

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION**

**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 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 W. 6th St, Ely, NV 89301. 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, August 15, 2025:

Invite Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89358619014?pwd=T362frjmys4qjJG7ZUyGCh8tOpYlJj.1>

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If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, August 16, 2025:

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**Commission General Regulation 515, NAC 501, LCB File No. RXXX-XX – Demerit Points
Associated with Trail Cameras and Thermal Imaging Devices**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 501 to amend demerit points associated with trail cameras and thermal imaging devices.

**Commission General Regulation 521, NAC 502, LCB File No. R015-24 – Junior Mule Deer
Tag Transfer**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a mule deer tag to a junior hunter.

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 Commission 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 Michael Harbert at Michael.harbert@ndow.org.

07/21/2025

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

LCB File No. XXX-XX

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 515

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

Section 1. Approved Regulation R165-20, 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 |
| <i>Unlawful possession of thermal/night vision/ electronically enhanced light gathering device</i> | <i>501.385</i> | <i>R035-20</i> | <i>12</i> |
| 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 the aid of artificial light | 503.150 | ---- | 6 |
| 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 |

HUNTING AND TAKING

| Classification of Violations | NRS Section | NAC Section | Demerits |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 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, as amended by section 3 of senate Bill No. 304, Statutes of Nevada 2021, at page 1757 | ---- | 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 |
| 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 |
| <i>Unlawfully places, maintains, or uses trail cameras capable of transmitting, images, videos or location of wildlife from July 1 through December 31.</i> | <i>501.385</i> | <i>503.1485</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>Unlawfully places, maintains, or uses any trail camera from August 1 through December 31.</i> | <i>501.385</i> | <i>503.1485</i> | <i>12</i> |
| 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 |
| 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 |

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

| Classification of Violations | NRS Section | NAC Section | Demerits |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 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 |

TRAPPING

| Classification of Violations | NRS Section | NAC Section | Demerits |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 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 |
| 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 |

LICENSES

| Classification of Violations | NRS Section | NAC Section | Demerits |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 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.

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

LCB File No. R015-24

March 11, 2024

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

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.140, 502.160, and section 1 of Senate Bill No. 311, Chapter 444, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2728.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishing a process for a holder of a tag to hunt mule deer to transfer the tag to certain persons under 18 years of age under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires, with certain exceptions, that a person who hunts any wildlife in this State first obtain a license for such activities and, if he or she wishes to hunt certain designated big game mammals, first obtain an additional license, known as a tag. (NRS 502.010, 502.130) Under existing law, any such tag is not transferrable unless: (1) the person to whom the tag was issued can demonstrate the existence of an extenuating circumstance; or (2) the tag is transferred to an eligible qualified organization for use by a person with a disability or a life-threatening condition or a person who is 16 years of age or younger and otherwise eligible to hunt in this State (NRS 502.103, 502.104) Senate Bill No. 311 of the 2023 Legislative Session authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations establishing a program that allows a person to transfer his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal to any person who is less than 18 years of age. (Chapter 444, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 2728) **Section 1** of this regulation establishes a process by which a holder of a tag to hunt mule deer may request the transfer of the tag to a person who is at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age and who is otherwise eligible to hunt mule deer in this State. **Section 2** of this regulation makes a conforming change to provide that transferring a tag under **section 1** is an exception to the prohibition on the transfer of tags.

Section 1. Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 8 and 10, a holder of a tag to hunt mule deer that was awarded in the main drawing for the current hunting year may, subject to the

provisions of this section, request the transfer of the unused tag to a person who is at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age and who is otherwise eligible to hunt mule deer in this State if the person receiving the tag:

(a) Will attain his or her 12th birthday before the first day of the hunting season for which the big game tag for mule deer is issued; and

(b) Will not attain his or her 18th birthday until after the last day of each hunting season for which the big game tag for mule deer is issued.

2. To be eligible to transfer a tag pursuant to subsection 1, the holder of the tag must, when submitting his or her application for the main drawing, designate the name and client number of the minor to whom transfer the tag to hunt mule deer is to be transferred.

3. If the holder of a tag requests to transfer the tag pursuant to section 1, the holder must:

(a) Submit the request to the Department not later than July 1 of the hunting year for which the tag was issued;

(b) Complete an affidavit, in the form prescribed by the Department, which must include, without limitation:

(1) The legal name of the original holder of the tag;

(2) The legal name of the new recipient of the tag;

(3) The relationship between the original holder of the tag and the new recipient;

(4) The client number of both the original holder of the tag and the new recipient;

(5) The type of hunt; and

(6) That no monetary trade or exchange of goods or services will be taken or given by the person wishing to transfer his or her tag and the person receiving the tag;

(c) Pay the appropriate fee for the tag as provided in NRS 502.250; and

(d) Surrender the tag to the Department.

4. The Department shall return a copy of the executed affidavit submitted pursuant to subsection 3 to the original tag holder at the time the transfer of the tag has been completed.

5. If a tag is transferred to another person pursuant to this section, both the original holder of the tag and the new recipient of the tag will be treated as if he or she drew the tag with respect to any applicable waiting periods and bonus points.

6. A tag transferred pursuant to this section may not be:

(a) Returned to the Department for the restoration of bonus points under the bonus point program; or

(b) Deferred or transferred again.

7. A person who receives a tag to hunt mule deer pursuant to this section is not eligible to receive or obtain another mule deer tag in the year for which the tag was issued and must have been unsuccessful in obtaining any big game tag through the main drawing for the current hunt year.

8. A holder of a tag may only transfer a tag as set forth in this section once during his or her lifetime.

9. The holder of a tag to hunt mule deer who transfers the tag pursuant to this section shall accompany and directly supervise the person receiving the tag into the field and have on his or her person a copy of the affidavit. As used in this subsection, “accompany and directly supervise” means maintain close visual and verbal contact with, provide adequate direction to and maintain the ability readily to assume control of any firearm or weapon.

10. A tag to hunt mule deer awarded for a junior hunt is not eligible to be transferred pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. NAC 502.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.385 1. The tag or permit must be carried by the holder at all times while the holder is hunting or trapping or while he or she is fishing for wildlife for which a tag or permit is required.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.42905 , ~~and~~ section 1 of LCB File No. R022-19, *and section 1 of this regulation*, it is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Use or possess a tag or permit issued to any other person;
- (b) Transfer or give a tag or permit issued to him or her to any other person;
- (c) Use any tag or permit in a management area or unit for which it is not intended; or
- (d) Use a tag or permit at any time other than at the time intended.

3. After it has been issued, a tag or permit may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.