

**Informational statement relating to Commission General Regulation No. 435  
LCB File No. R107-14 - as required by Chapter 233B.066.**

**1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.**

The need for the adopted regulation is to allow for disabled archers to use crossbows during archery only season. Individuals with permanent and severe disabilities to the torso, arms or upper body have increased as our nation has been engaged in warfare for over a decade. These individuals are unable to hold at full draw a bow currently allowed under the regulation. Therefore, they hunt in archery only seasons. Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has received many requests from the disabled community for the use of crossbows in archery seasons.

Additionally, the current regulation discourages all bow hunters from archery hunting because the language regarding legal equipment is not clear and confusing. Those archers, who do bow hunt, are often unknowingly committing violations because the regulation is unclear. Game Wardens have difficulty enforcing the existing regulations.

**2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

A copy of the proposed regulation was noticed and provided to Nevada's 17 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) as part of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) agenda and support material for their September 13, 2014 workshop and meeting. Those CABMW's that held public meetings prior to the September 13-14 2014 NBWC workshop and meeting provided opportunity for public comment at their individual meetings. Public comment was solicited at the NBWC workshop on September 13, 2014 in Las Vegas. The NBWC approved adoption on November 15, 2014 at their regular scheduled meeting in Reno. Public response was received pertaining to the provisions of this regulation.

Those in favor of adopting the proposed regulation stated that the change is needed to allow disabled archers to hunt with a crossbow during archery only season. They felt the definition of the disability was well written. They also felt this was not a new direction as exemptions have been made in other specified hunts.

There was no opposition to the proposed regulation.

A summary is available by contacting the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Division of Law Enforcement, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512, or call (775) 688-1549.

**3. The number of persons who:**

- (a) Attended each hearing: 25 Workshop 19 Hearing**
- (b) Testified at each hearing: 1 Workshop 0 Hearing**
- (c) Submitted written comments: 0 Public Comment 0**

4. **For each person identified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:**
  - (a) Name; Paul R. Dixon, Chairman
  - (b) Telephone number; (505) 699-1744
  - (c) Business address; 9445 Greenville Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89134
  - (d) Business telephone number; (505) 665-4595
  - (e) Electronic mail address; and MLDPRD24@yahoo.com
  - (f) Name of entity or organization represented. Clark CABMW
5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comment was not solicited from businesses because this regulation does not affect the operations of any business.
6. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

The regulation was adopted with amendments as follows:

Section 1, subsection 5, delete [of the upper torso or the amputation of one or both arms of a person or any part thereof]
7. **The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public.**
  - (a) **Estimated economic effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.**

NDOW determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden on small businesses or restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business, because this regulation does not regulate businesses.
  - (b) **Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.**

NDOW suspects there will be no economic effect to the public because this regulation allows for disability exemptions only.
8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:**

There will be no additional cost for the agency to enforce this regulation as game wardens are currently enforcing archery laws.
9. **A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

There are no other overlapping local, state, or federal government regulations.
10. **If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

There are no federal regulations that regulate this same activity.

11. **If the 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.**  
There is no new fee.