STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Nevada Department of Wildlife is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155 on November 6, 2026, at 8:00 AM. 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 November 6, 2026:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897875263?pwd=aaFbWgmJjQY9d8wD1laDfBDi1NUCvb.1
Passcode: 535819

Meeting materials are available at:
https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-november-6-and-7-2026/

Commission General Regulation 533, NAC 501 and 503, LCB File No. T003-26 – Destruction of Property
The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) for the destruction of private property and wildlife management areas, while engaged in wildlife activity, and amending NAC 501 to create demerits associated with this violation.

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 Workshop and support material 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. Copies will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary.

A copy of this notice and support material will be available for inspection at the following Nevada Department of Wildlife offices:

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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

A copy of this notice 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/
http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Public_Notices/

Persons wishing to request a copy of this notice and support material may contact Mabel Torres at mabel.torres@ndow.org.

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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. T003-26

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 533

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

Section 1. Approved Regulation R024-25, NAC 501.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

501.200 1. A person who is convicted of a wildlife violation will be assessed demerit points pursuant to the following schedule:

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully shooting at a game mammal or game bird from an aircraft, helicopter or motor-driven vehicle or using such a vehicle to molest, rally, stir up or drive game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Spotting or locating game mammals or game birds from an aircraft or helicopter and communicating that information to a person on the ground for the purpose of hunting	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using information obtained in violation of subsection 3 of NRS 503.010 to hunt or kill game mammals or game birds	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully using a helicopter to transport game, hunters or hunting equipment	503.010	----	12
Unlawfully killing or attempting to kill birds or animals from an aircraft	503.005	----	12
Unlawfully using an aircraft, balloon, unmanned aerial vehicle or satellite to locate or observe big game mammals, game birds or fur-bearing mammals for the purpose of hunting	501.385	503.148	12
Hunting or taking an endangered species without a special permit	503.585	503.093	12

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully killing, destroying, wounding, trapping or injuring bald eagles or golden eagles	503.610	----	12
Unlawfully taking bald eagles or golden eagles	503.620	----	12
Taking twice the legal limit or more of big game mammals	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully using or possessing thermal imaging, infrared or electronic night-vision, or electronic night vision, or electronically enhanced light-gathering or comparable night-vision devices or equipment……..	501.385	503.1455	12
Hunting or taking a threatened species	501.385	503.093	9
Unlawfully killing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.440	----	9
Unlawfully hunting migratory waterfowl by aid of baiting	501.385	503.180	6
Hunting big game mammals during the closed season	503.090	----	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals during the closed season	501.015	----	6
Hunting big game mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Hunting fur-bearing mammals in closed areas	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully hunting in a privately owned wildlife management area	504.140	----	6
Unlawfully hunting in a state-owned wildlife management area	504.143	----	6
Hunting big game mammals or migratory waterfowl during prohibited hours	503.140	----	6
Unlawfully hunting game birds or game mammals with	503.150	----	6

HUNTING AND TAKING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
the aid of artificial light			
Hunting or taking a sensitive species	501.385	----	6
Hunting, trapping, possessing or selling birds of prey or raptors without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Hunting alternative livestock	503.242	----	6
Taking a game mammal of a prohibited age or with prohibited physical characteristics	501.385	----	6

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully possessing big game mammals during the closed season	503.030	----	12
Possessing a big game mammal or parts thereof without correct tag	502.150	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	501.385	----	9
Possessing twice the legal limit or more of game fish	501.385	-----	9
Unlawfully possessing a fur-bearing mammal during the closed season	503.030	-----	9
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, during the closed season	503.030	----	6
Possessing fish during the closed season	503.030	-----	6
Possessing game birds or game mammals, other than big game, in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Possessing game fish in excess of the legal limit but less than twice the legal limit	501.385	----	6
Possessing a species that may not legally be possessed without a license or permit	501.385	----	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting big game or wild turkey without a tag	502.130	-----	9
Unlawfully transferring a tag to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Possessing or using a tag legally issued to another person	502.140	502.385	9
Obtaining tags in excess of the legal limit	502.140	502.331	9
Possessing used tags or tags in excess of the legal limit	502.150	----	9
Unlawfully using a tag	502.200	-----	9
Using a tag in an improper area	502.160	502.385	6
Failing to punch a tag properly	502.160	502.390	6
Failing to attach a tag to a big game mammal in the manner prescribed by regulation	502.160	502.400	6
Hunting by a Native American off an Indian reservation without a tag	502.280	----	6
Possessing fur-bearing mammals, other than a bobcat, without a seal	501.385	----	6
Possessing the pelt of a bobcat without a seal	501.385	502.347	6

TAGS AND SEALS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Possessing the pelt of a mountain lion without a seal	501.385	502.370	6
Possessing the horns of a ram bighorn sheep without a seal or brand	501.385	502.345	6

PERMITS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully importing or transporting a prohibited species of wildlife without a permit or license	503.597	503.110	12
Collecting unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.095	12
Collecting live bait fish or live aquatic bait for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.513	12
Collecting unprotected fish for commercial purposes without a permit	501.385	503.545	12
Selling live bait without a permit	501.379	503.513	6
Conducting a field trial without a permit	503.200	503.610	6
Conducting a dredging operation without a permit	503.425	503.810	6
Possessing a raptor without a permit	503.582	503.205	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a permit	502.060	-----	6
Hunting swan without a swan hunt permit	-----	502.380	6
Transferring or giving a swan hunt permit to any other person	-----	502.380	6
Using or possessing a swan hunt permit issued to another person	-----	502.380	6
Commercial taking of crayfish, except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.540	501.385	503.540	6

FISHING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Fishing at a fish hatchery or other waters used for the purpose of rearing or growing fish	503.560	-----	6

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Obstructing, hindering or otherwise interfering with an officer, employee or agent of the Department	501.385	-----	12
Unlawfully selling big game mammals	501.379	-----	12
Unlawfully selling an endangered species	501.379	-----	12
Needless waste of big game mammals	503.050	-----	12
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device capable of transmitting images, video or wildlife location data at any time during the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31 of each year ..	501.385	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12
Unlawfully placing, maintaining or using a trail camera or similar device at any time during the period beginning August 1 and ending December 31 of each year	501.358	503.1485 Section 1 of LCB file No. R024-25	12
Destroy, injure, or deface private property while partaking in any wildlife-regulated activity	*501.385*	*New NAC*	*12*
Hunting, fishing in nonnavigable waters or trapping on private property without permission	503.240	-----	9
Needless waste of game birds or game mammals, other than big game	503.050	-----	9
Unlawfully selling a threatened species	501.379	-----	9

FISHING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between January 1 and April 30	503.655	503.172	9
Unlawfully selling game other than big game mammals	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling a sensitive or protected species	501.379	-----	6
Unlawfully selling game fish	501.381	-----	6
Needless waste of game fish	503.050	-----	6
Unlawfully carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in vehicle	503.165	-----	6
Unlawfully discharging a firearm	503.175	-----	6
Failing to retain the cape or scalp and any antlers or horns of wildlife	501.385	503.173	6
Destroying or mutilating signs of the Department	501.383	-----	6
Polluting water	503.430	-----	6
Removing, altering or tampering with a tag placed on wildlife or on seized equipment	501.377	-----	6
Intentionally interfering with a person lawfully hunting or trapping	503.015	-----	6
Failing to make a reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled migratory waterfowl	501.385	503.180	6
Taking or gathering shed antlers in certain counties between May 1 and June 30 without a certificate in violation of NAC 503.172	503.655	503.172	6

CATEGORY E FELONIES AND GROSS MISDEMANORS

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Conviction of a felony for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for intentionally killing a big game mammal, including aiding and abetting a person in the commission of the killing	501.376	-----	12
Conviction of a gross misdemeanor for willfully possessing an unlawfully killed big game mammal	501.376	-----	12
Acting as a master guide or subguide without a license	504.395	-----	12
Furnishing false information to obtain a big game tag	502.060	-----	12

TRAPPING

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Unlawfully capturing a raptor with a steel leghold trap placed, set or maintained within 30 feet of exposed bait	501.385	503.157	6
Trapping in a closed area	501.385	504.340	6
Unlawfully removing or disturbing a trap, snare or similar device lawfully being used by another person	503.454	-----	6
Trapping fur-bearing mammals during closed season	503.440	-----	6
Trapping birds of prey or raptors without a permit or by unlawful means	503.582	503.205	6
Failing to visit traps, snares or similar devices 48 or more hours after the required period for visitation	503.570	503.152	6

LICENSES

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Refusing to exhibit a license, wildlife, weapon, ammunition, device or apparatus	502.120	-----	12
Hunting without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Fishing without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Hunting without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Fishing without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6
Furnishing false information to obtain a license	502.060	-----	6
Furnishing of false information by a person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States to obtain a specialty combination hunting and fishing license	502.290	502.220	6
Unlawfully transferring a license to another person	502.100	-----	6
Unlawfully using a license of another person	502.100	-----	6
Obtaining more than one license of each class	502.110	-----	6
Altering a license	502.105	-----	6
Practicing falconry without a license	503.583	503.235	6
Operating as a fur dealer without a license	505.010	-----	6
Trapping without having procured a license	502.010	-----	6
Taking fur-bearing mammals, trapping unprotected mammals or selling raw furs for profit without having procured a license	503.454	-----	6
Trapping without a license in possession	502.120	-----	6

LICENSES

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
Hunting, fishing or trapping using a license that is invalid by reason of expiration or a false statement made to obtain the license	502.060	-----	6
Obtaining a hunting license without obtaining certification as a responsible hunter	502.360	-----	6

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation that does not appear in the schedule set forth in subsection 1 will be assessed 3 demerit points. No demerit points will be assessed for a violation of NRS 502.370, 502.390, 503.185, 503.310 or 504.295 to 504.398, inclusive.

3. A person who is convicted of committing a wildlife violation within 60 months after a conviction for the same violation will be assessed double the amount of demerit points listed in the schedule set forth in subsection 1.

4. A person who is convicted of committing any four wildlife violations arising out of separate events within a 60-month period will be assessed an extra 12 demerit points.

Section 2. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. *A person shall not destroy, injure, or deface private property or State Wildlife Management Areas while partaking in any wildlife-regulated activity, including without limitation hunting, fishing, trapping, or shed hunting.*
2. *For the purposes of this section, destruction, injury, or defacement of private property includes any act described in NRS:*
    a. *206.010*
    b. *206.015*
    c. *206.040*
    d. *206.150*
    e. *206.220*
    f. *206.310*

STATE OF NEVADA
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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B

Commission General Regulation 533 – LCB File No. R175 – 26 – Destruction of Private property while partaking in a wildlife regulated activity

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