

Chapter 502 of NAC

LCB File No. T014-09

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

(CGR 367)

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishes provisions pertaining to mountain lions, mountain lion tags, miscellaneous requirements.

Section 1. *Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto section 2 inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.*

Section 2. NAC 502.370 Mountain lions: Tags; open season; miscellaneous requirements; unlawful acts.

1. A tag is required to hunt a mountain lion. Unless otherwise specified by a regulation of the Commission or title 45 of NRS, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to obtain not more than ~~two~~ *three* mountain lion tags in any year. A mountain lion tag:

(a) May be purchased from the Department or a license agent;

(b) May be used in any management unit or group of management units in Nevada during any open season established for the management unit or group of management units pursuant to subsection 2; and

(c) Expires upon the termination of all the open seasons established pursuant to subsection 2 for the year for which the tag is issued.

2. The Commission will annually specify the number of mountain lions it determines to be appropriate for harvesting in a management unit or group of management units. The open season for mountain lions in each such management unit or group of management units begins on March 1 and ends on:

(a) The last day of the next succeeding February; or

(b) The day the Department determines that the number of mountain lions harvested in that management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the Commission pursuant to this subsection,

↳ whichever occurs earlier. The Department shall maintain and annually publish a toll-free telephone number for ascertaining whether the Department has determined that the number of mountain lions harvested in a management unit or group of management units is equal to or greater than the number specified by the Commission pursuant to this subsection. The Department is not required to provide any other notice of the termination of an open season for mountain lions in a management unit or group of management units.

3. A person who harvests a mountain lion shall, within 72 hours after harvesting it, personally present the skull and hide to a representative of the Department for inspection. The representative shall affix the seal of the Department permanently to the hide.

4. It is unlawful for any person to:

(a) Transport the hide of a mountain lion from this State without the seal required pursuant to this section permanently affixed to the hide.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, possess the hide of a mountain lion without a seal permanently attached to it.

(c) Kill a female mountain lion which is accompanied by a spotted kitten.

(d) Kill or possess a spotted mountain lion kitten.

5. If a mountain lion is accidentally trapped or killed, the person trapping or killing it shall report the trapping or killing within 48 hours to a representative of the Department. The animal must be disposed of in accordance with the instructions of the representative.