

**Agenda Item #10**  
**Draft Rule Presentation**  
**on the Use of**  
**Magnification/ Verifier**  
**Devices on Archery**  
**Equipment**



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# Just to recap: Current Rule

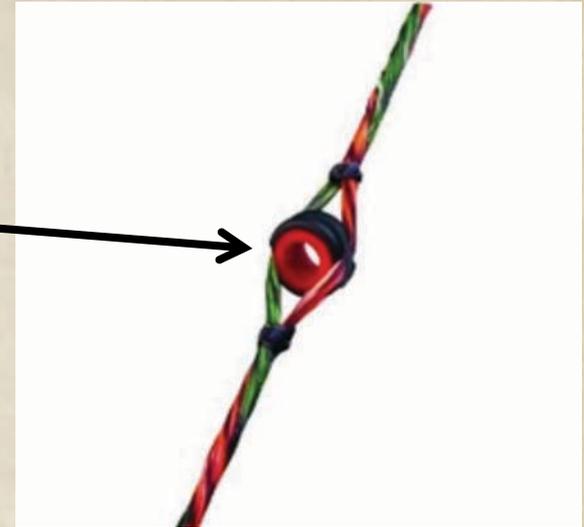
- **19.31.10.7.E. “Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify.
- Some hunters who have difficulty focusing on their sight pins have expressed a desire to use a “Verifier” on their bow sights.



# Traditional Peep Sight



No lens in the  
peep sight



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# Magnification/ Verifier Devices

- Used when shooting with pins to provide a clearer view of the pins
- The Verifier has one lens installed in the peep which is similar to reading glasses. This allows the shooter to see the sight pins more clearly. It does not magnify the target but does slightly magnify the pins.



<http://www.specialtyarch.com/faq-new/verifiers/>



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# What Verifiers Do

No Verifier, Or Verifier  
Too Weak - Fuzzy Pins



Verifier Power Correct  
Clear Target / Clear Pins



Verifier Power Too Strong  
Fuzzy Target



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# Where do other States stand on this?

## States that allow them (24 of 28 surveyed):

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Indiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Missouri
- New York
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

## States that prohibit them (4):

- Idaho
- Colorado
- Minnesota
- North Dakota



Even California allows them.....

and **NOTHING** is legal in  
California!



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# Proposed rule change:

- Strike through and replace all of 19.31.7 (definitions)
  - All definitions will remain the same but will be placed in alphabetical order
- Amend the definition of bow to:
- I. “Bow” shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify. Exception: A magnification device installed on the bow’s peep sight is allowed if the device was manufactured only to allow the archer to see the sight pins more clearly and does not magnify the view of the target.



# Consequences of passing the rule as proposed:

- Archers with imperfect vision have an option to improve their aim without fundamentally changing the primitive nature of archery hunting or providing an unfair advantage to anyone
- Potentially fewer wounded animals
- No citations issued for a “technical” violation of the law



# Consequences of not changing the rule:

- Any magnification device on bows would remain illegal regardless of it's actual function
- Archers with imperfect vision using this type of device could be criminally charged for using illegal equipment
- Archers with vision problems may have to change weapon types or stop hunting due to the inability to accurately and ethically hunt with their preferred weapon type



# Questions?

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