



- 5. Commission Regulation 16-13, 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – For Possible Action**

The Commission will establish regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2016 – 2017 and 2017– 2018 seasons.

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**Jim moved to accept regulation as presented.**

**Wyatt second motion and all approved.**
- 6. Commission Regulation 16-03 Amendment #1, 2017 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider selection of the 2017 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations; and will also consider language changes associated with the sealed bid process to potentially address any outstanding Heritage tags not allocated to vendors.

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**No Action taken-tabled until next committee meeting.**
- 7. Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R14415- For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more]. The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge of caliber .50 or larger or case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016 and one on March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to change “3.8 inches overall loaded length” to “3 inches case length”, change “.46 caliber” to “.50 caliber”, change the minimum legal handgun cartridge to “caliber .22 or larger”, and change “electronic or computer controlled trigger” to “sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

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**Henry Krenka-NV Guide and Outfitters-recommend leaving laws as they are currently and no recommendations on electronic triggers.**

**Jim Cooney-Does not think this needs to be adopted at this time.**

**Wyatt Mesna-Agrees with the minimum caliber recommendations.**

**Jim Cooney-Moves to oppose as presented and Wyatt seconds motion.**
- 8. Commission General Regulation 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15 – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change would make the prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting and scouting from July 1 to the last day of February each calendar year

rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to and during any open season. The second change is to clarify existing language that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of hunting, locating, or observing big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulation by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles. The third change is to clarify real-time satellite images. The proposed amendment would also add game birds and fur-bearing mammals to the aerial scouting and hunting prohibition.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016 and one on March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to add "game birds and fur-bearing mammals" to the season closure on aerial scouting and hunting, change the closure dates to say July 1 to the last day of February each calendar year, and to add and define the term "real-time" to clarify satellite imagery.

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**Danny Riddle-Disagrees with regulation as written. He thinks there needs to be some other considerations for flying fixed wing aircrafts during the time stated in this regulation.**

**Henry Krenka-Agrees with limiting the use of aircraft that hoover and harass game.**

**Wyatt-Moved to accept regulation and Jim Second.**

**Board would like to revisit this for fixed wing considerations.**

**9. Commission General Regulation 460, Definition of "Spike Elk," LCB File No. R013-16 – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider adopting amendments to NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define "Spike Elk" in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification. A workshop was held in Yerington on March 25, 2016 and further discussion on the proposed amendment occurred in Reno on May 14, 2016. The Commission amended the version of language for consideration at the June meeting that defines "spike" as any antlered elk having no more than two points above the top of the ear on either antler.

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**Jim moved to accept regulation as written and Wyatt second all approved.**

**10. Commission General Regulation 461, Industrial Artificial Pond Permits (IAP), LCB File No. R014-16 – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider adopting regulation changes relating to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). It revises provisions relating to artificial industrial ponds; adds a provision on the purpose of permits; adds definitions for permanent closure and stabilized; adds new provisions and revises existing provisions relating to application, compliance, modification, renewal, and transfer of permits; and modifies provisions relating to assessment fee structure and payment tiers.

A workshop was held in Reno on May 13, 2016, where the Commission asked that the following language be added to Section 8 "...specifications for the design of any facility associated with the artificial or artificially created body of water according to the highest applicable payment tier within any of the following schedules." This language was added to provide clarity that only the maximum amount found in any one of the applicable tiers will be assessed and that calculation will not be additive.

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**Tom Donham NDOW-Provided clarification on this regulation.  
Jim motioned to accept regulation as written. Wyatt second motion and all approved.**

- 11. Commission General Regulation 462, Issuing and Verifying Hull Numbers of Vessels, LCB File No. R015-16 – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider the adoption of regulation changes to address federal regulatory changes the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has requested states to implement pertaining to hull numbers for vessels and the verification and issuance of these numbers; the processing of certificate of number applications for vessels to include language definitions, standardization of terminology regarding vessels and personal identification information of owners.  
In order to receive federal matching funds associated with the Dingle Johnson Act, all states report vessel information annually to the USCG. In an effort to modernize and standardize their vessel database information, which the USCG collects from all of the states, the USCG amended federal law. This federal change standardizes terminology across all of the states and provides direction regarding the method that states assign and verify hull numbers. Ultimately, these federal changes are expected to improve state reporting. As a result the Department must amend state regulation to implement this standardization effort in order to meet the USCG reporting requirements. These changes must be implemented by Jan. 1, 2017. A workshop was held in Reno on March 13, 2016. The Department provided several cleanup language changes, which were accepted by the Commission.  
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**Jim moved to support and Wyatt second all approve.**
- 12. Discuss any other State agenda items – Bert-Stated that Commissioner Pete Mori was leaving and thanked him for all his service over the past 8 years. Wyatt-would like to know the status of the regulation regarding the use of trail cameras.**
- 13. Future Commission Meeting: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, in Reno and September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Las Vegas; and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting  
Elko County Wildlife Board's future meeting date will be Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 prior to the next state meeting.
- 14. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM**  
Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**