

Chapter 503 of NAC

**ADOPTED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

LCB File No. T005-14

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 27, 2015)

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 454

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 501.1818.

A REGULATION relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations; and other matters properly relating thereto.

NAC 503.144 Hunting with longbow and arrow. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150)

1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 4, 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 arrow that is used in hunting any game mammal or game bird may be equipped with a nock that is illuminated electronically or chemically.

4. It is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Carry any *rifle or musket* ~~firearm~~ in the field while hunting under archery regulations.
- (b) Carry ~~any handgun~~ in the field any scoped handgun or handgun with barrel length of 8" or more ~~that would be a legal firearm for hunting big game animals pursuant to NAC 503.142~~ while hunting under archery regulations.*

(c) ~~(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 or her walking, if the motorized vehicle is not in motion.

(d) ~~(e)~~ 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 the person 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 explosive, electronic tracking device or poison attached. As used in this paragraph, “poison” means any substance that, upon contact with the species of wildlife that is hunted, is capable of causing injury, illness or death.

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm’rs, No. 25 § 7 + No. 26 § 7, eff. 12-4-79]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm’rs, 5-9-88; R168-99, 1-19-2000; R176-03, 4-8-2004; R114-09, 4-20-2010)

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS--NRS 233B.066**

Informational Statement

**LCB File No. T005-14 (Temporary)
CGR Number – 454
Firearm Carry during Archery Season**

MEMORANDUM

Informational statement relating to Commission General Regulation No. 454
(LCB File No.T005-14) - 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 proposed regulation was at the request of the Nevada sportsmen requesting to explore a change allowing personal protection firearm carry in the field while hunting under archery regulations. Some sportsmen have voiced concern that their personal safety was at risk when archery hunting because firearm carry was prohibited while hunting under archery regulations.

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 November 14, 2014 workshop and meeting. CABs that held public meetings prior to the November 14, 2014 NBWC workshop and meeting provided opportunity for public comment at their individual meetings. Public comment was solicited at the NBWC workshop on November 14, 2014 in Reno. The NBWC approved adoption on February 7, 2015 at their meeting in Las Vegas.

Public comment received at the workshop and adoption hearings were equally divided in allowing the carry of firearm during archery season. There were three oppositions who were not in favor of this regulation and three that were in favor of the intent of this 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: 18 Workshop 16 Hearing**
- (b) Testified at each hearing: 4 Workshop 2 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; Paul Dixon, Chairman
- (b) Telephone number; 505-699-1744
- (c) Business address; 9445 Greenville Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89134
- (d) Business telephone number; 505-665-4595
- (e) Electronic mail address; mldprd24@yahoo.com
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented; Clark County Advisory Board

- (a) Name; Butch Tamblyn
- (b) Telephone number; 775-356-6080
- (c) Business address; PO Box 2212, Sparks, NV 89432
- (d) Business telephone number;
- (e) Electronic mail address; butch@bisongroup.com
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented;

- (a) Name; Cory Dalton
- (b) Telephone number;
- (c) Business address;
- (d) Business telephone number;
- (e) Electronic mail address;
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented; self, Falconer

- (a) Name; Lystra Pitts
- (b) Telephone number;
- (c) Business address;
- (d) Business telephone number;
- (e) Electronic mail address; Lystra@wastingarrows.com
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented; Nevada Bow Hunting Association

- (a) Name; Sean Shea, Chairman
- (b) Telephone number; 775-323-9090
- (c) Business address; 10760 Santa Fe Road, Reno, NV 89508
- (d) Business telephone number;
- (e) Electronic mail address; sean@theheadmaster.com
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented; Washoe County Advisory Board

- (a) Name; Sean Shea, self
- (b) Telephone number; 775-323-9090
- (c) Business address; 10760 Santa Fe Road, Reno, NV 89508
- (d) Business telephone number;
- (e) Electronic mail address; sean@theheadmaster.com
- (f) Name of entity or organization represented; N/A

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 not solicited from businesses because this regulation does not affect the operations of any business.

Copies of the meeting minutes can be obtained at:

http://www.ndow.org/uploadedFiles/ndoworg/Content/Public_Meetings/Commission/3-Nevada-Board-of-Wildlife-Commissioners-2014-November-Minutes.pdf.

http://www.ndow.org/uploadedFiles/ndoworg/Content/Public_Meetings/Commission/5-Nevada-Board-of-Wildlife-Commissioners-2015-February-Minutes.pdf.

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.**

The regulation was adopted with amendments as follows:

Section 4, subsection b, carry in the field any scoped handgun or handgun with barrel length of *” or more, while hunting under archery regulations.

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 determined that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden on small businesses or the public which this regulation regulates because this does not regulate a business.

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

NDOW determined there would be no economic effect to the public because this regulation allows sportsmen to carry a firearm during archery only season.

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 current wildlife laws.

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.

