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*Nevada*



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### Protection and Propagation of Native Fauna § 503.584 – 589

*Current through all legislation from the 80th Regular Session (2019), the 31st Special Session (2020), and the 32nd Special Session (2020)*

#### **§ 503.584. Legislative finding; conservation, protection and propagation of selected species**

1. The legislature finds that:

(a) The economic growth of the State of Nevada has been attended with some serious and unfortunate consequences. Nevada has experienced the extermination or extirpation of some of her native species of animals, including fish and vertebrate wildlife. Serious losses have occurred and are occurring in other species of native wild animals with important economic, educational, historical, political, recreational, scientific and aesthetic values.

(b) The people of the State of Nevada have an obligation to conserve and protect the various species of native fish and wildlife that are threatened with extinction.

2. The purpose of NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, is to provide a program for the:

(a) Conservation, protection, restoration and propagation of selected species of native fish and other vertebrate wildlife, including migratory birds; and

(b) Perpetuation of the populations and habitats of such species. 503.585. Placement of animal threatened with extinction on list of fully protected species; special permit for capture, removal or destruction A species or subspecies of native fish, wildlife and other fauna must be regarded as threatened with extinction when the commission, after consultation with competent authorities, determines that its existence is endangered and its survival requires assistance because of overexploitation, disease or other factors or its habitat is threatened with destruction, drastic modification or severe curtailment. Any animal so declared to be threatened with extinction must be placed on the list of fully protected species, and no member of its kind may be captured, removed or destroyed at any time by any means except under special permit issued by the division.

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#### **§ 503.586. Translocation or destruction of endangered species found to be destructive**

Where any bird, mammal or other wildlife which is declared to be in danger of extinction pursuant to NRS 503.585 is found to be destructive of domestic animals or fowl or a menace to health, the Department may provide for its destruction or its removal, alive, for translocating.

#### **§ 503.587. Utilization of commission's authority to manage land**

The commission shall use its authority to manage land to carry out a program for conserving, protecting, restoring and propagating selected species of native fish, wildlife and other vertebrates and their habitats which are threatened with extinction and destruction.

#### **§ 503.588. Governor's responsibilities**

The governor shall review the programs which he administers and, to the extent practicable, utilize such programs in furtherance of the purpose of NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, and shall encourage other state and federal agencies to use their authorities in such a manner. 503.589. Administrator's powers and duties In carrying out the program authorized by NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, the administrator shall cooperate, to the maximum extent practicable, with other states and with the counties in the State of Nevada, and he may enter into agreements with such other states and counties and with other legal entities for the administration and management of any area established pursuant to NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, for the conservation, protection, restoration and propagation of species of native fish, wildlife and other fauna which are threatened with extinction.

#### **§ 503.589. Powers and duties of Director**

In carrying out the program authorized by NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, the Director shall cooperate, to the maximum extent practicable, with other states and with the counties in the State of Nevada, and he may enter into agreements with such other states and counties and with other legal entities for the administration and management of any area established pursuant to NRS 503.584 to 503.589, inclusive, for the conservation, protection, restoration and propagation of species of native fish, wildlife and other fauna which are threatened with extinction.

