

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

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.300 and 503.310; §3, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.290, 503.300 and 503.310; §4, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.310.

Section 1. NAC 503.504 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.504 1. *The Western* Region ~~is~~ consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe counties.

2. In the area of the Carson River Basin from Quilici Dam (12 miles below Dayton) above the Lahontan Reservoir downstream to and including Lahontan Reservoir, the Carson River below Lahontan Dam and all of the waters within Lahontan Valley, Churchill County:

(a) Only Lahontan redbreast (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, mosquitofish, carp, tui chub, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and Piute sculpin may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson or Truckee River Basin in Carson City or Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey or Washoe county or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

3. In the area of the Carson River Basin from the boundary between California and Nevada to Quilici Dam:

(a) Only Lahontan redbside (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker and mosquitofish may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from the Carson River above Quilici Dam or purchased only from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Carson River Basin.

4. In the Humboldt River Basin, from Stahl Diversion Dam (near Golconda, Humboldt County) to and including Rye Patch Reservoir, the Pitt-Taylor and Chimney reservoirs, the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam and all waters of the Humboldt River in Lovelock Valley, Pershing and Churchill counties:

(a) Only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Sacramento blackfish, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Humboldt River and its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Humboldt River Basin.

5. In the waters of Lake Tahoe and its tributaries located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe counties:

(a) Only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Piute sculpin and speckled dace may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may be taken only from, and must be native to, Lake Tahoe and its tributaries.

6. In the waters of the Main Walker River from the bridge of the Southern Pacific Railroad near Wabuska downstream to and including Weber Reservoir on the Walker River Indian Reservation and the Lower Walker River down to and including Walker Lake:

(a) Only Lahontan redbside (shiner), tui chub, speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, carp and mosquitofish may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Walker River Basin in Lyon or Mineral county or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Walker River Basin.

7. The use of fish as bait, whether alive or dead, or parts thereof, is prohibited in the ponds and sloughs of the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area and the Fort Churchill Cooling Ponds.

8. In the lower Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and its tributaries from below the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to, but excluding Pyramid Lake, and including Paradise Ponds, Virginia Lake, Washoe Lake and the Fernley Wildlife Management Area:

(a) Only Lahontan redbside (shiner), speckled dace, Tahoe sucker, mountain sucker, Piute sculpin, mosquitofish, tui chub, fathead minnows and carp may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Fish used as live bait may only be taken from the Truckee River or its tributaries or be purchased from a dealer who is licensed in this state and authorized to sell live bait fish for use in the Truckee River Basin.

9. In the upper Truckee River Basin, which includes the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

10. The following provisions apply to all other waters in *The Western* Region : ~~⊞~~

(a) The capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

(b) Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in Catnip Reservoir, Hobart Reservoir, Knott Creek Reservoir, Marlette Lake, Spooner Lake and that portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter of a mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to one-half of a mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

(c) Only artificial lures may be used in Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Sec. 2. NAC 503.506 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.506 1. *The Eastern* Region ~~HH~~ consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine counties.

2. Within this region:

(a) The possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, except preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

(b) Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

3. Only artificial lures may be used in Crittenden Reservoir, *Tonkin Springs Reservoir* and the collection ditch of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

4. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the ~~[Marys River, the tributaries of the Marys River and the]~~ south fork of the Humboldt River from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

Sec. 3. NAC 503.507 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.507 1. *The Southern* Region ~~HHH~~ consists of all waters in Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties.

2. In the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River located in Clark County:

(a) Only golden shiner, fathead minnow, mosquitofish, red shiner, threadfin shad, carp and goldfish may be used as live bait fish.

(b) Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, the waterdog, grasshopper, earthworm and crayfish, may be used as bait.

(c) A person holding a fishing license may purchase fish authorized for use as bait from a dealer in bait licensed in Arizona, California or Nevada or he may, for his own use, take fish authorized for use as bait by:

(1) A dipnet;

(2) A cast net with a radius not exceeding 3 feet measured from the horn to the leadline;

(3) A seine not exceeding 10 feet in length and 4 feet in width; or

(4) A trap for minnows not exceeding 12 inches in depth, 12 inches in width or 24 inches in length.

3. In all other waters of *the Southern* Region , ~~HHH~~ the capture, possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, other than preserved salmon eggs is prohibited.

4. In the waters of Beaver Dam Creek and Schroeder Reservoir located in Lincoln County:

(a) Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used; and

(b) Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

Sec. 4. NAC 503.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.510 1. Aquatic bait and the following species of live bait may be captured, offered for sale, held or transported by a person permitted to sell live bait, subject to any special conditions contained in the annual permit issued by the division or in subsection 2:

Authorized Species by Region

Species	Reg. I	Reg. II	Reg. III
	<i>Western Region</i>	<i>Eastern Region</i>	<i>Southern Region</i>
Lahontan redbside (Richardsonius egregius)	X		
Red shiner (<i>Notropis lutrensis</i>)		N	X
Tui chub (Gila bicolor)	X	O	
Speckled dace (Rhinichthys osculus)	X	N	
Mosquitofish (Gambusia ssp.)	X	E	
Carp (Cyprinus carpio)	X		X

Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)		P	X
Golden shiner (<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>)		E	X
Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephalespromelas</i>)		R	X
Threadfin shad (<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>)		M	X
Mountain sucker		I	
(<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>)	X	T	
Tahoe sucker (<i>Catostomus tahoensis</i>)	X	T	
Longjaw mudsucker (<i>Gillichthys mirabilis</i>)		E	X
Salamander (Waterdogs) (<i>Ambystoma</i>)		D	X
Piute Sculpin (<i>Cottus beldingi</i>)	X		

2. In *the Western* Region, ~~the~~ the capture of any fish used as live bait for sale from the Carson River drainage below Quilici Dam is prohibited. The Quilici Dam is located near Dayton, Nevada.

3. The reference work from which the species listed in subsection 1 were named is special publication 12 of the American Fisheries Society, ~~the~~ *A List of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States and Canada*, 4th ed., 1980.