

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

#25

Commission Policy Number

Number:
Title: Wildlife Contests
Reference: NRS 501.100, 501.105
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PURPOSE

This policy is to inform the public about the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) perspective regarding organized contests and the take of wildlife. The purpose, scope, and means of wildlife contests in general vary greatly, but the wildlife management profession does not generally recognize the use of contests as a tool with substantial wildlife management effect. Contests traditionally are used to encourage participation, recruit new participants, and provide a social contest in wildlife recreation. The Commission recognizes that it is the responsibility of the contest organizers and participants to follow all pertinent laws, regulations, and ordinances. Further, the Commission recognizes that contest organizers and contestants are responsible for exercising good judgment and respect for all wildlife, contestants, the general public, and outdoor traditions that oftentimes cannot be regulated. Contests can involve lethal take, observation, or photographs, but the effect of all must be considered when balancing sound judgement, ethics and competition.

THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS CONTESTS THAT

- Focus on the ethical, personal skill necessary to the contest;
- Encourage participation in wildlife-related activities and outdoor traditions;
- Follow all relevant wildlife laws, regulations, and ordinances;
- Adhere to the principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation; and
- Encourage respect for the wildlife pursued, attention to the traditions exercised, and enjoyment of wildlife resources.

THE COMMISSION DOES NOT SUPPORT CONTESTS THAT

- Glorify the death of wildlife through insensitive photographs, inappropriate behaviors, or contests that simply enumerate take;
- Intentionally violate wildlife laws or intentionally conceal inadvertent violations of wildlife law;
- Do not use all parts and edible portions of the wildlife taken; and
- Are blatantly disrespectful to the wildlife being pursued.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to encourage all organizers of and participants in wildlife contests to follow all wildlife laws; show respect for the wildlife pursued, taken, or photographed; and to exercise sound personal

judgement and high ethical standards.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Commission.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION,
Month , Year.**

**Chairman
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners**

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