ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. R108-07

Effective December 4, 2007

EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.595.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; prohibiting trapping within 1,000 feet of certain trails in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 504.340 is hereby amended to read as follows:

504.340 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(a) The following areas are closed to all hunting and trapping:

[1.] (1) Those portions of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area which are within:

[(a)] (I) A 1-mile radius of Overton Landing, Willow Beach, Rogers Spring, the area for cabins at Stewart's Point, Echo Bay, Eldorado Canyon, Cottonwood Cove and the petroglyphs of Grapevine Canyon.

[(b)] (II) The Lower or Boulder Basin, including all of the area from Hoover Dam to a line running north and south near the peninsula between Hamblin Bay and Rotary Cove. The townships or portions of them located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and included within this closed area are: T. 20 S., R. 63 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E.; Sections 6, 7 and 18 of T. 21 S., R. 66 E.; T. 21 S., R. 63 E., R. 63 I/2 E., R. 64 E., R. 65 E. and T. 22 S., R. 64 E. and R. 65 E., M.D.B. & M.

- [(e)] (III) A 1/2-mile strip parallel to the west shoreline of Lake Mohave from Hoover Dam south to a point 2 miles south of the campground at Willow Beach.
- [(d)] (IV) The area of land extending 1/2 mile west of the water elevation of Lake Mohave and the Colorado River between the southern boundary of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the crossing of those cables of the power line located approximately 5 1/4 miles north of Davis Dam and all waters between that cable and the southern boundary.
- [2.] (2) All portions of the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in Churchill County south of Division Road, except that trapping is allowed to the extent authorized pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §§ 31.14 and 31.16.
 - [3.] (3) All portions of the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, except that:
- [(a)] (I) Hunting is allowed pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 on designated areas of the refuge in Elko and White Pine Counties and to the extent authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118; and
- [(b)] (II) Trapping is allowed to the extent authorized pursuant to 50 C.F.R. §§ 31.14 and 31.16 and by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.
 - [4.] (4) All portions of the Death Valley National Park.
- [5.] (5) All portions of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is authorized on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent permitted by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.

- [6.] (6) All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties within the boundaries of [the] Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that the hunting of bighorn sheep is authorized in certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47 and [the] Nellis Air Force Range, to the extent authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.
- [7.] (7) All portions of Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties within the boundaries of [the] Nellis Air Force Range, the Nevada Test Site and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, except that certain described portions of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, not within [the] Nellis Air Force Range, will be opened for the hunting of deer pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.
- [8.] (8) All portions of the Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge in Lincoln County, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.
 - [9.] (9) All portions of the Great Basin National Park.
- [10.] (10) All portions of the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, except that hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 32.47, to the extent authorized by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners in regulations governing seasons, hours and bag limits adopted pursuant to NRS 501.118.
- (b) Trapping is prohibited within 1,000 feet of each side of the following designated hiking trails established within that portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest that is located

north of the Washoe County-Carson City line, west of U.S. Highway No. 395 and south of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 80:

- (1) Hunter Creek Trail, United States Forest Service Trail No. 21053;
- (2) Jones Creek-Whites Creek Trail, United States Forest Service Trail No. 21056;
- (3) Ophir Creek Trail, United States Forest Service Trail No. 21059;
- (4) Tahoe Rim Trail, United States Forest Service Trail No. 21055; and
- (5) Thomas Creek Trail, United States Forest Service Trail No. 21057.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 do not prohibit the lawful placing or setting of a trap or snare inside a fence on private property that is located or partially located within 1,000 feet of a trail specified in that paragraph.
- 3. A person who holds a permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.710 to 503.740, inclusive, may trap in any area specified in subsection 1 in accordance with that permit.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION LCB File No. R108-07

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R108-07 which pertain to chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

1. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife.

2.	The	number	of	persons	who:
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- (a) Attended each hearing: <u>37 Workshop 13 Hearings</u>
- (b) Testified at each hearing: 1 Workshop_
- (c) Submitted to the agency written statements: __0_
- 3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary: No affect on business. See above #1.
- 4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change: The regulation was agreeable to all parties involved.
- 5. The estimated <u>economic</u> effect of the regulations on the businesses they are to regulate and on the public. N/A
 - (a) Estimated economic effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.
 - (1) Adverse None
 - (2) Beneficial None
 - (3) Immediate None
 - (4) Long term None
 - (b) Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.
 - (1) Adverse None
 - (2) Beneficial None
 - (3) Immediate None
 - (4) Long term None

- **6.** The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation: Minimal
- 7. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary: N/A

If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency: N/A

- 8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions: N/A
- 9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used: N/A