

LCB File No. R114-09

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

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 374

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishes provisions pertaining to hunting with a longbow and arrow; establishes provisions pertaining to pursuing wounded or injured wildlife and reporting of wildlife taken mistakenly, accidentally or in self defense.

Section 1. *Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto section 2 through 6, inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.*

Sec. 2. **NAC 503.144 Hunting with longbow and arrow.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 3, the bowstring of a longbow used in hunting any game mammal or game bird must be moved or held entirely by the muscle power of the shooter through all points of the draw cycle until release and may only be released by direct and conscious action of the shooter, either by relaxing the tension of the fingers or by triggering the release action of a handheld release aid.

2. A longbow used in hunting a big game mammal must, in the hands of the user, be capable of throwing a 400 grain arrow 150 yards over level terrain. Arrows used in hunting big game mammals must be at least 24 inches long and have:

(a) Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point; or

(b) Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position.

3. An electronic or chemical lighted arrow nock may be used.

~~3.~~ **4.** It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Carry any firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, carry a longbow with an arrow nocked on the bowstring while in or on any motorized vehicle while the vehicle is on a public highway or other public right-of-way. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a person who is a

paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes his walking, if the motorized vehicle is not in motion.

(c) Hunt any game mammal or game bird with a longbow that uses any mechanical device that can anchor a nocked arrow at full draw or partial draw unless the person:

(1) Carries written documentation, signed and dated by a licensed physician, stating that the person has a permanent disability in the upper torso; or

(2) Has had one or both arms, or a part thereof, amputated,

↳ and the permanent disability or amputation prevents him from manually drawing and holding at full draw a longbow that meets the requirements of subsection 2.

(d) Hunt any wildlife with an arrow that has any ~~chemical,~~ explosive ~~or~~ , electronic *tracking* device *or poison* attached.

Sec. 3. *For purposes of this section “poison” means:*

(a) A toxic or poisonous substance that is capable of causing injury, illness, or death upon contact.

Sec. 4. *Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto section 5 through 6 inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.*

Sec. 5. *Every person who wounds or injures wildlife while hunting shall make a reasonable effort to pursue, track and take said wildlife.*

Sec. 6. *Every person who has killed wildlife accidentally or mistakenly while hunting, or in self defense, shall report the killing without undue delay to the Department.*