

**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. R029-26
Commission General Regulation 517**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the Washoe County Administrative Complex, Building A, Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street Reno, NV 89512 on May 8 and 9, 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 Chapter 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 Friday, May 8, 2026:

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86793289816?pwd=wYyEPNDBlv2Q8aQpjoscMv0yL2AstW.1>

Passcode: 484334

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, May 9, 2026:

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85316646271?pwd=WWl0CVNkOLEb8PeSFeLXmFVUNgiG8R.1>

Passcode: 417326

Meeting materials are available at:

[Commission Meeting - May 8 and 9, 2026 - Nevada Department of Wildlife](#)

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 maintain ethical hunting practices and uphold the principle of fair chase by limiting the use of advanced electronic systems that provide hunters with an undue advantage. These devices, such as automatically adjusting aiming points using external data, compromise the integrity of wildlife management and create enforcement challenges. By clearly defining permissible and prohibited sight types, the proposed regulation ensures consistency, prevents unsporting practices, and protects Nevada's hunting traditions.

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 Either the terms or the substance of the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved: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 addresses the increasing use of advanced electronic systems that provide hunters with an unfair technological advantage. These devices, such as automatically adjusting aiming points using external data, undermine principles of fair chase and ethical hunting. Without clear restrictions, these technologies could lead to unsporting practices and diminish the integrity of wildlife management.

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

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 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 are no anticipated direct or indirect costs to the Department for the enforcement of 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.

04/07/2026

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

LCB File No. R029-26

March 24, 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: §§ 1-3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the use of a sight while hunting game mammals or game birds with certain weapons; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law provides for the manner in which a person may hunt certain game mammals or game birds unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) provide for the use of an open sight, a peep sight and a telescopic sight or scope when hunting big game mammals, game mammals and game birds; and (2) establish certain exceptions for such use. (NAC 503.142, 503.144, 503.145, 503.1455, 503.146) **Section 1** of this regulation defines the term “sight” for the purposes of such existing regulations relating to hunting. **Section 2** of this regulation applies the definitions in existing regulations and **section 1** to the provisions of existing regulations relating to hunting, fishing and trapping.

Existing law prohibits hunting any game bird or game mammal with the aid of artificial light unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. (NRS 503.150) Existing regulations: (1) establish certain exceptions to this prohibition; and (2) prohibit a person from hunting a big game mammal, game mammal or game bird with a weapon equipped with a sight that is capable of casting a projecting beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal. (NAC 503.145) **Section 3** of this regulation also prohibits a person from hunting such a mammal or bird with an electronic sight.

Section 1. Chapter 503 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

“Sight” means any magnified, ~~or non-magnified,~~ or electronic device attached to a firearm, bow or crossbow that is designed to improve the visual alignment of the weapon ~~with a target.~~ The term includes peep sights, open sights and telescopic sights or scopes.

Sec. 2. NAC 503.0001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.0001 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 503.0005 to 503.0045, inclusive, *and section 1 of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 3. NAC 503.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.145 **1.** 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 bow 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) A battery contained within the sight;
- ~~{2.}~~ (b) Light-gathering fiber optics;
- ~~{3.}~~ (c) A radioactive isotope such as tritium; or
- ~~{4.}~~ (d) Iridescent or fluorescent paint.

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2. It is unlawful for a person to hunt a big game mammal, a game mammal or a game bird with a ~~{weapon}~~ *firearm, bow or crossbow* that is equipped with ~~{a}~~:

(a) A sight that is capable of casting or projecting a beam of light that is visible to the unaided human eye from the sight to the animal ~~{.}~~; *or*

(b) An electronic sight that has been designed to receives data from any internal or external source that aids in the automatic adjustment of the sight reticle or aiming point.

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

Commission General Regulation 517– LCB File No. R029-26 – Range Finding Scopes

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