

**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE**

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NRS  
233B.066**

**LCB FILE NO. R029-17  
Commission General Regulation 472**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapters 488, 501, 502, and 504.

**1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation:**

The 79<sup>th</sup> (2017) Session of the Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 511 (SB511) changing the provisions regarding hunting, fishing, and boating in Nevada. This bill was designed to simplify and clarify the licensing process regarding those privileges. The need for these adopted regulations is to provide the regulatory authority for the department to provide that functionality. Implementation of the adopted regulations will provide the Nevada Department of Wildlife (Department) with streamlined rules regarding licensing and address the public's desire for online technology based customer service functions. The adopted regulations also standardize, consolidate, and repeal confusing and duplicative language that is no longer relevant under the simplified licensing program.

**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:**

Public comment was solicited through a workshop held by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 22, 2017 and at the adoption hearing held by the NBWC on September 23, 2017. Both events included members of the public, the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW), and the NBWC. Public response was limited to one comment questioning the transparency at the Legislative hearings regarding the inclusion of moose as a big game species and requesting the removal of black bear as a big game species under the adopted regulations. A video recording and the meeting minutes of this comment may be obtained online at: [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Commission/Archive](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Archive)

**3. The number of persons who:**

**(a) Attended each hearing: (date and number of attended for workshops and hearings)**

Workshop on 9/22/2017 attendance: 23

Adoption Hearing on 9/23/2017 attendance: 45

**(b) Testified at each hearing: (date and number of attended for workshops and hearings)**

Workshop 9/22/2017: 1 public testimony

Adoption Hearing on 9/23/2017: no public testimony

**(c) Submitted written comments: (date and number of attended for workshops and hearings)**

No written public comment was submitted.

4. **For each person identified in number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:**

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- (f) **Name of entity or organization represented:** self

5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:**

Comment was not solicited from businesses because the adopted regulations do not affect businesses.

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 regulations were adopted without change because the Department has informed and included the public and the NBWC throughout the license simplification process.

7. **The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:**

(a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses; and**

The adopted regulations are not expected to have any effects on business.

(b) **Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:**

The adopted regulations are not expected to have any effects on business.

(a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and**

The adopted regulations will provide the public with a simpler list of hunting and fishing privileges, reducing confusion and increasing public confidence in the products they are purchasing and what privileges they are allowed to take advantage of. Although the fees associated with the new licensing products are generally higher, eliminating the need to purchase additional privilege stamps results in a net savings to the public. After the initial reaction to the new list of licensing options, no adverse effects to the public regarding the license simplification process can be identified.

(b) **Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:**

The adopted regulations will cause an immediate effect on the public by changing the list of hunting and fishing privileges available for purchase. Although the fees associated with the new licensing options are generally higher, eliminating the need to purchase additional privilege stamps results in a net savings to the public. After the initial reaction to the new list of licensing options, no long-term effects to the public regarding the license simplification process can be identified.

8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation:**

Implementation and enforcement of the adopted regulations fall within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

- 9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency:**

The adopted regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state, local, or federal laws or regulations.

- 10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**

The adopted regulations do not include provisions that are more stringent than federal regulations.

- 11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

The fee changes included with the adopted regulations are expected to be revenue neutral. The increase in license fees will be offset by the elimination of hunting and fishing privilege stamp fees. The Department will use the revenue generated by these fees in the same manner as the existing licensing program.