

**ADOPTED 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 501.3575.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising the deadline for completion of certain conservation projects; authorizing, under certain circumstances, an extension of the deadline for the completion of certain conservation projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Wildlife Heritage Account and requires the Department of Wildlife to use the money in the Account for the protection, propagation, restoration, transplantation, introduction and management of any game fish, game mammal, game bird or fur-bearing mammal in this State and the management and control of predatory wildlife in this State. Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations for the administration of the Account. (NRS 501.3575)

Existing regulations require that a conservation project that receives money from the Account must be completed by the end of the fiscal year for which money is awarded from the Account for the project. (NAC 501.340) This regulation provides instead that a conservation project that receives money from the Account must be completed not later than June 30 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which money is first obligated from the Account for the project. This regulation further authorizes the person who is responsible for managing or supervising the project to request an extension of time to complete the project. Any such request must include an explanation of why the project will not be completed on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which money is first obligated from the Account for the project. Finally, this regulation provides that the Commission may grant such an extension.

Section 1. NAC 501.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

501.340 1. A person who is responsible for managing or supervising a conservation project that is approved by the Commission shall:

(a) Enter into an agreement prescribed by the Department and approved by the Commission for the receipt of a grant of money from the Account;

(b) Comply with all local, state and federal laws when executing the project;

(c) Coordinate all relevant sources of money for the project;

(d) Submit written requests for money in accordance with the policy of the Department before receiving a payment from the Account; and

(e) Upon request of the Commission, allow the Commission or a representative of the Commission who has been designated by the Commission for such a purpose to observe any activity related to the project.

2. A conservation project that receives money from the Account must be completed ~~by the end~~ *not later than June 30* of the fiscal year ~~for~~ *immediately following the fiscal year in* which money is ~~awarded~~ *first obligated* from the Account for the project . ~~[, unless, before that date, a person who is responsible for managing or supervising the project demonstrates that unusual circumstances exist which require an extension of time and the Commission approves such an extension.]~~ *The person who is responsible for managing or supervising the project may request an extension of time on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which money is first obligated from the Account for the project. Any such request must include, without limitation, an explanation of why the project will not be completed on or before June 30 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year in which money is first obligated from the Account for the project. The Commission may grant such an extension.*

3. If a person who is responsible for managing or supervising a project fails to meet any requirement of subsection 1, the Commission may cancel funding of the project and disqualify the project from any future funding.