

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF  
THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. R152-06**

Effective May 21, 2007

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

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; allowing a crossbow to be used to hunt big game mammals under certain circumstances; allowing certain sights to be attached to a crossbow to be used to hunt big game mammals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*1. A crossbow may be used to hunt a big game mammal in a type of hunt that allows the use of any legal weapon if the crossbow has:*

- (a) A minimum draw weight of 125 pounds;*
- (b) A minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point;*
- (c) A stock that is at least 18 inches long; and*
- (d) A positive mechanical safety mechanism.*

*2. Crossbow arrows or bolts used in hunting big game mammals must be at least 16 inches long and have:*

- (a) Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point; or*
- (b) Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position.*

3. *It is unlawful for any person to:*

(a) *Hunt a big game mammal with a crossbow during a type of hunt restricted to the use of archery or muzzle-loading firearms.*

(b) *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, carry a cocked crossbow containing an arrow or a bolt while in or on any motorized vehicle while the vehicle is on a public highway or other public right-of-way. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes his walking, if the motorized vehicle is not in motion.*

(c) *Hunt any wildlife with an arrow or bolt that has any chemical, explosive or electronic device attached.*

**Sec. 2.** NAC 503.141 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.141 As used in NAC 503.141 to 503.195, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation*, “longbow” includes any recurved bow or compound bow.

**Sec. 3.** NAC 503.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.145 The Commission hereby establishes the following exception to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150. Except as otherwise provided by paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NAC 503.142, a sight attached to a firearm or longbow that is used to hunt a game mammal or game bird, *or a sight attached to a crossbow that is used to hunt a big game mammal*, may be illuminated or powered by:

1. A battery contained within the sight;
2. Light-gathering fiber optics;
3. A radioactive isotope such as tritium; or
4. Iridescent or fluorescent paint.

↪ It is unlawful for a person to hunt a *big game mammal, a* game mammal or a game bird with a weapon that is equipped with a sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light from the sight to the animal.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION  
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The Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R152-06\_ which pertain to chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code on November 18, 2006.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**1. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife.

**2. The number of persons who:**

- (a) **Attended each hearing:** 11 Workshop/18 Hearing
- (b) **Testified at each hearing:** 4
- (c) **Submitted to the agency written statements:** 1

**3. 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:** The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the Board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife. No business was specifically affected. Copies can be obtained from the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

**4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change:** N/A

**5. The estimated *economic* effect of the regulations on the businesses they are to regulate and on the public.**

(a) **Estimated *economic* effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.**

- (1) Adverse – None

- (2) Beneficial – None
- (3) Immediate – None
- (4) Long term – None

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(b) **Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.**

- (1) Adverse – None
- (2) Beneficial – None
- (3) Immediate – None
- (4) Long term – None

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation: N/A
7. 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:**

8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions: N/A
9. 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: N/A

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Board of Wildlife Commissioners