

Scientific Collection and Educational Use of Wildlife

Chapter 17 requires a person to have a permit or license to take or possess protected wildlife species.



Currently, two rules govern these permit processes.

- 19.35.6 Educational Use of Wildlife—last revised in 1994
- 19.36.2 Taking and Possessing Protected Wildlife for Scientific and Educational Purposes—last revised in 1996



- These two rules partially overlap, generating confusion
- The outdated permit process is not in line with the other Special Use of Wildlife Permits that the Department issues, and places an undue burden on permittees and on the Department.



Proposal

- Repeal both rules
- Replace them with a single rule: a new version of 19.35.6 NMAC



What will this do?

- Establish a more efficient process for applying for a permit.
- Establish a more efficient process for issuing for a permit.
- Ensure that rules and procedures are in line with current statutes



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- A draft amendment was posted and presented at the March Meeting
- Internal review continued, to date, no public comments have been received
- After review, revised amendments have been developed and posted for further public comment, drafts were discussed at the August and September Commission meetings
- The final draft was posted online in October



Commission Direction

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to accept the Department's recommendation to repeal 19.35.6 and 19.36.2 NMAC, and replace them with the new 19.35.6 NMAC as presented”



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