



STATE OF NEVADA
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

Law Enforcement Division

6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Ste. 120 • Reno, Nevada 89511
(775) 688-1500 Fax (775) 688-1551

16A

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2018

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

From: Tyler Turnipseed, Chief Game Warden

Title: Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18 – Game Warden Captain Mike Maynard – For Possible Action/Public Comment Allowed

Description: The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would remove the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey. It would also clean up unnecessary language regarding shot size used on a wildlife management area. The Commission held a workshop on September 21, 2018 and the Commission directed the Department to reverse the changes on page 1, keeping the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than a 20 gauge and retaining the cleanup language on page 2 relating to shot size used on a wildlife management area.

Presenter: Mike Maynard, Game Warden Captain

Summary:

The first section of this regulation addresses what gauge shotgun can be used during a wild turkey hunt. This regulation deletes the word “number” and adds back in the phrase “nor smaller than 20 gauge.”

The second section of this regulation addresses what shot may be used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area. This regulation deletes the restriction on “no larger than standard size ‘T’ “shot, as this is redundant with 1(a) and cleans up language to state that shot must be “nontoxic.”

This regulation was initially in response to a petition from Ryan Bronson of Federal Premium Ammunition.

Recommendation:

Restore subsection 1 to its original language and adopt the remaining language change in subsection 2 as presented.

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

LCB File No. R194-18

August 21, 2018

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 503.150.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; removing the prohibition against using a shotgun which is smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey; removing the prohibition against using shot which is larger than standard-size T to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations which are necessary to: (1) preserve, protect, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat in this State; and (2) carry out the provisions of title 45 of NRS governing wildlife, including the manner and means of taking wildlife. (NRS 501.105 and 501.181) Existing law makes it unlawful to hunt any game bird or game mammal with a shotgun larger than number 10 gauge, unless otherwise specified in a regulation adopted by the Commission. (NRS 503.150)

Existing regulations prohibit the use of: (1) a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey; and (2) shot which is larger than standard-size T to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area. (NAC 503.187) This regulation removes both of those prohibitions.

Section 1. NAC 503.187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

503.187 1. No weapon other than a:

- (a) Shotgun which is no larger than ~~[number]~~ 10 gauge ^{nor smaller than 20 gauge} ~~[nor smaller than 20 gauge]~~ and uses a shot size no larger than a number 2 pellet; or
- (b) Bow and arrow,
- ↪ may be used to hunt wild turkey.

2. Shot used to hunt wild turkey on a wildlife management area must be ~~f~~

~~(a) Nontoxic shot; and~~

~~(b) Not larger than standard size T.]~~ *nontoxic.*