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MEMORANDUM

September 03, 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:**

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**Summary:**

The first section of this regulation addresses the change of dates for the shed antler closed season. This regulation changes the dates from January 1 – April 30 to **February 1 – April 30**.

The second 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.

The third section addresses the change in demerits in NAC 501.200 from 3 to 6 demerits.

**Recommendation:**

Change the dates of the shed antler season closure to February 1 – April 15, require an online course for shed collection and possession, and increase demerits for violation of this regulation to 6.

Adopt the remaining language as is.

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

**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 participating in shed antler collection pursuant to NAC 503.172 must have taken an online course on shed antler collection offered at no charge by the Department or licensing vendor.*

**NAC 503.172 Prohibition on taking or gathering shed antlers on public land in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties during certain period. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.655)**

A person shall not take or gather shed antlers from or on any public land located in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye or White Pine Counties at any time: from ~~January~~ **February** 1 to April 30 inclusive.

**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
<b><i>Possessing a shed antler that may not be legally possessed without a shed antler class certificate.....</i></b>	<b><i>503.655</i></b>	<b><i>503.172</i></b>	6