

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

**LCB File No. R152-06**

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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.