

**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 488.045, 488.059, 501.181 and 501.243; §2, NRS 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to watercraft; authorizing the towing of a person on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device on certain bodies of water; prohibiting that activity on certain other bodies of water; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of chapter 488 of NRS governing the use of watercraft. (NRS 501.181) Existing law also authorizes the Commission: (1) to carry out the provisions of that chapter by appropriate regulations; (2) to adopt regulations with reference to the operation of vessels on any waters within the territorial limits of any subdivision of this State; and (3) to adopt regulations governing the use of waters for recreational purposes, if the waters are open to the public and are not under the direct control of any other state or federal agency for recreational use. (NRS 488.045, 488.059, 501.243) Pursuant to that authority, the Commission has adopted regulations which authorize waterskiing on: (1) Eagle Valley Reservoir between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and (2) Comins Lake between 11 a.m. and sunset. Existing regulations also prohibit waterskiing on: (1) Crittenden Reservoir; (2) Jiggs Reservoir; (3) certain areas of Black Canyon, Boulder Canyon-Lake Mead and the lagoon south of Laughlin; and (4) the Crittenden-Dake Reservoir Cooperative Wildlife Management Area. (NAC 488.450, 504.320) **Section 1** of this regulation revises those provisions by: (1) authorizing the towing of a person on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device on Eagle Valley Reservoir and Comins Lake during those hours; and (2) prohibiting that activity on Crittenden Reservoir, Jiggs Reservoir and certain areas of Black Canyon, Boulder Canyon-Lake Mead and the Lagoon south of Laughlin. **Section 2** of this regulation also prohibits that activity in the Crittenden-Dake Reservoir Cooperative Wildlife Management Area.

Section 1. NAC 488.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.450 1. ~~Waterskiing~~ *Towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device* is authorized on:

- (a) The Eagle Valley Reservoir between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- (b) Comins Lake between 11 a.m. and sunset. A vessel may not be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour during other hours. The speed of a vessel underway is considered to be 5 nautical miles per hour or less if the vessel is not leaving a wake.

2. ~~Waterskiing~~ *Towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device* is prohibited on the following waters:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Crittenden Reservoir	Elko
(b) Jiggs Reservoir	Elko
(c) Black Canyon (Any area marked with signs or buoys, or both, in Lake Mead and downstream from Hoover Dam to Mile Marker 43 on Lake Mohave).....	Clark
(d) Boulder Canyon-Lake Mead (Any area marked with signs or buoys, or both)	Clark
(e) Lagoon, south of Laughlin, within sec. 33, T. 32 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both	Clark

3. A person being towed on *water* skis, *a surfboard*, an inflatable device or any similar device shall wear a personal flotation device which is approved by the United States Coast Guard.

4. A person shall not operate a vessel on any waters of this State towing a person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device if the manufacturer's recommended safe loading capacity for the vessel would be exceeded if the person or persons being towed had to board the vessel as a passenger.

Sec. 2. NAC 504.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.320 The Crittenden and Dake Reservoirs and an area 100 feet wide surrounding these reservoirs are the Crittenden-Dake Reservoir Cooperative Wildlife Management Area. The following activities are prohibited on these areas:

1. ~~Waterskiing.~~ *Towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, an inflatable device or any similar device.*
2. Overnight camping.
3. Entering land posted as off-limits above the crossfence at the upper end of Crittenden Reservoir. Vehicles may be parked only in areas designated by the Department.