



## INSTRUCTIONS LIVE BAIT DEALER PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

Fees: \$44

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** NRS 502.240 NAC 503.510 – 503.535 inclusive.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** A Live Bait Dealer Permit is required before any person, partnership or firm may deal in the sale and transportation of fish or aquatic life for commercial purposes.

**WHERE TO OBTAIN APPLICATION:** Application for a Live Bait Dealer may be obtained from any office of the Nevada Department of Wildlife or on the website at [www.ndow.org](http://www.ndow.org) under the License Office section.

**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 503.310 Live bait; Authority of Commission; permit required for sale.**

1. The Commission may regulate or prohibit the use of live bait in fishing so that no undesirable species are introduced into the public waters of this State.
2. Any person engaged in the sale of live bait must first obtain a permit from the Department for the fee provided in NRS 502.240. The permit may be revoked for any violation of regulations.
3. The Commission may prescribe the species which may be held or sold by the permittee.

#### **NAC 503.510 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 503.515 Importation of live bait for commercial purposes.** Any person licensed as a dealer in live bait in Nevada may receive, bring or have brought or shipped into the State live bait or live aquatic bait for commercial purposes. The salamander may be acquired only from approved installations or areas in the states bordering Nevada.

**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 donor an invoice stating the kind and number of such bait. This invoice may be used as a transportation permit for the purchaser or donor.

**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:

**Authorized Species by Region**

| Species  | Western<br>Region | Eastern<br>Region | Southern<br>Region |
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| 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>Pimephales promelas</i> )          | X                 | R                 | X                  |
| Threadfin shad ( <i>Dorosoma petenense</i> )           |                   | M                 | X                  |
| Mountain sucker<br>( <i>Catostomus platyrhynchus</i> ) | X                 | I                 |                    |
| 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 503.530 Importation of live or aquatic bait: Notification of Department.**

1. Any person receiving, bringing or having brought or shipped into and destined for the State of Nevada any live fish, live bait or aquatic bait shall notify the Department at least 3 days in advance of each shipment of such fish or bait. The notice must include:

- (a) The date of the shipment;
- (b) The destination of the shipment;
- (c) The approximate time of arrival of the shipment; and
- (d) The proposed route of the shipment.

2. The person must notify the Department of any change in the transportation schedule at least 24 hours before the date and time shown on the notice of shipment.

**NAC 503.535 Inspection of shipment of live fish or bait: Notification by Department; action upon conclusion; fee.**

1. If inspection of a shipment is required, the Department shall notify the person of the time and place of inspection.

2. At the conclusion of an inspection the permittee or his representative will be issued a permit for the transportation of live fish or bait if the shipment of fish or bait is found to comply with the provisions of NAC 503.500 to 503.575, inclusive. If a shipment is determined by the Department inspector to be detrimental to the best interests of the State, such fish or bait must either be destroyed or the permittee or his representative must remove it from the State by the route of entry or a route designated by the inspector.

3. A \$25 inspection fee shall be charged for each inspection, except if two or more shipments originate from one source and arrive at the same destination at the same time, only one \$25 inspection fee may be charged, such fee to be prorated equally among the importers involved.

## WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION AND FEES

The completed application and required fee shall be submitted to the administrative region where the business is located.

### **Western Region**

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

### **Southern Region**

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

### **Eastern Region**

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

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