

**Informational statement relating to Commission General Regulation No. 449
LCB File No. R111-14 - as required by Chapter 233B.066.**

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

The need and purpose for this regulation is to clarify the record keeping for tanneries and taxidermists and to reduce redundant record keeping for taxidermists receiving products from other taxidermists. This regulation change was requested by the public. Currently when hides or pelts are transferred from one taxidermist to another for processing, detailed records must be duplicated and maintained by the receiving party. This regulation will reduce the amount of time spent maintaining records.

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 (CABs) as part of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) agenda and support material for their September 13, 2014 workshop and meeting. CABs 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 meeting in Reno. A survey was conducted to solicit comments from all licensed taxidermists. Other public response was received at the NBWC meeting pertaining to the provisions of this regulation.

The majority surveyed do not feel this regulation will adversely impact their business. In fact the majority felt this regulation would have a positive impact on their business. Comments that were received were in favor of adopting the proposed regulation.

There was one opposition who did not understand the intent of the 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; Bob Cook**
- (b) Telephone number; (775) 588-2361**
- (c) Business address; PO Box 1176, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448**
- (d) Business telephone number;**
- (e) Electronic mail address; sideshowbobcook@msn.com**
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented. Douglas 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 solicited from businesses through Survey Monkey. The majority felt it would reduce the amount of time spent on paperwork with the exception of one who did not understand the intent of the regulation.

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.**

No public comment or testimony was received expressing concern or need to modify the regulation as proposed.

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.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife and Survey Monkey 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. Some taxidermists believe there will be a beneficial effect on their business by reducing shipping costs and paperwork by using local tanneries. This regulation will save turnaround time to process by using an in-state tannery.

(b) Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife determined 89% of the taxidermists would not have an economic loss due to this regulation amendment. 14% of the taxidermists surveyed felt there would be a beneficial effect on their business with this regulation change.

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 taxidermist/tannery requirements.

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.