

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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NAC 488.455 Areas in which reduced speed required. ([NRS 488.045](#), [488.059](#), [501.181](#), [501.243](#))

1. On the following waters, a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Bassett Lake.....	White Pine
(b) Cave Lake.....	White Pine
(c) Knott Creek Reservoir.....	Humboldt
(d) Jakes Creek Reservoir.....	Elko
(ed) Onion Valley Reservoir.....	Humboldt
(fe) Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area.....	Nye
(gf) The lagoon south of Laughlin within sec. 33, T. 32 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both.....	Clark
(hg) Likes Lake.....	Churchill
(ih) The Pitt Taylor Arm of Rye Patch Reservoir.....	Pershing
(ji) Illipah Reservoir.....	White Pine
(kj) Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.....	Lyon
(lk) Upper Wall Canyon Reservoir.....	Washoe
(ml) Echo Canyon Reservoir.....	Lincoln
(nm) Silver Creek Reservoir.....	White Pine
(on) Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area.....	Lincoln
(po) Colorado River, the backwater south of Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area within sec. 5, T. 33 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both.....	Clark
(qp) Jiggs Reservoir.....	Elko

2. All boat harbors and other areas designated by buoys on any of the following waters are zones in which a vessel must be operated at a speed that leaves a flat wake, but in no case may a vessel be operated at a speed in excess of 5 nautical miles per hour:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
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(a) Lake Mead National Recreation Area.....	Clark
(b) South Fork Reservoir.....	Elko
(c) Wildhorse Reservoir.....	Elko
(d) Lake Tahoe, Zephyr Cove.....	Douglas
Cave	
Rock.....	Douglas
Glenbrook	
Bay.....	Douglas
Round Hill Pines	
Beach.....	Douglas
Sand	
Harbor.....	Washoe
Incline Village General Improvement District Boat Ramp.....	Washoe
Crystal Shores	
West.....	Washoe
(e) Washoe Lake State Park.....	Washoe
County Boat Ramp.....	Washoe
(f) Walker Lake State Recreation Area.....	Mineral
Sportsmen's	
Beach.....	Mineral
(g) Lahontan Reservoir, Churchill Beach.....	Churchill
North Shore	
Marina.....	Churchill
Silver Springs	
Beach.....	Lyon
(h) Rye Patch Reservoir, Rye Patch Dam Access.....	Pershing
(i) Topaz Lake, Boat Ramps.....	Douglas
(j) Colorado River, adjacent to Harrah's Casino in Laughlin.....	Clark
(k) Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area, the lagoon used for launching boats.....	Clark

[Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, Motorboat Reg. No. 100 §§ 39 & 40, eff. 2-10-82] — (NAC A 12-1-82; 12-3-84, eff. 1-1-85; 12-3-90; 12-13-91; 12-16-92; 11-18-93; 10-13-

95; R123-97, 11-14-97; R206-97, 6-19-98; R106-99, 10-27-99; R004-10, 4-20-2010; R055-13, 12-23-2013)

NAC 488.470 Areas limited to vessels without motors and vessels powered by electric motors; exceptions. ([NRS 488.045](#), [488.059](#), [501.181](#), [501.243](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors are permitted on the following waters:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Angel Lake.....	Elko
(b) Blue Lake.....	Humboldt
(c) Marlette Lake.....	Washoe
(d) Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.....	Storey and Washoe

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, only vessels without motors and vessels which are powered by electric motors are permitted on the following waters:

<u>Waters</u>	<u>County</u>
(a) Groves Lake.....	Lander
(b) Sparks Marina Park.....	Washoe
(c) The lagoon south of Laughlin within section 33, T. 32 S., R. 66 E., M.D.B. & M., as marked with signs or buoys, or both.....	Clark
(d) Spooner Lake.....	Douglas
<i>(e) Knott Creek Reservoir</i>	<i>Humboldt</i>
<i>(f) Tonkin Springs Reservoir</i>	<i>Eureka</i>

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to a vessel that is:

(a) Owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated; or

(b) Operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity which has jurisdiction over the body of water on which the vessel is operated and issued pursuant to [NRS 488.305](#) and [NAC 488.490](#) to [488.510](#), inclusive.

[Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, Motorboat Reg. No. 100 § 38, eff. 2-10-82] — (NAC A 12-3-84, eff. 1-1-85; 10-16-87; 12-11-87; 12-13-91; R123-97, 11-14-97; R105-99, 10-27-99; R160-03, 1-20-2004; R006-04, 4-23-2004; R020-08, 6-17-2008; R139-16, 9-21-2017)

NAC 503.504 Western Region: Applicable waters; restrictions on bait and lures. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.300, 503.310)

503.504 1. The Western Region consists of all waters within Carson City and Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Storey, Pershing and Washoe Counties.

2. In the Western Region:

(a) Live bait fish may be used only in the river basin from which it is taken and only in the following waters:

(1) The Carson River Basin.

(2) The Humboldt River downstream from Stall Diversion Dam located near Golconda in Humboldt County, including Rye Patch Reservoir, Pitt-Taylor Reservoir, all waters in the Lovelock Valley, Chimney Reservoir and the Little Humboldt River downstream from Chimney Reservoir.

(3) The portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin located in Carson City and Douglas and Washoe Counties.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the Truckee River Basin.

(5) The Walker River from the railroad bridge near Wabuska downstream to and including Walker Lake, except waters on the Walker River Paiute Reservation.

(b) Other forms of aquatic and animal life, including, but not limited to, grasshoppers, earthworms, crayfish, any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are prepared and preserved commercially, and preserved salmon eggs may be used as bait.

3. The following provisions apply to all other waters in the Western Region:

(a) The capture, possession while fishing or the use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, is prohibited.

(b) Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used in:

(1) Catnip Reservoir;

(2) ~~Hobart Reservoir;~~

~~(3)~~ Knott Creek Reservoir, including inlet and outlet streams;

~~(4)~~ Marlette Lake, including tributaries and outlet streams;

~~(5)~~ The portion of the East Walker River which is from one-quarter of a mile above the confluence of the East Walker River and Sweetwater Creek downstream to one-half of a mile below the confluence of the East Walker River and Red Wash Creek; and

~~(6)~~ The portion of the Truckee River from the bridge on East Mustang Road downstream to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

(c) Only artificial lures may be used in:

(1) Hinkson Slough on the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area;

(2) Hobart Reservoir.

NAC 503.506 Eastern Region: Applicable waters; restrictions on bait and lures. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 503.300, 503.310)

503.506 1. The Eastern Region consists of all waters in Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine Counties.

2. Within this region:

(a) The possession while fishing or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive, or parts thereof, or any unprotected species of freshwater bait fish or parts thereof which are prepared and preserved commercially except preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.

(b) Aquatic bait may be used only in the water from which it is taken.

3. Only artificial lures may be used in the Tonkin Springs Reservoir and the collection ditch of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

4. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used *on the Snake Range High Lakes* and ~~in the Smith Creek Reservoir and~~ on the south fork of the Humboldt River from the access causeway for the Lucky Nugget subdivision upstream to Lee. Only one single barbless hook may be attached to each hook eye or ring of the lure.

503.075 Amphibians. (NRS 501.105, 501.110, 501.181)

1. Amphibians are classified as game, protected, threatened, sensitive, endangered or unprotected amphibians.
2. The following amphibians are classified as protected:

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Frog	Northern leopard.....	<u><i>Lithobates pipiens</i></u>
	Relict leopard	<u><i>Lithobates onca</i></u>
	Columbia Spotted	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>
(b) Toad	Amargosa	<u><i>Anaxyrus nelsoni</i></u>
	Dixie Valley	<u><i>Anaxyrus williamsi</i></u>
	Hot Creek.....	<u><i>Anaxyrus monfontanus</i></u>
	Railroad Valley.....	<u><i>Anaxyrus nevadensis</i></u>

3. The following species of protected amphibians are further classified as endangered:

	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>
<i>(a) Toad</i>	<i>Dixie Valley.....</i>	<u><i>Anaxyrus williamsi</i></u>

4. Unprotected amphibians are all species of amphibians which are not classified as game, protected, threatened, sensitive or endangered amphibians.