

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Inn of the Mountain Gods
287 Carrizo Canyon Road
Mescalero, NM 88340
Thursday, June 26, 2014
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 will be allowed on each item, 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: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes (May 14 and May 15, 2014, Albuquerque, NM).

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: 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. 7: Prospective Modifications to Tagging Requirements for Big Game and Turkey.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present a review of current tagging requirements for big game and turkey, including the limitations and concerns it presents, and provide options for addressing them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Final Proposal Prohibiting the Use of Drones for Hunting (19.31.10 NMAC).

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department is presenting a final proposal prohibiting drones as a method to assist in hunting for game.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Department Review of Attorney General's Opinion (14-04) on Anglers Accessing Public Waters.

Presented by Aaron Rodriguez – The Department will present a legal review of the Attorney General's opinion on licensed anglers accessing public waters in New Mexico.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Oklahoma et al. v. Department of the Interior et al., US District Court Case No. 4:14-CV-00123.

Presented by Aaron Rodriguez – The Department will present a request to participate in the pending litigation in the federal case of Oklahoma et al. v. Department of the Interior et al., US District Court Case No. 4:14-CV-00123 as two species found in New Mexico may be affected by the court's decision.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Bear Education Efforts.

Presented by Anthony Chavez – The Department will present an update to the Commission on increased efforts to inform and educate the public on black bears.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: Director's Draft of the Biennial Review.

Presented by Mike Sloane – The Department will present a draft recommendation of species to the Commission for the biennial review process, discuss any comments received and announce initiation of a final 14 day comment period.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13: Habitat Restoration in New Mexico.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present an update on Department supported habitat projects including proposed projects for the future.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Lease of State Game Commission Property located at 1085 Richards Ave, Santa Fe, NM.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present to the Commission leasing options for its Richards Avenue property. The State Forestry Division is requesting to lease the Commission owned property in Santa Fe for a veteran's firefighter training program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Ibex License Applicant Numbers for Special Drawings (Hunting and Fishing License Application (19.31.3 NMAC).

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present a recommendation to change a special drawing application restriction to allow two people to apply for ibex instead of the current limitation of one person only.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Special Drawing Protocol to Determine License Allocation.

Presented by Rhonda Holderman – The Department will present recommendations to the Commission on how to draw and award licenses for each hunt code.

AGENDA ITEM NO.17: Prospective Initiatives for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Presented by Dan Brooks – The Department will present initial ideas to the Commission on prospective legislation. The discussion will include enhanced penalties to deter poaching, simplifying veteran licensing criteria and increased compensation for certain employee positions that experience high vacancy rates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Final Recommendation on Fees for Special Drawings – 19.30.9 NMAC.

Presented by Rhonda Holderman – The Department will present a final recommendation on administrative fees charged for Special Drawing established in Game and Fish Licenses/Permits (19.30.9 NMAC).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Development.

Presented by Paul Varela – The Department will update the Commission on operating budget and capital project development for Fiscal Year 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Draft Amendments to the Upland Game Rule (19.31.5 NMAC) and the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) to Allow the Use of Pellet Guns for the Take of Grouse, Squirrels, and Eurasian Collared Doves.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present draft amendments to the Upland Game Rule and the Migratory Game Bird Rule that will define "Pellet Guns" and make them a legal sporting arm for the take of grouse, squirrels, and Eurasian collared doves.

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, 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss the acquisition of real property, and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission and/or Department is or may become a participant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 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. Shellie Sanchez at (505) 476-8028 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. Sanchez if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.

