 5.*

*4. If the wildlife set forth in subsection 2 has sustained:*

*(a) A mortal injury as a result of a vehicle collision involving wildlife, the person must contact a peace officer of this State to euthanize the wildlife; and*

*(b) A mortal injury or suspected mortal injury as a result of an incidental event involving wildlife, the person must contact the Department to evaluate the mortal injury or suspected mortal injury and, if the injury is determined to be mortal, euthanize the wildlife.*

*5. A person may apply to the Department for a salvage permit by submitting to the Department:*

*(a) The information required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 3;*

*(b) The head of the carcass of the salvaged wildlife and any antlers or horns of the salvaged wildlife, if applicable; and*

*(c) Evidence that the person complied with the requirements of subsection 4, if applicable.*

*6. Upon receipt of an application for a salvage permit submitted pursuant to subsection 5, the Department shall:*

*(a) If the wildlife was salvaged as a result of an incidental event involving wildlife, evaluate the incidental event to determine whether the salvage permit may be issued; and*

*(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 8, issue the salvage permit to the person. A person is not required to hold a valid hunting license or game tag issued by the Department as a prerequisite to the issuance of a salvage permit.*

*7. A salvage permit issued pursuant to subsection 6:*

*(a) Is not transferable; and*

*(b) Does not authorize a person to salvage any part of a threatened or endangered species.*

*8. The Department may deny the issuance of a salvage permit to a person if:*

*(a) The Department reasonably suspects:*

*(1) The person violated any provision of this section;*

*(2) That a nonincidental event involving wildlife caused the death of the wildlife, including, without limitation, negligence or an intentional or unlawful act of the person; or*

*(3) The salvaged wildlife is carrying a disease; or*

*(b) Any wildlife in this State tests positive for chronic wasting disease.*

*9. If the Department denies issuance of a salvage permit pursuant to subsection 8, the Department may confiscate and dispose of the salvaged wildlife.*

*10. A person who is issued a salvage permit pursuant to subsection 6 may not sell, barter or exchange any portion of the carcass of the salvaged wildlife.*

*11. As used in this section:*

*(a) "Incidental events involving wildlife" means an unintentional occurrence that results in the death of the wildlife, including, without limitation:*

*(1) Natural death from causes unrelated to humans, including disease, wildlife predation, old age, starvation, exposure to severe weather and environmental disasters, including wildfires, floods and shifts in habitat; or*

*(2) Mortal injury or death sustained from man-made structures, such as property fencing.*

*(b) “Non-incident events involving wildlife” means intentional, reckless or negligent human behavior that directly or indirectly causes injury or death to wildlife.*

*(c) “Vehicle collision involving wildlife” means an incident in which a motorized vehicle makes physical contact with any wildlife, resulting in mortal injury or death of the wildlife.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *A person who, pursuant to section 2 of this regulation, salvages wildlife shall remove the salvaged wildlife from the location where the wildlife was discovered. The person may clean, field dress or quarter the carcass of the salvaged wildlife at the location where the wildlife was discovered, provided that all parts not salvaged, including internal organs and entrails, be removed and placed out of view of any roadway and not less than 200 feet from any roadway or easement. The person may not process the carcass of the salvaged wildlife at the location where the wildlife was discovered or allow the salvaged wildlife to impede the movement of any vehicular traffic on the roadway at any time;*

*2. A person who, pursuant to section 2 of this regulation, salvages an ungulate within an area under a quarantine issued pursuant to chapter 554 of NRS shall comply with any restrictions on the transportation of the carcass of the salvaged wildlife pursuant to any quarantine issued pursuant to chapter 554 of NRS.*

*3. A person shall not salvage wildlife located:*

*(a) Within an active lane of travel;*

- (b) Along any portion of any roadway with a speed limit of 75 miles per hour or more; or*
- (c) Within any construction zone or at the scene of an active emergency.*