

LCB File No. R199-97

**Notice of the Hearing for the (adoption/amendment/repeal) of Regulations
of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 16, 1998, at the Henderson City Council Chambers, 240 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations (**CGR 262**) pertaining to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

1. **The need for and purpose of the proposed regulation:** Proposes to classify the common crow as an upland game bird so a hunting season and bag limit can be established for that species.
2. Text of the proposed regulation: (**Attached**)
- 3A. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate:
 - (a) Adverse effect—**No adverse economic effects are anticipated from this action.**
 - (b) Beneficial effect—**Additional recreation use-days would be generated if this action leads to an established crow season in Nevada.**
 - (c) Immediate effect—**None.**
 - (d) Long term effect—**Slight reduction in agricultural depredation losses from crows.**
- B. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the public which it is to regulate:
 - (a) Adverse effect—**None, since this action only lists the crow as a game species.**
 - (b) Beneficial effect—**Could provide several thousand additional hunter recreation days if this actin leads to a crow season.**
 - (c) Immediate effect—**None.**
 - (d) Long term effect—**None.**
4. Estimated cost to the Division of Wildlife for enforcement of the proposed regulation:
Less than \$1,000 per year.
5. Description of, and citation to, any regulations of other state or local government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency. **50 CFR 20.113.**
6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law: **N/A.**

7. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions: **N/A.**
8. The proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee: **No.**

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Secretary, Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Post Office Box 10678, Reno, Nevada 89520. Written submissions must be received by the Secretary, Board of Wildlife Commissioners, at least five days before the scheduled public hearing. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the proposed regulation will be on file at the State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be adopted will be available for inspection and may be copied at the following locations:

Nevada Division of Wildlife
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada
(702) 688-1500

Region I Office
380 W. "B" Street
Fallon, NV 89406
(702) 423-3171

Region II Office
1375 Mt. City Highway
Elko, NV 89801
(702) 738-5332

Region III Office
4747 W. Vegas Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89108
(702) 486-5127

The regulations will also be available for inspection at all county main public libraries. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653 and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the above locations.

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STATE OF NEVADA

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 262

Authority: NRS 501.105, 501.181

Notice of Intent: December 17, 1997

Commission Approval:

EXPLANATION: Proposes to classify the common crow as an upland game bird so a hunting season and bag limit can be established for that species.

Note: Matter in *italics* is new; matter within brackets [] is to be omitted

Section 1. NAC 503.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.045 Game birds are classified as:

1. Upland game birds, which are [all species of the Orders Galliformes, Tinamiformes and Columbiformes, except migratory game birds, including] :

| | Common Name | Scientific Name |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Grouse | Blue | <i>Dendragapus obscurus</i> |
| | Ruffed | <i>Bonasa umbellus</i> |
| | Sage | <i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i> |
| | Sharp-tailed | <i>Pedioecetes phasianellus</i> |
| (b) Partridge | Chukar | <i>Alectoris chukar</i> |
| | Gray (Hungarian) | <i>Perdix perdix</i> |
| | [Seesee | <i>Ampoperdix griseoquularis</i>] |
| | Snow | <i>Tetrogallus himalayensis</i> |
| (c) Pheasant | Ring-necked | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> |

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| | White-wing | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> |
| (d) Quail | Bobwhite | <i>Colinus virginianus</i> |
| | California | <i>Lophortyx californicus</i> |
| | Gambel's | <i>Lophortyx gambelii</i> |
| | Mountain | <i>Oreortyx pictus</i> |
| | Scaled | <i>Callipepla squamata</i> |
| (e) [Tinamou | | <i>Eudromia elegans</i> |
| (f)] Turkey | North American Wild | <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> |
| (f) Crow | Common | <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i> |

2. Migratory game birds, which include all species of game birds in 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 to 711, inclusive, including the Families Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, brants and swans), Columbidae (wild doves and pigeons), Gruidae (little brown cranes), Rallidae (rails, coots and gallinules) and Scolopacidae (woodcocks and snipes).