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 501.105 and 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; prohibiting a person from using a trail camera within a certain period before the beginning of a big game hunting season under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. In addition to the provisions of NAC 503.148 and except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not, for the purpose of hunting, locate or observe, or assist another person in locating or observing, any big game mammal in a management unit described in NAC 504.210 during the period beginning 30 days before a big game hunting season opens until the close of the season in that management unit with the use of:
 - (a) A trail camera; or
 - (b) Any other device that:
 - (1) Is used for photographing or filming by capturing images or video; and
- (2) When used to capture images or video, is not held in a person's hand or manually operated by that person.
- 2. For the purposes of subsection 1, the season for hunting a mountain lion which is open in a management unit shall be deemed not to be a big game hunting season during the period

beginning after the big game hunting season for all other species of big game has closed in that management unit until the period beginning 30 days before the opening of a big game hunting season established for hunting any other species of big game in that management unit.

- 3. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of this section includes, without limitation:
- (a) The possession of a trail camera or other device specified in subsection 1.
- (b) Any image or video of a big game mammal that is stored on a trail camera or other device specified in subsection 1.
- (c) Any image or video specified in paragraph (b) that is transmitted to a viewing device at another location.
- 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who is acting within the scope of his or her official duties and who is:
 - (a) An employee or authorized agent of this State;
 - (b) An employee of a municipal or county government of this State; or
 - (c) An employee of the Federal Government.
- 5. As used in this section, "trail camera" includes, without limitation, any camera or other device that:
 - (a) Is used for photographing or filming; and
- (b) Captures images or video using a heat or motion detector to operate the camera or other device.