

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Murray Hotel Ballroom
200 W Broadway St.
Silver City, NM 88061
Thursday, May 12, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public testimony and comment: All those interested in providing oral comments are encouraged to prepare a "Speaker's Card" for each item on which they will comment. These cards assist the Commission Chair to manage more effective public communication. Comments may be allowed on each item at the Commission Chair's discretion, regardless of card completion. Those who desire to address the Commission and who claim to represent an organization must provide the following information: the number of members in the organization, frequency of the organization's meeting and either a signed statement from that organization's president that states the organization has discussed the topic and approved the position that the representative is presenting, or proof that they are a registered lobbyist for the organization.

AT THEIR DISCRETION, THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Approval of Minutes April 14, 2016, Las Cruces, NM.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Animal Protection of New Mexico, The Humane Society of the United States, Request for Stay of Rule 19.31.11 NMAC "Cougar Rule".

Presented by: TBA – Animal Protection of New Mexico and The Humane Society of the U.S. is requesting a stay of the rule 19.31.11 NMAC "Cougar Rule" before the State Game Commission. No public comment will be allowed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Revocations.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present a list of individuals that meet established criteria for initiation of the suspension process for license privileges.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Reserving Two Elk Licenses for Non-Profit Wish Granting Organization.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department is recommending that the Commission reserve two elk licenses to be distributed through non-profit wish - granting organizations for two individuals with a life threatening illness.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Gaining Access Into Nature (GAIN), Final Rule.

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will present final rule to the Commission on the Use of State Game Commission Lands (Gaining Access Into Nature) on Wildlife Management Areas 19.34.3 NMAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Final Migratory Bird Rule for 2016 – 2017 Hunting Seasons.

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will present before the Commission the final season dates and bag limits for migratory birds for the 2016 – 2017 season.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Proposed Amendment to the Bighorn Sheep Rule (19.31.17 NMAC)

Presented by Stewart Liley - The Department is proposing to amend the bighorn sheep rule to include a section that would allow for population management hunts for bighorn sheep to address Department management needs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: State Land Easement Agreement.

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will present an update on the development of a new easement to provide continued sportsmen access to State Trust Lands for the 2017 – 2018 season.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Review of the Commission's Appeal Process, New Draft Rule Presentation and Rules Affected.

Presented by Matthias Sayer – The Department will present a new draft Appeal rule to the Commission 19.30.16 NMAC. The Department has the expectation to develop a standard procedure identified in a new rule to address certain Department/Director decisions that, by rule, are appealable to the Commission. The Department/Director appealable rules changes will be to 19.30.5.13 NMAC, 19.30.12.12 NMAC, 19.35.6.15 NMAC, 19.35.7.21 NMAC, 19.35.7.22 NMAC and 19.35.5.11 NMAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Volunteer Rule, Final Rule Presentation.

Presented by Craig Sanchez – The Department will present to the Commission a final rule to implement the process for the use of volunteers by the Department to promote Department programs and other initiatives.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Request to Dispose of Vehicles and Other Assets.

Presented by Paul Varela – The Department is requesting Commission approval to dispose of capital assets that are worn out, obsolete, or have reached the end of their service life, as per § 13-6-1, 13-6-2 NMSA 1978 Comp.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Fiscal Year 2018 Initiation of Budget Development.

Presented by Paul Varela – The Department is seeking Commission input on operating budget and capital project development for Fiscal Year 2018.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Update on Gila Trout Management

Presented by Jill Wick – The Department will present an overview of current and future management actions for Gila Trout. The review will include both on the ground management actions and anticipated future regulatory strategies.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Renewal of Federal Aviation Administration's Lease on Tres Piedras Wildlife Management Area.

Presented by Donald Jaramillo – The Department will present before the commission a renewal of lease to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) lease on our Tres Piedras Wildlife Management Area property for their VORTAC system (Radio Navigation System).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Update on Development of Shooting Ranges in New Mexico

Presented by Jessica Fisher – The Department will provide an update on proposed shooting range locations and development needs throughout the State.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Closed Executive Session.

The State Game Commission will vote as to whether it will adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss the property acquisition in Chavez County and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege relating to threatened or pending litigation State of Arizona v. Sally Jewell, No. 4:15-CV-245-JGZ, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona; State of Oklahoma et al v. U.S. Department of Interior, Docket No. 1:15-CV-00252-EGS; Animal Protection of New Mexico et al v. New Mexico Game Commission (N.M. Ct. App.) in which the Commission and/or Department is or may become a participant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 2 Minutes)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23: Adjourn.

NOTE: The meeting will be adjourned upon completion of the agenda or up to those items that time allows. Any items not discussed will be on the following meeting's agenda. The Agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time as deemed necessary by the Chairman. To inquire about agenda changes, please contact the Office of the Director at (505) 476-8008. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Ms. Angelica Ruiz at (505) 476-8027 at least 3 working days before the meeting date. Public documents, including the Agenda and Minutes can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Ms. Ruiz if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.