

Agenda Briefing No. 8



Juvenile Falcon

Falconry Rule
(19.35.8 NMAC)

Process to Date (> 9 months)

- Oct 28, 2010 Commission approves opening falconry rule for change
 - Oct 29, 2010 Proposed Draft for Falconry (19.35.8 NMAC) posted on website and emailed to interested parties
 - Dec 09, 2010 Commission Update – included repeal & replace info. No action taken
 - May 13, 2011 Updated changes to falconry rule and re-posted to website and emailed to interested parties
 - Jun 9, 2011 Commission Update – No action
 - Jul 21, 2011 seeking to **Repeal & Replace** 19.35.8 (2012)
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Falconry Changes

Overview of proposed rule changes

- Greater definitions/new categories
 - Single permitting system by NMDGF
 - USFWS will no longer issue falconry permits
 - Season length
 - Falconer allowances/restrictions
 - Non-resident & Temporary Foreign
 - Visitor allowance
 - Facility & equipment requirements
 - Hybrid raptors
 - Disposition of held raptors
 - New falconry exam for apprentices
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Falconry Change Cont.

- Coordinate & comply with the new federal regulations
 - Enrolled in the 3-186A electronic reporting system
 - Directors Authority – defined & expanded
 - Variety of other minor changes
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Public Involvement

- Received & reviewed approximately 60 public comments (all supportive of proposed regulation and process)
 - Multiple consultations/reviews conducted with Dr. George Allen of the USFWS
 - Consulted with states (TX, CO, AZ & WA)
 - 3 meetings, numerous email and phone contacts between Department staff & New Mexico Falconers Association
 - Consulted with North American Falconers Association
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NM Qualifying Falconry Exam

- Exam ready for Director's approval
- 100 Questions – multiple choice & T/F
- 80 % pass & 90 day waiting period for re-take
- Consulted w/ NA & NM falconers, TX P&W

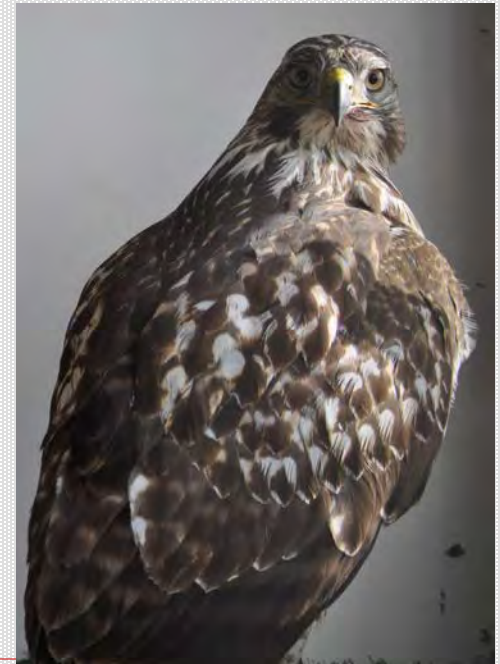
Special Appreciation to NM Falconers Assoc.

Commission Action

Seeking to repeal the existing rule
&
Replace with the proposed rule – under Agenda #08 tab

Continue the process with USFWS

- Director's Letter
- Submission of Commission Approved Rule
- Submission of Test
- Setup online reporting by falconers
- Rule to be implemented Jan 2012



Female Red tail Hawk