

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED REGULATION**

The Nevada Division of Wildlife is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. **A workshop has been set for March 27, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nevada division of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada.** The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics addressed in the proposed regulation:

Commission General Regulation 263: The Board of Wildlife Commissioners took action at the February 6-7, 1998 meeting to enhance an applicant's chances of drawing a deer tag by squaring the applicant's bonus points for that special season. The Commission also requested an exception rule be added to the nontransferability of bonus points should the applicant change residency and appeal to the Commission for relief.

Commission General Regulation 264: To remove the requirements to attend mandatory indoctrination courses; to possess a spotting scope; and to present the hide and the edible portion of the animal or its carcass for inspection.

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 at the:

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
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NOTICE OF HEARING/WORKSHOP FOR ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF WOLDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public workshop at 2:00 p.m., March 27, 1998 for the below regulations, indicated by an asterisk, at the Nevada Division of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics addressed in the proposed regulations. The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will also hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 1998 at the Nevada Division of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Rd., Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations. 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.

***Commission General Regulation 246: THIRD HEARING:** The proposed regulation will enable the Division to provide direction and guidance to volunteer wildlife rehabilitation clinics. The regulation will also help the Division determine if an individual has the basic knowledge and experience to receive a rehabilitation permit.

***Commission General Regulation 261:** Amends NAC 488.010 to add the definition of "use" to clarify NAC 488.180 (validation decals), 488.405 (life preservers), 488.467 (restrictions on use of boats in wildlife management areas). Amends 488.410 to define what serviceable means for all life preservers and codify the Coast Guard requirements that inflatable life preservers are not approved for water skiing, personal watercraft, commercial activity or persons under 16 years of age. Amends 488.455 by adding Round Hill Pines Beach and Glenbrook Bay to the flat wake zone. Amends 488.458 to add Round Hill Pines Beach to the designated mooring areas. Establish the fee required in NRS 488.261 for placing a mooring buoy in nonnavigable waters and establish removal penalties for unauthorized mooring buoys. Amends 488.467 to include North Pond at Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area to the exclusion of the closure of boats February 15 through July 14.

***Commission General Regulation Number 262: SECOND HEARING:** Proposes to classify the common crow as an upland game bird so a hunting season and bag limit can be established for that species.

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Commission General Regulation Number 264; To remove the requirements to attend mandatory indoctrination courses; to possess a spotting scope; and to present the hide and edible portion of the animal or its carcass for inspection.

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.

A copy of the regulations to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 401 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada and each county main library, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the regulations to be Adopted will be available at the division of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. 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.

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NOTE: We are please to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Barbara McMeen, in writing, at the Nevada Division of Wildlife, P.O. Box 10678, Reno, Nevada 89720, or call Barbara McMeen, at 688-1598, as soon as possible.

William A. Molini /s/
William A. Molini, Secretary
Board of Wildlife Commissioners

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION
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., ON March 27, 1998 at the Nevada Division of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations (**CGR 264**) pertaining to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

1. **The need for and purpose of the proposed regulation:** To remove the requirements to attend mandatory indoctrination courses; to possess a spotting scope; and to present the hide and the edible portion of the animal or its carcass for inspection.
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-**None.**
 - (b) Beneficial effect-**Time and cost savings to agency. Estimate about \$5,000 per year.**
 - (c) Immediate effect-**Same as above.**
 - (d) Long term effect-**Same as above.**
- B. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the public which it is to regulate:
 - (a) Adverse effect-**None.**
 - (b) Beneficial effect-**Time and costs savings to bighorn sheep tagholders by not having to travel attend mandatory hunter indoctrinations.**
 - (c) Immediate effect-**Same as above.**
 - (d) Long term effect-**Same as above.**
4. Estimated cost to the Division of Wildlife for enforcement of the proposed regulation: **Agency savings of \$5,000 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. **No duplication.**

6. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law: **Not required pursuant to federal law.**
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: X No.
 Yes.

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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.

LCB File No. 041-98
STATE OF NEVADA
PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 263

Authority: NRS 501.181 and 501.379

Notice of Intent: February 25, 1998

Commission Approval:

Workshop Date: March 27, 1998

EXPLANATION: To remove the requirements to attend mandatory indoctrination courses; to possess a spotting scope; and to present the hide and the edible portion of the animal or its carcass for inspection.

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

Section 1. NAC 502.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.345 1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag for one or more of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep:

- (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
- (b) California bighorn sheep; or
- (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep,

if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies in the previous 5 open seasons or kill a bighorn sheep of that subspecies in the previous 10 open seasons.

2. [If an applicant, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, he or his guide or subguide who is licensed by this state, must attend an indoctrination course. The tag will be issued upon the completion of the course.

3. Any person electing to have a licensed guide or subguide attend the indoctrination course may hunt only under the direct supervision of the guide or subguide who attended the course.

4. Each hunter shall possess a spotting scope with a minimum power of 15 magnifications while hunting bighorn sheep.

5.] A person who kills a bighorn sheep regardless of subspecies shall, within 5 days after killing it, personally present the skull *and horns* [, hide and edible portion of the animal or its carcass] to a representative of the division for inspection. The inspector shall permanently attach a seal to or permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to possess *or sell such* [the] horns without a seal having been so attached or number so branded.

[6.] 3. Any person who transfers ownership of a skull of a bighorn sheep to which a seal has been attached or an identification number has been branded pursuant to this section shall give written notice of the transfer to the division within 10 days after the transfer.