

**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. R151-18
Commission General Regulation 478**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 503.

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

This regulation is needed to help accurately identify gender prior to hunting, which should reduce inadvertent violations. The regulation will require successful applicants for bighorn sheep ewe and mountain goat hunting tags to watch an online training course to help accurately identify gender prior to hunting. Further, the elimination of the physical check following the hunt for bighorn sheep ewes will reduce tasks for successful hunter and reduce workload for the Department. The regulation will eliminate redundant reporting for those hunters that must have their harvest physically inspected by Department staff.

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. The County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) and the public were involved. The regulation workshop occurred during the Commission's August 10, 2018, meeting. There was no public comment at the workshop. The regulation was adopted at the Commission's September 22, 2018 meeting and there was no public comment. A summary of public response and minutes of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings are available at: 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):

12 attendees on August 10, 2018
3 attendees on September 22, 2018

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

0 attendees testified on August 10, 2018
0 attendees testified on September 22, 2018

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

No written comments were submitted.

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

None.

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 affected businesses. This regulation does not affect businesses. The changes are associated with hunters that have successfully drawn certain big game tags.
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 as proposed without further changes because there was not any public comment or concerns with the proposed language.
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**
There are no anticipated adverse and beneficial effects on businesses.
 - (b) **Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:**
There are no anticipated immediate and long-term effects on businesses.
 - (c) **Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and**
Adverse effects include the need to watch a video online prior to having tags mailed to successful applicants.

Beneficial effects include the ability to watch the online video at any time of the day or night as soon as the applicant is notified that of the successful drawing of a tag, the elimination of the burden of having a harvested ewe physically inspected, and the elimination of redundant reporting requirements for those hunters that have to present their harvest for physical inspection.
 - (d) **Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:**
All effects described will be implemented for fall hunting seasons in 2019. Effects described above are intended to influence the public annually from 2019 into the foreseeable future.
8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation:**
The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional costs to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget. The elimination of the physical inspection for harvested ewe bighorn sheep will reduce the burden on agency staff.
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:**
This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any local, state, or federal regulation.
10. **If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**
This regulation is not more stringent than federal regulation.

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 proposed regulation change does not require a new fee or increase to existing fees.