

**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 Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. A workshop will be held during the NDOW Commission Meeting at the Nannini Administration Building, 540 Court Street, Suite 102, Elko, NV 89801, June 14, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. 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 Saturday, June 14, 2025:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81168781893?pwd=GYWtGqJarcHdlLx4fV6eH8ZbwOveGO.1>

Passcode: 550078

Meeting materials are available at:

<https://www.ndow.org/events/commission-meeting-june-13-14-2025-elko/>

Commission General Regulation 525 - Season and License Requirements for Coyote Hunting Contests, NAC 503, LCB File No. RXXX-XX

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation to amend Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation establishes a season and licensing requirements for participants of coyote hunting contests.

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:

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

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 Alejandra Medina at amedina@ndow.org.

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PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. XXX-XX

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 525

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

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

Definitions:

1. *“Coyote hunting contest” means an organized or sponsored competition with the objective of harvesting coyotes for a prize.*

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

1. *An individual that will be participating in a coyote hunting contest is required to possess a valid Nevada hunting license or valid Nevada trapping license.*
2. *Coyote hunting contest season dates are hereby established from September 1 through March 31.*

Section 3. NAC 503.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. There is no open season on those species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish, reptiles or amphibians classified as protected.
2. *Except as provided in NAC 503.XXX, ~~T~~*there is no closed season on those species of wild mammals or wild birds classified as unprotected.

Section 4. NAC 503.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. *Except as provided in NAC 503.XXX, ~~A~~ a* person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit to hunt unprotected wild birds or mammals.
2. A person is not required to obtain a hunting license or permit or a trapping license to hunt or trap wildlife which are authorized to be taken in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to [NAC 503.710](#) to [503.740](#), inclusive.
3. A person who holds a trapping license issued by the Department is not required to obtain a hunting license to hunt coyotes, badgers, skunks, raccoons, weasels, ring-tailed cats or fur-bearing mammals.

**STATE OF NEVADA
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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

**Commission General Regulation 525 LCB File No. RXXX-XX Seasons and License Requirements for
Coyote Hunting Contests**

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:

To assess the potential business impact of the proposed regulation, a survey was developed using Microsoft Forms and distributed to small businesses likely impacted, coyote hunting contest event organizers and participants of these events. Recipients were encouraged to share the survey with other individuals or entities they believed could be affected. A total of 26 responses were received.

Most respondents indicated that the proposed regulation would have little to no economic impact on their business. Some respondents anticipated positive effects, and few noted the proposed regulation would have no impact, as coyote hunting contests already align with the proposed season.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the response summary by contacting the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Director’s Office.

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

ANSWER:

The analysis was conducted through targeted outreach to small businesses likely impacted, coyote hunting contest event organizers and participants of these events.

The data was analyzed to identify common themes, specific concerns, and overall impact. Each response was categorized based on whether the proposed regulation was perceived to have a negative, neutral, or positive impact. These findings were then summarized to ensure that stakeholder feedback was accurately represented in the regulatory decision-making process.

3. 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:

Based on the responses received from 26 respondents to the business impact survey, four businesses indicated that the proposed regulation would have a negative impact. The remaining respondents either reported no anticipated impact or expressed neutrality regarding the proposed regulation. Notably, five respondents reported that the regulation could have a positive economic effect.

b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

ANSWER:

Based on the feedback received from 26 small businesses, the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation includes a range of both direct and indirect impacts:

- 5 businesses reported a positive impact
- 15 businesses reported no impact
- 4 businesses reported a negative impact
- 2 businesses were unsure

Direct effects include the ability for businesses to advertise and promote their services in connection with regulated activities, resulting in increased visibility and potential for revenue generation. Businesses noted that the regulation allows for the solicitation and discussion of the services they offer in the state of Nevada, which contributes to attracting customers and driving sales.

Indirect effects were identified as increased foot traffic in stores, greater exposure of products to new customers, and an uptick in the purchase of fuel, food, and other local goods. Several respondents noted that the regulation helps bring more people into town during what is typically a slower time of year, thereby supporting the local economy more broadly.

On the other hand, a few respondents expressed concern that a reduction in such events or contests—potentially as an unintended consequence of the regulation—could lead to fewer visitors, which in turn may negatively affect sales and customer engagement in their communities.

Overall, the responses reflect a balance of perspectives, with the majority of businesses seeing either neutral or beneficial economic impacts, and a minority expressing concerns about potential negative outcomes.

4. 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:

To reduce the impact of the proposed regulation, the agency – working in coordination with the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners – held multiple public hearings to provide stakeholders the opportunity to find a regulatory solution. The proposed season outlined in the regulation was suggested by predator hunters who actively participate in coyote hunting contests, most of which take place within this time frame.

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

ANSWER:

There is no anticipated cost for the enforcement of the proposed regulation.

6. 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 a new fee or increase an existing fee.

7. 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.

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

ANSWER:

The Department believes that the establishment of seasons and license requirements for coyote calling contests provides a structured approach to the regulation of these events. While the overall biological and social impacts are expected to be limited, the regulation ensures clarity and consistency in contest oversight. The Department does not anticipate significant effects on small businesses and recognizes that, in some instances, the regulation may support local organizational efforts and community interest.

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
Nevada Department of Wildlife