



# **Game Meat Donation Program**

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**New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting**

**Socorro, NM**



## **Legislation:**

- House Memorial 78 (2013)
- Directed the NMDGF and NM. Environment Dept. (NMED) to collaborate to establish a program allowing for the donation of wild game meat to the needy.



## Existing Laws:

- Federal: Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (Pub. L. 104-210)
- New Mexico – Food Donors Liability Act (41-10-MNSA)
  - Allow for good-faith donation and provide donor protection





# Participant Responsibilities:

- Hunter Responsibility
  - Harvest
  - Transport to processor
- Processor Responsibility
  - Processing
  - Packaging / Labeling
  - Storage prior to distribution



## Progress To Date:

- Established processing, labeling and storage requirements with NMED
- Established process for enrolling interested processors with NMED
  - many already have necessary permits and inspections
- Established processing fee schedule with processors



## Next Steps:

- Locate a “Banker”, preferably a non-profit organization
- Identify distribution networks
- Recruit game meat processors
- Seek buy-in from City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County





QUESTIONS ?