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NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, FILING OR REPEAL OF REGULATION
(Submit to: Secretary, Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV 89512)

Petitioner's Full Name: Catherine Smith
(Please Print)

Type of Petitioner: (Individual, Partnership, Corporation, Government Agency, Other): Individual

Petitioner's Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Petitioner, please complete the following (attach additional sheets if necessary):

1. State the need for and purpose of the proposed regulation:

The current NAC regulation does not reflect the values of the majority of the public and sportsmen and women as indicated by a scientifically conducted poll published by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in 2018 (~~see attached~~). This poll is new from a prior denied petition. To maintain legitimacy, the decision making system of a democratic institution must take into account the concerns and interests of all citizens. The Bear Committee established that the bear hunt serves no management purpose such as population control or reducing human/bear conflict, but exists solely to provide a recreational opportunity for hunters. The regulation change will also improve Nevada's reputation as a state which upholds fair chase principles.

2. Provide (or attach) the wording for the change you are proposing:

See attached

3. What is the estimated "economic" effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate?
See attached.

(a) Include both adverse and beneficial effects:

(b) Include both immediate and long-term effects:

4. What is the estimated "economic" effect of the regulation on the public which it is to regulate?
See attached.

(a) Include both adverse and beneficial effects:

(b) Include both immediate and long-term effects:

5. What is the estimated cost to the Department of Wildlife for enforcement of the proposed regulation?

There will be no additional cost to the Department of Wildlife. In fact, law enforcement will be easier without the use of hounds, due to less private property trespassing.

6. Does the proposed change overlap or duplicate any regulations of other state or local government agencies? No. Yes. If "Yes," list the agency and explain why the duplication or overlapping is necessary:

7. Does the requested change overlap or duplicate a federal regulation? No. Yes.
If "Yes," list the name of the regulating federal agency?

8. Is the requested change required by federal law? No. Yes. If "Yes," please cite or describe the federal law as best you can:

9. Does the requested change include provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity? No. Yes.
10. Does the requested change establish a new fee or increase an existing fee? No. Yes.

Kathleen Smith
Petitioner's Signature

Date 6/29/2020

2. Provide (or attach) the wording for the change you are proposing:

NAC 503.147 Hunting with a dog. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.150) It is unlawful to hunt, chase or pursue:

1. Any black bear or mountain lion with a dog except during the open season, in an open management area and under the authority of a hunting license and:

- (a) A black bear tag, if the person is hunting, chasing or pursuing a black bear; or
- (b) A mountain lion tag, if the person is hunting, chasing or pursuing a mountain lion.

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3. What is the estimated "economic" effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate?

(a) Include both adverse and beneficial effects:

(b) Include both immediate and long-term effects:

The adverse economic effects will be negligible on outfitters given the small size of the hunt.

There is documented economic benefit in other western states that have disallowed hounding. For example, tag sales for black bears markedly increased following a hounding ban in 1994 in Oregon. The average number of tags sold from 1983 to 1993 was 21,446, before the ban. The average number of tags sold from 1996-2006 was 35,133, after the ban. The same pattern was demonstrated in Washington State after a hounding ban in 1996. The average number of tags sold from 1992-1996 was 12,441 before the ban. The average number of tags sold from 1998-2002 was 29,071 after the ban.

4. What is the estimated "economic" effect of the regulation on the public which it is to regulate?

(a) Include both adverse and beneficial effects:

(b) Include both immediate and long-term effects:

There will be no adverse economic effect on the public, immediate or long term.

There will be no significant long term effects because of the small population of bears in Nevada allowing for only a "boutique" hunt. It was established during multiple bear committee meetings that the hunt is strictly for hunter opportunity and not for population control.