



INSTRUCTIONS COMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

Fees (separate): \$150 Fish/Aquatic Bait (22.02)
\$500 Coarse Fish (carp, Sacramento blackfish, etc.) **(22.01)**
\$250 Nuisance Wildlife (22.84)

LEGAL AUTHORITY: NRS 501.379, 503.380, 503.597
NAC 503.095 through 503.099, inclusive; 503.510; 503.513; 503.545; 503.550

PERMIT REQUIREMENT: The Department may permit the commercial taking of unprotected wildlife in any manner approved by the Commission. Permits expire December 31 of each year.

WHERE TO OBTAIN APPLICATION: Application for a permit may be obtained from any office of the Nevada Department of Wildlife or on the website at www.ndow.org under the License Office section.

PROCESSING TIME: Allow up to thirty (30) days.

DENIAL OF APPLICATION: Whenever an application is denied, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing of the reason for the denial.

PERTINENT STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

NRS 501.379 Unlawful sales of wildlife or importation of game mammals, game birds or game amphibians; exception.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to sell or expose for sale, to barter, trade or purchase or to attempt to sell, barter, trade or purchase any species of wildlife, or parts thereof, except as otherwise provided in this Title or in a regulation of the Commission.

(b) The importation and sale of products made from the meat of game mammals, game birds or game amphibians raised in captivity is not prohibited if the importation is from a licensed commercial breeder or commercial processor.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to alternative livestock and products made therefrom.

NRS 503.380 Commercial taking of unprotected wildlife. The Department may take or permit the commercial taking of unprotected wildlife in any manner approved by the Commission. The Commission may fix a price to be paid for wildlife so taken. Unprotected wildlife taken under this authorization may be sold.

NRS 503.597 Introduction or removal of aquatic life or wildlife: Approval required; investigation; regulations; penalties.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful, except by the written consent and approval of the Department, for any person at anytime to receive, bring or have brought or shipped into this State, or remove from one stream or body of water in this State to any other, or from one portion of the State to any other, or to any other state, any aquatic life or wildlife, or any spawn, eggs or young of any of them.

2. The Department shall require an applicant to conduct an investigation to confirm that such an introduction or removal will not be detrimental to the wildlife or the habitat of wildlife in this State. Written consent and approval of the Department may be given only if the results of the investigation prove that the introduction, removal or importation will not be detrimental to existing aquatic life or wildlife, or any spawn, eggs or young of any of them.

3. The Commission may through appropriate regulation provide for the inspection of such introduced or removed creatures and the inspection fees therefor.

4. The Commission may adopt regulations to prohibit the importation, transportation or possession of any species of wildlife which the Commission deems to be detrimental to the wildlife or the habitat of the wildlife in this State.

5. A person who knowingly or intentionally introduces, causes to be introduced or attempts to introduce an aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species into any waters of this State is guilty of:

- (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor; and
 - (b) For any subsequent offense, a category E felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
6. A court before whom a defendant is convicted of a violation of subsection 5 shall, for each violation, order the defendant to pay a civil penalty of at least \$25,000 but not more than \$250,000. The money must be deposited into the Wildlife Fund Account in the State General Fund and used to:
- (a) Remove the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species;
 - (b) Reintroduce any game fish or other aquatic wildlife destroyed by the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species;
 - (c) Restore any habitat destroyed by the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species;
 - (d) Repair any other damage done to the waters of this State by the introduction of the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species; and
 - (e) Defray any other costs incurred by the Department because of the introduction of the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic species.
7. The provisions of this section do not apply to:
- (a) Alternative livestock and products made therefrom; or
 - (b) The introduction of any species by the Department for sport fishing or other wildlife management programs.
8. As used in this section:
- (a) "Aquatic invasive species" means an aquatic species which is exotic or not native to this State and which the Commission has determined to be detrimental to aquatic life, water resources or infrastructure for providing water in this State.
 - (b) "Injurious aquatic species" means an aquatic species which the Commission has determined to be a threat to sensitive, threatened or endangered aquatic species or game fish or to the habitat of sensitive, threatened or endangered aquatic species or game fish by any means, including, without limitation:
 - (1) Predation;
 - (2) Parasitism;
 - (3) Interbreeding; or
 - (4) The transmission of disease.

NAC 503.095 Permit to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes:

- 1. It is unlawful for a person to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes without a permit.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 503.513 and 503.545, the Department will issue a permit authorizing a natural person to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes with a seine, net, noose, trap or other device if, after an investigation is conducted, it is proved to the Department that the collecting will not be detrimental to wildlife or the habitat of the wildlife. The annual fee for a permit issued pursuant to this section is \$250.
- 3. An application for a permit issued pursuant to this section must be submitted on a form furnished by the Department or a facsimile of the form.
- 4. An applicant for a permit issued pursuant to this section must include on the application:
 - (a) The name of the applicant;
 - (b) The physical and mailing addresses of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
 - (c) The telephone numbers of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
 - (d) The driver's license number of the applicant, if he has been issued a driver's license;
 - (e) The date of birth of the applicant;
 - (f) The methods and equipment to be used in the collection of the wildlife;
 - (g) The location, by county or region, where the wildlife is to be collected;
 - (h) The address of the location where the wildlife will be held while it is in the possession of the applicant;
 - (i) If the applicant has been convicted of violating the laws or regulations of any state or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to the commercialization of wildlife within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application, a description of each violation, a description of the penalty imposed for each violation and the name of the state in which each conviction occurred; and
 - (j) The applicant's signature and the date on which the application is signed.
- 5. Such a permit is not transferable and may be cancelled by the Department for a violation of its conditions or if operation of the permit is found to be detrimental to wildlife.

6. Within 30 days after the expiration of a permit for the collection of unprotected wildlife, the Department may require the person to whom it was issued to report to the Department the number and disposition of the unprotected species he has taken. Any failure to submit the report is a cause for denial of a future application for a similar permit.

NAC 503.097 Collection of unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes: General requirements. A person granted a permit to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes pursuant to NAC 503.095, 503.513 or 503.545 shall:

1. Comply with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit.
2. Immediately release, unharmed, any wildlife not authorized by the permit.
3. Allow at reasonable times any person employed by the Department who is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter free and unrestricted access to logs of transactions, records of collection and, for the purpose of inspecting the wildlife, the area or areas where the holder of a permit is collecting, possessing, storing or shipping unprotected wildlife.
4. If required by the Department, maintain daily records of the unprotected wildlife he has taken. Not later than the 10th day of each month, the Department must receive from the holder of the permit a report which summarizes the daily records of the previous month. The holder of the permit shall, as required by the Department, include on the report:
 - (a) The total number of unprotected wildlife collected, by individual species;
 - (b) The sex and age of each specimen of wildlife collected, if known;
 - (c) A description of the location at which each specimen of wildlife was collected, as designated by:
 - (1) Township, range and sections;
 - (2) Coordinates of the Universal Transverse Mercator, within plus or minus 800 meters; or
 - (3) Other system of coordinates approved by the Department; and
 - (d) A description of the habitat from which the specimen of wildlife was collected.
5. If required by the Department, maintain an annual chronological, written log of each transaction which involves the sale, barter, trade or other transfer of the specimen of wildlife collected or possessed under the authority of his permit. The holder of the permit shall record each such transaction in the log not later than the end of the business day on which the transaction occurred. The holder of the permit shall include in the log:
 - (a) The name and address of each person to whom the wildlife is transferred;
 - (b) The species of wildlife transferred and the number of each such species transferred; and
 - (c) The date of the transfer.

The holder of the permit shall maintain the annual log for at least 2 years after the date of the expiration of the permit to which the log applies.

NAC 503.099 Collection of unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes: Compliance with applicable law. A permit issued pursuant to NAC 503.095, 503.513 or 503.550 does not authorize the taking, transporting or disposal of unprotected wildlife in violation of any applicable federal, state, county or city law, regulation or ordinance.

PROVISIONS SPECIFIC TO COMMERCIAL OF LIVE BAIT FISH AND LIVE AQUATIC BAIT

NAC 503.510 Aquatic bait and live bait: Capture, sale, holding and transportation; reference work for naming of species.

1. Aquatic bait and the following species of live bait may be captured, offered for sale, held or transported by a person permitted to sell live bait, subject to any special conditions contained in the annual permit issued by the Department or in subsection 2:

Species	Authorized Species by Region		
	Western Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region
Lahontan redbreast (<i>Richardsonius egregius</i>)	X		
Red shiner (<i>Notropis lutrensis</i>)		N	X
Tui chub (<i>Gila bicolor</i>)	X	O	
Speckled dace (<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i>)	X	N	
Mosquitofish (<i>Gambusia ssp.</i>)	X	E	

Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	X		X
Goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>)		P	X
Golden shiner (<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>)		E	X
Fathead minnow (<i>Pimephalespromelas</i>)	X	R	X
Threadfin shad (<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>)		M	X
Mountain sucker (<i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i>)	X	T	
Tahoe sucker (<i>Catostomus tahoensis</i>)	X	T	
Longjaw mudsucker (<i>Gillichthys mirabilis</i>)		E	X
Salamander (Waterdogs) (<i>Ambystoma</i>)		D	X
Piute Sculpin (<i>Cottus beldingi</i>)	X		

2. In the Western Region, the capture of any fish used as live bait for sale from the Carson River drainage below Quilici Dam is prohibited. The Quilici Dam is located near Dayton, Nevada.

3. The reference work from which the species listed in subsection 1 were named is special publication 12 of the American Fisheries Society, *A List of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States and Canada*, 4th edition, 1980.

NAC 503.513 Commercial wildlife permit: Prerequisites to issuance; use; expiration.

1. Any person may obtain a commercial wildlife permit for the capture, sale, possession or transportation of live bait fish or live aquatic bait for commercial purposes upon application and payment to the Department of the annual permit fee of \$150, if:

(a) The location, plan and stocking of the facilities used by the permittee in the bait operation are approved by the Department; and

(b) No stream or natural body of water is enclosed or impounded in connection therewith to the detriment of fish naturally indigenous or planted or propagated therein at public expense.

2. The products of such a facility, fish spawn, fry and fish, or aquatic bait, may be sold at any time of the year by the permittee or his vendees, after having first complied with the provisions of Title 45 of NRS and NAC 503.500 to 503.575, inclusive.

3. The permit expires on December 31 of the year in which it was issued.

NAC 503.520 Sale of live or aquatic bait: Invoice. When a dealer licensed in Nevada sells or disposes of live bait or aquatic bait, he shall at the same time attach thereto or deliver to the purchaser or donee an invoice stating the kind and number of such bait. This invoice may be used as a transportation permit for the purchaser or donee.

**PROVISIONS SPECIFIC TO COLLECTION OF COARSE FISH
(Crayfish, Blackfish)**

NAC 503.540 Commercial taking of crayfish unlawful; exception.

1. **Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2**, it is unlawful for any person to take crayfish from any of the waters of the State for commercial purposes.

2. A person may obtain a permit to take crayfish commercially from the waters of Lake Tahoe upon application and payment to the Department of an annual permit fee of \$500 if the Department:

(a) Approves the location, time and manner of conducting the operation; and

(b) Determines the operation is not deleterious to fish or other wildlife indigenous or planted or propagated in those waters at public expense.

NAC 503.545 Commercial permit to take unprotected fish: Prerequisites to issuance. Any person may obtain a permit to take commercially unprotected fish, other than live bait fish, from the waters of the State upon application and payment to the Department of an annual permit fee of \$500, if:

1. The location, time and manner of conducting the operation is approved by the and

2. The operation is not deleterious to fish or other wildlife naturally indigenous or planted or propagated therein at public expense

NAC 503.550 Commercial permit to take unprotected fish: Conditions of use. A commercial permit to take unprotected fish is issued subject to the following provisions:

1. The Department may authorize a permittee to take unprotected fish with a seine, net, trap or other device. The use of a gill or trammel net, explosive or poison is unlawful.
2. A permittee shall comply with any special terms, conditions or restrictions of the permit.
3. A permittee shall immediately release unharmed any game fish or protected fish that is taken during the operation.
4. A permittee shall, at reasonable times, allow any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation, free and unrestricted access to the area where the permittee is taking, possessing, storing or shipping fish.
5. A permittee shall maintain daily records of the fish he has taken and submit a report of the fish taken to the Department within 10 days following expiration of the permit.
6. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize the taking, transporting or disposing of unprotected fish in violation of any applicable federal or state law or regulation.

NAC 503.555 Commercial permit to take unprotected fish: Amendment or revocation by Department.
 A commercial permit to take unprotected fish may be immediately amended or revoked if the Department determines that the operation is deleterious to any species of game fish or protected fish.

WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION AND FEES

FOR Nuisance Wildlife, Live Bait Fish, Live Aquatic Bait OR Coarse Fish:

Submit the completed application with the required fee to the appropriate regional office located in Elko, Fallon, or Las Vegas.

Eastern Region - Counties: Elko, Eureka, Lander, White Pine
 Nevada Department of Wildlife
 60 Youth Center Road; Elko, NV 89801
 Telephone (775) 777-2300

Southern Region - Counties: Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye
 Nevada Department of Wildlife
 3373 Pepper Ln.; Las Vegas, NV 89120
 Telephone: (702) 486-5127

Western Region - Counties: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe
 Nevada Department of Wildlife
 1100 Valley Rd, Reno, NV 89512
 Telephone: (775) 688-1500