

LCB File No. R138-09

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

Commission General Regulation 377

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishes provisions pertaining to hunting big game mammal with a firearm during muzzle-loading firearm only season.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto section 2, inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.

Section 2. NAC 503.142 Hunting big game mammal with firearm.

The Commission hereby establishes the following exceptions to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 503.150:

1. During a type of hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, a person may hunt a big game mammal only with a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket, and may use only a lead ball, a lead bullet, a semijacketed bullet or a metal alloy bullet that expands. The use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Only black powder or a black powder substitute such as Pyrodex or Triple 7 may be used as a propellant. A sabot round may be used. The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket must have the following characteristics:

(a) A wheel lock, matchlock or flintlock ignition system, or a percussion ignition system that uses a primer or percussion cap;

(b) A single barrel of caliber .45 or larger; and

(c) *Except as otherwise provided in this section*, Open sights or peep sights. The use of a sight that is operated or powered by a battery, electronics or a radioactive isotope such as tritium is prohibited;

↪ The muzzle-loading rifle or the muzzle-loading musket is deemed to be not loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired primer or percussion cap, is removed.

(d) An application for a Disabled Muzzle-loading Rifle Scope Permit may be obtained from the headquarters of the Department; or the regional offices of the Department in Fallon, Elko or Las Vegas. The Department may issue a Disabled Muzzle-loading Rifle Scope Permit to any eligible person with a visual disability, as defined in this section.

(e) For the purposes of this section, a visual disability means a person with limited vision which is not correctible by glasses or contact lenses, which substantially limits a major life activity.

(f) Applications for a Disabled Muzzle-loading Scope Permit must be submitted to the Department. The application must be on a form provided by the Department and must contain such information as necessary to enable the Department to determine an applicants eligibility, including a certificate issued by a licensed physician certifying the applicant is visually disabled.

(g) The Disabled Muzzle-loading Rifle Scope Permit authorizes a visually disabled hunter to use a 1x magnification rifle scope on a muzzle-loading rifle, during a hunt restricted to muzzle-loading firearms. Each person hunting under the authority of a Disabled Muzzle-loading Rifle Scope Permit shall carry in their possession and present said permit upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce fish and game laws of the state.

(h) The Disabled Muzzle-loading Rifle Scope Permit is valid for a license year.

2. During a type of hunt that is restricted to muzzle-loading firearms, it is unlawful for a person hunting under the authority of a tag for such a hunt to carry in the field a firearm or longbow and arrow except for:

(a) A muzzle-loading rifle or a muzzle-loading musket with the characteristics set forth in subsection 1; or

(b) A flintlock or percussion handgun. However, it is unlawful to use such a handgun to hunt a big game mammal.

3. During a type of hunt in which the use of any legal weapon is authorized by a regulation of the Commission, a person may hunt a big game mammal with a muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket only if:

(a) The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket has:

(1) A single barrel of caliber .45 or larger; and

(2) Open sights, peep sights or a rifle scope.

(b) The person uses a lead ball, a lead bullet, a semi-jacketed bullet or a metal alloy bullet that expands. A sabot round may be used.

↳ The muzzle-loading rifle or muzzle-loading musket is deemed to be not loaded if the priming compound or element, such as the priming powder or the unfired primer or percussion cap, is removed.

4. A person may hunt big game mammals with a rifle if the rifle uses a centerfire cartridge of caliber .22 or larger.

5. A person may hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge, has a barrel length of 4 inches or more and:

(a) Uses a cartridge of caliber .22 or larger with an overall loaded length of 2 inches or more; or

(b) Uses a cartridge of caliber .24 or larger with a case of length no less than the length of the case of a cartridge for a Remington magnum of caliber .44.

6. A person may hunt deer and mountain lion with a shotgun no larger than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge. Only rifled slugs or shotgun rounds with sabots that contain a single expanding projectile may be used when hunting deer. A shotgun that is used to hunt deer or mountain lion pursuant to this subsection may be equipped with a smoothbore barrel or a barrel that is partially or fully rifled.