

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

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105 and 501.181.

Section 1. NAC 503.142 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.142 The board of wildlife commissioners hereby establishes the following exceptions to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150:

1. [A muzzle-loading rifle which is either flintlock or percussion and has a single barrel, open sights or peep sights, and a caliber of .44 inch or larger and which shoots a lead ball or conical bullet may be used to hunt big game animals. Such a rifle is not considered loaded if the priming compound or element, such as priming powder or percussion cap, is removed. It is unlawful for any person to carry any other firearm or a bow and arrow while in the field hunting under regulations on muzzle-loaders.

2. A rifle which] *During a type of hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, a person may hunt a big game mammal only with a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket, and may use only a lead ball or nonjacketed, lead bullet. A sabot round must not be used unless it is a traditional, cloth-patched load. The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket must have the following characteristics:*

(a) *A wheel lock, matchlock or flintlock ignition system, or a percussion ignition system if the percussion system uses percussion caps which fit on the nipple and which are directly exposed to the weather, but the ignition system must not be a covered, in-line ignition system;*

(b) *A single barrel of caliber .45 or larger, or a double barrel if both barrels are of caliber .45 or larger; and*

(c) *Open sights, peep sights or a rifle scope with a maximum power of 1 magnification.*

The muzzle-loading rifle or the muzzle-loading musket is deemed to be not loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired percussion cap, is removed.

2. *During a type of hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, it is unlawful to carry in the field a firearm or longbow and arrow except for:*

(a) *A muzzle-loading rifle or a muzzle-loading musket with the characteristics set forth in subsection 1; and*

(b) *A flintlock or percussion handgun.*

3. *During a type of hunt in which the use of any legal weapon is authorized by a regulation of the commission, a person may hunt a big game mammal with a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket only if he uses a lead ball, a semijacketed bullet or lead bullet, and only if the muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket has the following characteristics:*

(a) *A single barrel of caliber .45 or larger; and*

(b) *Open sights, peep sights or a rifle scope.*

The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket is deemed to be not loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired percussion cap, is removed.

4. *A person may hunt big game mammals with a rifle if the rifle uses a centerfire cartridge of caliber .22 or larger . [may be used to hunt big game animals.*

3. A handgun may be used for shooting big game animals if it]
5. A person may hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge, has a barrel length of 4 inches or more and:
- (a) Uses a [centerfire] cartridge of caliber .22 or larger with an overall loaded length of 2 inches or more; or
 - (b) Is of [a caliber .357 magnum, .41 magnum, .44 magnum or .45 magnum.
4. A] caliber .35 or larger and exerts at least 400 foot-pounds of energy at 50 yards.
6. A person may hunt deer and mountain lion with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge [nor] and no smaller than 20 gauge, using rifled slugs . [, may be used to hunt deer.

5. A handgun, rifle, shotgun or longbow and arrow may be used to hunt mountain lion.]

Sec. 2. NAC 503.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.170 1. In the fenced or cultivated lands of *the* Smith and Mason valleys , [and] in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area [:

(a) Deer may not be hunted with a pistol or rifle which uses a centerfire cartridge.

(b) Deer] *and in the zones within the Fort Churchill State Historic Park and the Lahontan State Recreation Area that are designated for hunting by the administrator of the division of state parks of the state department of conservation and natural resources, deer* may be hunted only with:

[(1) Shotguns which are]

(a) A *shotgun* no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge [and which are used with] , *using* rifled slugs; or

[(2) Longbow]

(b) A *longbow* and arrow.

2. In the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Deer may not be hunted during the season set for the general hunt for deer except on:

(1) Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays;

(2) October 31, Nevada Day;

(3) November 11, Veteran's Day; and

(4) Thanksgiving Day.

(b) Deer may be hunted with longbow and arrow during the season set for the archery hunt for deer.

Sec. 3. Section 1 of this regulation becomes effective on March 1, 1998.