

LCB File No. R152-06

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

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 346

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181, 503.150.

Amends chapter 503 of NAC to allow the use of a crossbow for hunting big game mammals during certain seasons.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

Sec. 2. 1. *A crossbow meeting the specifications described in subsection 2 may be used to hunt big game mammals during a type of hunt, established by a regulation of the commission, that allows the use of any legal weapon.*

2. A crossbow used in hunting a big game mammal must have:

(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;

(d) a positive mechanical safety mechanism;

(e) arrows or bolts must be at least 16 inches long and have;

(1) Fixed broadheads that are at least 7/8-inch wide at the widest point; or

(2) Expandable, mechanical broadheads that are at least 7/8-inche 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 a bolt in or on any motorized vehicle which is standing on or along, or is being driven on or along, any public highway or any other way open to the public. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to a person who is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputate 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 a bolt that has any chemical, explosive or electronic device attached.

Sec. 3. *The Board of Wildlife Commissioners hereby establishes the following exception to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150. 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 game mammal with a crossbow that is equipped with a sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light from the sight to the animal.