

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

**Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

**LCB File No. R028-26
Commission General Regulation 516**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at Winnemucca Convention & Visitor Authority, 50 West Winnemucca Blvd, West Hall, Winnemucca, NV 89445 on June 26, 2026 at 10:30 AM and June 27, 2026 at 8:30 AM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapters 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A Zoom link is provided below for those individuals that are unable to attend in person.

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for June 26, 2026:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86326416383?pwd=1hKFeK2cPFtCLeWjh4FwWKhXmY0vyQ.1>
Passcode: 681644

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for June 27, 2026

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89565394818?pwd=mjRkRSMJwYQITTCjbRb0cCHvQ1AjFD.1>
Passcode: 161402

Meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-june-26-and-27-2026/>

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:

The proposed regulation is necessary to align NAC 488 with federal law which keeps the Department eligible to receive federal funding for the enforcement of state boating regulations. The proposed regulation would also align NAC 488 with state law that created a 600-foot wake zone for Nevada shorelines at Lake Tahoe and allows for the legal placement of buoys.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved:

The proposed regulation is designed to align regulatory language with federal and state law. Specifically, amending NAC 488.415 would align fire extinguisher classification and carriage requirements with Chapter 33, Part 175, Equipment Requirements, in Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). States that receive federal funding for Recreational Boating Safety Law Enforcement, are required to mirror Federal regulations regarding Boating Safety to receive federal funding.

Amending NAC 488.455 would also align regulatory language with Senate Bill 106 (2025) which allows for buoy placement on certain waters and areas of Nevada and created a 600 foot no wake zone along all Nevada shorelines of Lake Tahoe. Amending of NAC 488.435 would add conforming language.

3. **The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:**
 - a. **Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses; and**
The regulation will not have any significant adverse or beneficial economic effects on businesses.
 - b. **Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:**
There will be no immediate or long-term economic effects from the proposed regulation on small businesses because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.
 - c. **Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and**
This regulation does not have an anticipated beneficial or adverse economic effect on the public.
 - d. **Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:**
This regulation does not have an anticipated immediate or long-term economic effect on the public.
4. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:**
There will be no increased costs to enforce the proposed regulation.
5. **A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:**
This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state, local, or federal laws or regulations.
6. **If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law:**
This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law but will maintain the Department eligible to receive federal funding for the enforcement of state boating regulations.
7. **If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**
This regulation does not include provisions that are more stringent than federal regulations.
8. **Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee:**
This regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

The regulation dates and language are subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Commission.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Board of Wildlife

Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing, submit their comments with appropriate times to the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org, or provide their comments in written form to the Secretary of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. Written submissions must be received at least five days before the scheduled public hearing.

This Notice of Intent and the regulation language to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies will be available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Director's Office, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada, 89511 for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

- 6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1510
- 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1506
- 4082 Reno Hwy, Fallon, Nevada 89406 (775) 423-3171
- 60 Youth Center Road, Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 777-2300
- 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 486-5127

These regulations will also be available at the following websites:

- <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>
- <https://notice.nv.gov/>
- <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>
- <https://nvboardofwildlife.org/>

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing or by contacting the Director's Office at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120; Reno, Nevada 89511 or (775) 688-1597. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

May 27, 2026

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

Commission General Regulation 516 – LCB File No. R028-26 – Revisions Related to Boating Safety

The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

Answer:

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

Answer:

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

Answer:

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

Answer:

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

Answer:

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

Answer:

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

Answer:

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

Answer:

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed 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:

Answer:

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

Answer:

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

Answer:

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



Alan Jenne
Director

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

LCB File No. R028-26

April 2, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.
Matter in green bold underlining is language proposed to be added by the Department;
matter in ~~purple strike-through~~ is new language proposed to be deleted by the Department.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 488.045, 488.193 and 501.181; § 2, NRS 488.045 and 501.181; § 3, NRS 488.045, 501.181 and 501.243.

A REGULATION relating to vessels; revising requirements governing fire extinguishers carried on certain vessels; revising the actions that constitute reckless or negligent operation of a vessel; expanding reduced-speed zones on certain waters in this State; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires a power-driven vessel, other than a mechanically propelled personal hydrofoil or a motorized surfboard, to be equipped with certain fire extinguishers of a number, size and type prescribed by regulations of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 488.193) Existing regulations prescribe those requirements based on the characteristics and class of the vessel, including whether the vessel is equipped with a fixed fire extinguishing system within the engine compartment. (NAC 488.415) **Section 1** of this regulation revises those requirements by: (1) updating the types of required fire extinguishers; and (2) establishing separate requirements based on the model year of the vessel. **Section 1** also clarifies that those requirements do not apply to mechanically propelled personal hydrofoils or motorized surfboards.

Existing law prohibits the reckless or negligent operation of a vessel. (NRS 488.400) Existing regulations set forth specific acts that constitute evidence of reckless or negligent operation of a vessel, including operating a power-driven vessel at a speed greater than 5 nautical miles per hour while a person is riding in certain locations on the vessel. (NAC 488.435) **Section 2** of this regulation additionally provides that operating a power-driven vessel at any speed great enough to leave a flat wake while a person is riding in such locations constitutes evidence of reckless or negligent operation of a vessel.

Existing law requires the Commission to establish broad policies to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of this State. (NRS 501.181) Existing regulations designate certain areas on Lake Tahoe in which vessels must be operated at reduced speeds. (NAC 488.455) **Section 3** of this regulation adds a new reduced-speed zone consisting of all waters within 600 feet of any Nevada shoreline on Lake Tahoe.

Section 1. NAC 488.415 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.415 1. ~~Each~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, each* power-driven vessel having:

- (a) A closed compartment under a thwart or seat wherein a portable fuel tank may be stored;
- (b) A double bottom which is not sealed to the hull or which is not completely filled with flotation material;
- (c) A closed living space;
- (d) A closed storage compartment in which combustible or flammable material is stored; or
- (e) A permanently installed fuel tank,

↪ must carry the type and number of fire extinguishers described in ~~subsections~~ *subsection 2*, ~~and~~ *3, 4, or 5*, each of which must be *readily accessible*, fully charged *and maintained in good* and serviceable ~~in~~ *condition and must not appear to have been previously used*.

2. Each power-driven vessel *with a model year of 2018 or newer* which lacks a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:

- (a) Class A or class 1 vessel must carry one ~~B-I~~ *5-B* fire extinguisher.
- (b) Class 2 vessel must carry two ~~B-I~~ *5-B* fire extinguishers or one ~~B-II~~ *20-B* fire extinguisher.
- (c) Class 3 vessel must carry:
 - (1) Three ~~B-I~~ *5-B* fire extinguishers; or
 - (2) One ~~B-I~~ *5-B fire extinguisher* and one ~~B-II~~ *20-B* fire extinguisher.

3. Each power-driven vessel with a model year of 2017 or older which lacks a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:

- (a) Class A or class 1 vessel must carry one 5-B fire extinguisher or one B-I fire extinguisher.*

(b) Class 2 vessel must carry:

(1) Two 5-B fire extinguishers or two B-I fire extinguishers; or

(2) One 20-B fire extinguisher or one B-II fire extinguisher.

(c) Class 3 vessel must carry:

(1) Three 5-B fire extinguishers or three B-I fire extinguishers; or

(2) One 5-B fire extinguisher or one B-I fire extinguisher and one 20-B fire extinguisher or one B-II fire extinguisher.

~~[3-]~~ **4.** Each power-driven vessel *with a model year of 2018 or newer* which has a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:

(a) Class A or class 1 vessel is not required to carry a portable fire extinguisher.

(b) Class 2 vessel must carry one ~~[B-I]~~ **5-B** fire extinguisher.

(c) Class 3 vessel must carry two ~~[B-I]~~ **5-B** fire extinguishers or one ~~[B-II]~~ **20-B** fire extinguisher.

~~[4-]~~ **5.** *Each power-driven vessel with a model year of 2017 or older which has a system built within its engine compartment for extinguishing a fire and which is a:*

(a) Class A or class 1 vessel is not required to carry a portable fire extinguisher.

(b) Class 2 vessel must carry one 5-B fire extinguisher or one B-I fire extinguisher.

(c) Class 3 vessel must carry:

(1) Two 5-B fire extinguishers or two B-I fire extinguishers; or

(2) One 20-B fire extinguisher or one B-II fire extinguisher.

6. *The requirements prescribed by subsection 1 do not apply to a mechanically propelled personal hydrofoil or a motorized surfboard.*

7. The classes of vessels identified in this section are as described in NRS 488.185.

~~{5.}~~ 8. For the purposes of this section:

(a) *“5-B fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher that can effectively handle a flammable liquids fire covering up to 5 square feet.*

(b) *“20-B fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher that can effectively handle a flammable liquids fire covering up to 20 square feet.*

(c) “B-I fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher containing at least:

- (1) One and one-quarter gallons of a concentrated liquid foam;
- (2) Two pounds of a dry chemical, fire extinguishing agent; or
- (3) Four pounds of carbon dioxide; and

~~{6.}~~ (d) “B-II fire extinguisher” means a portable marine extinguisher containing at least:

- (1) Two and one-half gallons of a concentrated liquid foam;
- (2) Ten pounds of a dry chemical, fire extinguishing agent; or
- (3) Fifteen pounds of carbon dioxide.

Sec. 2. NAC 488.435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.435 Each of the following acts endangers life, limb or property and constitutes prima facie evidence of reckless or negligent operation of a vessel:

1. On a power-driven vessel underway at a speed ~~[greater than]~~ greater than a speed that leaves a flat wake, or in excess of ~~great enough to leave a flat~~ wake or in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour, riding on the:

- (a) Bow;
- (b) Gunwale;
- (c) Transom;
- (d) Outboard engine cover; or
- (e) Inboard engine cover unless the person’s feet are touching the deck.

2. Maneuvering a towed skier or device so as to pass the towline over another vessel or its skier.
3. Navigating any vessel, skis or device between a towing vessel and its tow.
4. Operating a power-driven vessel while any person is hanging onto, or sitting, standing or riding on, a swim platform or a swim ladder that is attached to the power-driven vessel.
5. Operating a power-driven vessel at a speed greater than a speed that leaves a flat wake within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, a person engaged in angling from another vessel or any manually propelled vessel.

Sec. 3. NAC 488.455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.455 1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Bassett Lake.....	White Pine
(b) Cave Lake.....	White Pine
(c) Jakes Creek Reservoir.....	Elko
(d) Onion Valley Reservoir.....	Humboldt
(e) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area	Nye
(f) The lagoon south of Laughlin within sec. 33, T. 32 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both.....	Clark
(g) Likes Lake	Churchill
(h) The Pitt Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir	Pershing
(i) Illipah Reservoir.....	White Pine

- (j) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area Lyon
- (k) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir Washoe
- (l) Echo Canyon Reservoir..... Lincoln
- (m) Silver Creek Reservoir White Pine
- (n) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area Lincoln
- (o) Colorado River, the backwater south of Big Bend of the Colorado State
Recreation Area within sec. 5, T. 33 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with
signs or buoys, or both Clark
- (p) Jiggs Reservoir Elko

2. All boat harbors and other areas designated by buoys on any of the following waters are zones in which a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Lake Mead National Recreation Area	Clark
(b) South Fork Reservoir.....	Elko
(c) Wildhorse Reservoir	Elko
(d) Lake Tahoe, <i>within 600 feet of any Nevada shoreline</i>	<i>Carson</i>
	<i>Douglas</i>
	<i>Washoe</i>
Zephyr Cove	Douglas
Cave Rock	Douglas

Glenbrook Bay.....	Douglas
Round Hill Pines Beach.....	Douglas
Sand Harbor.....	Washoe
Incline Village General Improvement District Boat Ramp.....	Washoe
Crystal Shores West	Washoe
(e) Washoe Lake State Park	Washoe
County Boat Ramp	Washoe
(f) Walker Lake State Recreation Area.....	Mineral
Sportsmen’s Beach	Mineral
(g) Lahontan Reservoir, Churchill Beach	Churchill
North Shore Marina	Churchill
Silver Springs Beach	Lyon
(h) Rye Patch Reservoir, Rye Patch Dam Access.....	Pershing
(i) Topaz Lake, Boat Ramps	Douglas
(j) Colorado River, adjacent to Harrah’s Casino in Laughlin	Clark
(k) Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area, the lagoon used for launching boats	Clark

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION**

**Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

**LCB File No. R030-26
Commission General Regulation 526**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at Winnemucca Convention & Visitor Authority, 50 West Winnemucca Blvd, West Hall, Winnemucca, NV 89445 on June 26, 2026, at 10:30 AM and June 27, 2026, at 8:30 AM. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to Chapters 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A Zoom link is provided below for those individuals that are unable to attend in person.

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for June 26, 2026:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86326416383?pwd=1hKFeK2cPFtCLeWjh4FwWKhXmY0vyQ.1>
Passcode: 681644

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for June 27, 2026

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89565394818?pwd=mjRkRSMJwYQITTCjbRb0cCHvQ1AjFD.1>
Passcode: 161402

Meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-june-26-and-27-2026/>

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:

This regulation is necessary to close a loophole that permits hunters to use thermal imaging technology to locate certain species during big game hunting seasons, which compromises fair chase principles and undermines wildlife management objectives. These devices provide hunters with an undue advantage by allowing the detection of animals with minimal effort under all lighting conditions. Additionally, the current language creates an enforcement gap, as individuals could claim they are pursuing species for which thermal imaging technology is allowed while using the devices to locate big game animals.

2. Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved:

The proposed regulation is designed to address unfair hunting practices and wildlife conservation concerns related to the use of thermal imaging technology. The use of these products creates an unfair advantage, undermining fair chase principles. The proposed regulation prohibits the use of thermal imaging technology for the taking of any wildlife during established closure dates, thus eliminating their use for the taking of unprotected species.

3. **The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:**
 - a. **Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses; and**
The regulation will not have any significant adverse or beneficial economic effects on businesses.
 - b. **Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:**
There will be no immediate or long-term economic effects from the proposed regulation on small businesses because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.
 - c. **Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and**
This regulation does not have an anticipated beneficial or adverse economic effect on the public.
 - d. **Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:**
This regulation does not have an anticipated immediate or long-term economic effect on the public.
4. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:**
There will be no increased costs to enforce the proposed regulation.
5. **A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:**
This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any other state, local, or federal laws or regulations.
6. **If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law:**
This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
7. **If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**
This regulation does not include provisions that are more stringent than federal regulations.
8. **Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee:**
This regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

The regulation dates and language are subject to change following the discussions and deliberations of the Commission.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners may appear at the scheduled public hearing, submit their comments with appropriate times to the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org, or provide their comments in written form to the Secretary of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89511. Written submissions must be received at least five days before the scheduled public hearing.

This Notice of Intent and the regulation language to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701 for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies will be available at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Director's Office, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada, 89511 for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

6980 Sierra Center Pkwy, Reno, Nevada 89511 (775) 688-1510
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada 89512 (775) 688-1506
4082 Reno Hwy, Fallon, Nevada 89406 (775) 423-3171
60 Youth Center Road, Elko, Nevada 89801 (775) 777-2300
3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120 (702) 486-5127

These regulations will also be available at the following websites:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>
<https://notice.nv.gov/>
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>
<https://nvboardofwildlife.org/>

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing or by contacting the Director's Office at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120; Reno, Nevada 89511 or (775) 688-1597. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

May 27, 2026

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

Commission General Regulation 526 – LCB File No. R030-26 – Thermal Imaging Equipment

The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

Answer:

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. The total number of small businesses likely to be affected by the proposed regulation.

Answer:

This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

3. A list of the chambers of commerce and trade associations notified of the proposed regulation.

Answer:

None were contacted as this regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

4. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

Answer:

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impacted and, therefore, no need for a small business impact analysis.

5. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

Answer:

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

Answer:

There will be no direct or indirect economic effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

6. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

Answer:

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

7. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

Answer:

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget.

8. If the proposed 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:

Answer:

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

9. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

Answer:

This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

10. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

Answer:

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with a program administered by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



Alan Jenne
Director

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

LCB File No. R030-26

March 13, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.
Matter in **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added by the Department;
matter in ~~purple strike through~~ is new language proposed to be deleted by the Department

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 501.105 and 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions governing the possession or use of certain electronic night vision equipment and other similar devices while hunting or taking wildlife in certain wildlife management areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies and adopt regulations governing the hunting and taking of wildlife in this State. (NRS 501.105, 501.181) Existing regulations prohibit a person from possessing or using certain electronic night vision equipment and other similar devices while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking. (NAC 503.1455)

Section 1 of this regulation instead prohibits, with certain exceptions, the possession or use of such electronic night vision equipment or other similar devices in: (1) certain wildlife management areas while hunting or taking any wildlife during the period beginning on August 1 and ending on December 4 of each calendar year; or (2) any wildlife management area while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking. **Section 1** also exempts from this prohibition certain employees and authorized agents of this State, a municipal or county government of this State or the Federal Government.

Section 1. NAC 503.1455 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.1455 1. ~~[A]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a* person shall not possess or
u use any of the ~~[following]~~ equipment or devices *described in subsection 2 in:*

(a) ~~Wildlife management areas 11, 22, 23 and 24 as designated in NAC 504.210 while hunting or taking any wildlife during the period beginning on ~~August 1~~ ^{July 15} and ending on December 4 of each calendar year; or~~

(b) Any wildlife management area designated in NAC 504.210 while hunting or taking any game mammal or game bird or while locating game mammals or game birds for the purpose of hunting or taking . ~~[, including,]~~

2. The equipment and devices a person is prohibited from possessing or using pursuant to subsection 1 include, without limitation:

- (a) Electronic night vision equipment;*
- (b) Electronically enhanced light-gathering devices;*
- (c) Thermal imaging devices;*
- (d) Infrared night vision equipment; or*
- (e) Any other comparable equipment or device used to enhance night vision.*

~~[2.]~~ *3. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a person who is acting within the scope of his or her duties and is:*

- (a) An employee or authorized agent of this State;*
- (b) An employee or authorized agent of a municipal or county government of this State; or*
- (c) An employee or authorized agent of the Federal Government.*

4. The provisions of ~~[subsection 1]~~ this section do not limit the use of a sight attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that:

- (a) Is powered by a battery contained within the sight;*
- (b) Is illuminated by light gathering fiber optics; or*
- (c) Uses a radioactive isotope such as a tritium.*