

Lighted Nocks Will Initiate Increased Technology In Archery Season.

If we allow lighted nocks, how does the Commission or Legislature draw the line at the next "logical" addition to a bowhunter's arsenal? Making an exception for one electronic device will force both the Legislature and the FWP Commission to continually review electronic products on a case by case basis. Currently, the definition and interpretation of the regulation is crystal clear and free of gray areas or judgment calls. Several other electronic products are currently available which claim to make a bowhunter more effective. These include bow-mounted laser rangefinders, laser sights, lighted sights, and radio-tracking devices installed on arrows. This progression is a slippery slope which will end in a bow eventually looking and acting more like a firearm and ceasing to be a close-range weapon.

Archery is a unique sport with its own set of limitations and challenges. If these challenges are lessened or removed by technology, bowhunting will be almost indistinguishable from other methods of hunting. HB 173 blurs the clear rules that have been established and leads our sport toward an onslaught of technological devices that would diminish the fair chase and challenges inherent and integral to our archery seasons.

Examples Of Technological Equipment Available:

- **Bow-mounted range finders (marketed by Dead-On Rangefinder, Leupold, and BullsEye)**

Marketing statements: "Operates by simply squeezing the pressure pad on your grip, which activates an easy-to-read display that automatically provides the exact distance to your target." <http://www.cabelas.com/rangefinders-leupold-vendetta-8482-bow-mounted-rangefinder-1.shtml>

"The BullsEye Archery Rangefinder works on the same principle as the bracketing rangefinders found on some high-end rifle scopes."
<http://www.bullseyearcheryrangefinder.com/>

- **Laser and lighted sights**

Marketing statements: "Barska® red-dot scopes have long been a favorite of shotgunners and handgunners. Now, bowhunters can enjoy all the same accurate dependability in a peepless sighting system. The 30mm Barska® red-dot scope has an easy-to-see laser dot in the center. The 11-position brightness control adjusts the visibility of the dot so it can be seen in all lighting conditions."
<http://www.cabelas.com/archery/sights/red-dot-laser-sights.shtml>

- **Radio tracking devices for arrows**

"It's the Ultimate in tracking and recovery technology. You attach a plastic insert adaptor (provided) to the transmitter, and carefully slide the antenna and transmitter into a hollow aluminum arrow shaft. When the arrow is shot and hits something solid, the transmitter is activated. You simply place the earphone into the jack on the receiver and listen for the signal. You will hear the sound getting more rapid and intense when you are pointing at the transmitter (arrow). Just walk towards the strongest signal. Keep doing this until you find your arrow."
<http://www.turkeyhuntingsecrets.com/store/store-recovery-trackmaster-system.htm>