

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

Re: Commission General Regulation 471 LCB File No. R139-16: Closure of the Truckee River to Motorized Vessels

The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

ANSWER:

An electronic survey, Google Forms, was emailed to all known persons with businesses interested in direct operation on the Truckee River that would be potentially impacted in an adverse or beneficial manner by closure of the river to motorized vessels.

Of the 4 respondents to the survey, 3 expressed similar views that closure of the Truckee River to motorized vessels would have a beneficial impact due to multiple factors including; public safety, current river usage demographics, historical business interests on the river, and noise pollution concerns. One of the four respondents did not have a current business but wanted to start up a business to operate hovercraft on the river, despite its narrow width and overall shallow depth.

A copy of the summary and all responses are available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife Headquarters office located at 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, NV 89511.

2. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

ANSWER:

Participants in the survey were asked if the closure of the Truckee River to motorized vessels would have an impact, beneficial or adverse, which would affect their current business or any future business they might have. The survey results were tallied accordingly.

3. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

ANSWER:

The majority of respondents were engaged in the ongoing business of guiding fly fishing on the Truckee River. Closing the river to motorized vessels would have an overwhelmingly positive impact on this historical business usage of the river.

One individual wishing to start up a business to operate hovercraft on the river stated that closure of the Truckee River to motorized vessel operation would have an adverse impact on his ability to start a business.

b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

ANSWER:

All respondents indicated that the closure of the Truckee River would have a direct beneficial effect on their business and the majority indicated that it would have an indirect beneficial effect as well. Half of the respondents indicated that there was a safety risk allowing motorized vessels on the river, a closure would mitigate this.

4. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

ANSWER:

No methods were considered to reduce the impact, because the impact is miniscule.

5. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

ANSWER:

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current budget.

6. If the proposed 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:

ANSWER:

This regulation does not propose new fees or increased fees.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

ANSWER:

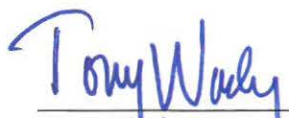
This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any local, state, or federal regulation.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

ANSWER:

There are currently no existing businesses on the Truckee River that would be negatively impacted by this proposed regulation. Any future impact to small business would be speculative, but certainly exist for Highland Hovercraft Adventures LTD who, in the past, has looked into starting a hovercraft rental business on the Truckee River.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



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