

Maruto® semi-barbless (Grabber Hook™) Acceptance

STATE OF NEVADA

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Steve,

Our regulations define a "single barbless hook", not just a barbless hook. That reference is in NAC 503.500(7): "Single barbless hook" means a fish hook having one point which is manufactured without barbs or on which the barbs have been closed completely or filed off. The term does not include a fish hook which shares a common shank with one or more other fish hooks, regardless of whether the barbs have been closed completely or filed off.

From a field perspective, we use a piece of cloth or the end of your finger or your eyeball to determine whether this has been met. Very crude way of determining its legality, but effective considering the limited definition. Based on the photographs you included and our limited definition, I would say it would be legal. I am curious as to the design and what it is supposed to do. It appears as it is just a rough or corrugated surface to cause friction to help it hold more efficiently than just a smooth surface. Is this the case? Of course, the intent of the law is to make it reasonably easy and less damaging to the fish to release it. I assume this is the intent of this design as well. I have spoken with our Fisheries folks as well. Based on all of their thoughts and Law Enforcements as well, we believe these hooks to not meet the description of "barbed" and therefore, be legal to use in a barbless only area.

If you have any additional concerns/questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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