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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 296

Authority: NRS 501.105, 501.181 & 503.

Notice of Intent: August 15 , 2001

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Commission Approval:

EXPLANATION: Amends regional name references in NAC 503.504, 505 and 506. Removes artificial lures with single barbless hook tackle regulation from Mary's River and tributaries. It places an artificial lure only restriction on Tonkin Springs Reservoir.

NOTE: Matter in *italics* is new; matter within brackets ~~{}~~ is to be omitted.

Section 1. NAC 503.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.504 1. ~~{Region}~~ *The Western Region* consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe counties.

2. In the area of the Carson River Basin from Quilici Dam (12 miles below Dayton) above the Lahontan Reservoir downstream to and including Lahontan Reservoir, the Carson River below Lahontan Dam and all of the waters within Lahontan Valley, Churchill County:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, mosquitofish, carp, tui chub, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and Piute sculpin may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson or Truckee River Basin in Carson City or Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey or Washoe county or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

3. In the area of the Carson River Basin from the boundary between California and Nevada to Quilici Dam:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker and mosquitofish may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson River above Quilici Dam or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

4. In the Humboldt River Basin, from Stahl Diversion Dam (near Golconda, Humboldt County) to and including Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt -Taylor and Chimney reservoirs, the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam and all waters of the Humboldt River in Lovelock Valley, Pershing and Churchill counties:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Humboldt River and its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Humboldt River Basin.

5. In the waters of Lake Tahoe and its tributaries located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe counties:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), tui chub, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Piute sculpin and speckled dace may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from, and must be native to, Lake Tahoe and its tributaries.

6. In the waters of the Main Walker River from the bridge of the Southern Pacific Railroad near Wabuska downstream to and including Weber Reservoir on the Walker River Indian Reservation and the Lower Walker River down to and including Walker Lake:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, carp and mosquitofish may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Walker River Basin in Lyon or Mineral county or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait

fish for use in the Walker River Basin.

7. The use of fish as bait, whether alive or dead, or parts thereof, is prohibited in the ponds and sloughs of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and the Fort Churchill Cooling Ponds.

8. In the lower Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and its tributaries from below the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to, but excluding Pyramid Lake, and including Paradise Ponds, Virginia Lake, Washoe Lake and the Fernley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Piute sculpin, mosquitofish, tui chub, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Truckee River or its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Truckee River Basin.

9. In the upper Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

10. The following provisions apply to all other waters in Region I:

(a) The capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

(b) Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in Catnip Reservoir, Hobart Reservoir, Knott Creek Reservoir, Marlette Lake, Spooner Lake and that portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter of a mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to one-half of a mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

(c) Only artificial lures may be used in Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley Wildlife

Management Area.

Sec 2. NAC 503.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.506 1. ~~[Region III]~~ *The Eastern Region* consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine counties.

2. Within this region:

(a) The possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, except preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

(b) Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

3. Only artificial lures may be used in Crittenden Reservoir, *Tonkin Springs Reservoir*, and the collection ditch of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

4. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used ~~[on the Marys River, the tributaries of the Marys River and]~~ *on* the south fork of the Humboldt River from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.