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MEMORANDUM

October 10, 2019

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Mike Maynard, Game Warden Captain

Title: **Regulation Changes: NAC 503.172- Shed Antler Season, NAC 501.200 Demerits**

Description: The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 501.200 and 503.172 to change the demerits for violation of the shed antler closure, increase the demerits for a violation of that regulation to six demerits, and require an online class in order to collect or possess shed antlers in the field.

Presenter: Mike Maynard, Game Warden Captain

Agenda No:

Summary:

This regulation will keep the shed antler season closure dates of January 1 – April 30.

The first section addresses the new requirement to have taken an online shed antler course offered by the Department before being allowed to collect a shed antler on public land in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties between May 1 and June 30.

The second section addresses the change in demerits in NAC 501.200 from 3 to 6 demerits for possessing a shed antler from May 1 – June 30 without a shed antler class certificate

The third section of this regulation makes it a 9-demerit violation to possess a shed antler during the closed season.

Recommendation:

Keep the dates of the shed antler season closure January 1 – April 30, require an online course for shed collection and possession, and increase demerits for violation of this regulation to 6 for no shed antler certificate, and 9 demerits for shed antler collection during the closed season. Adopt the remaining language as is.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE
COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 489
LCB FILE NO. R082-19**

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 501.1818, 503.655

A REGULATION relating to wildlife;

NAC 503.171. Shed Antler Collection Education Course.

A person aged 12 years and older participating in shed antler collection between May 1 and June 30 on public land in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties must have taken an online course on shed antler collection offered at no charge by the Department or licensing vendor prior to April 30 in each calendar year.

NAC 501.200 Schedule of demerit points. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 501.1818)

1. A person who is convicted of a wildlife violation will be assessed demerit points pursuant to the following schedule:

MISCELLANEOUS FISH AND GAME

Classification of Violations	NRS Section	NAC Section	Demerits
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
Polluting water.....	503.430	-----	6
Removing, altering or tampering with a tag placed on wildlife or on seized equipment.....	501.377	-----	6
Commercial taking of crayfish, except in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to <u>NAC 503.540</u>	501.385	503.540	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
<i>Possessing a shed antler that may not be legally possessed without a shed antler class certificate.....</i>	<i>503.655</i>	<i>503.172</i>	6
<i>Possessing a shed antler in violation of NAC 503.172</i>	<i>503.655</i>	<i>503.172</i>	<i>9</i>