

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
New Mexico State Capitol
Room 321
491 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87503
Thursday, August 28, 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: Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Approval of Minutes June 26, 2014, Ruidoso NM.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: 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. 8: Prospective Modifications to Importation and Authorized Uses of Live Wildlife Permitting – 19.35.7 and 19.35.6 NMAC

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present recommendations to the Commission to amend the rules on permitting captive carnivores in the state.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Final Proposals to the Upland Game Rule (19.31.5 NMAC) and the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC)

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present a final proposal 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Conservation and Enforcement Efforts at Bluewater Lake

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present an overview of conservation and enforcement efforts that are ongoing at Blue Water Lake.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Final Special Drawing Protocol for License Allocation.

Presented by Rhonda Holderman– The Department will present to the Commission a final revised method for special drawings to ensure that 84% of special draw licenses are awarded to New Mexico residents. .

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget Approval.

Presented by Paul Varela – The Department will seek approval from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget proposal.

AGENDA ITEM NO.13: Prospective Initiatives for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Presented by Dan Brooks – The Department will propose initiatives to the Commission on prospective legislation. The proposals will include enhanced penalties to deter poaching, simplifying veteran licensing criteria, increasing compensation for certain employee positions that experience high vacancy rates and seeking statutory authority for a volunteer program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Final Proposals to the Turkey Rule - 19.31.16 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present final proposals to the turkey rule (19.31.16 NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Final Proposals to the Migratory Bird Rule - 19.31.6 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present final proposals to the migratory bird rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Final Proposals to the Pronghorn Antelope Rule - 19.31.15 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present final proposals to the pronghorn rule (19.31.15 NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Final Proposals to the Bighorn Sheep Rule - 19.31.17 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present final proposals to the bighorn sheep rule (19.31.17 NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Final Proposals for 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 final 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. 19: Deer Rule Development - 19.31.13 NMAC for the 2014 – 2015 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present an update on changes to the deer rule (19.31.13 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, and survey information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Elk Rule Development - 19.31.14 NMAC for the 2014 – 2015 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present an update on changes to the elk rule (19.31.14 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, and survey information.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Process for Decommissioning Dams.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present to the Commission the procedures required to decommission a dam and discuss which State Game Commission dams could potentially be decommissioned.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Final Biennial Review of State Listed Threatened and Endangered Species.

Presented by Mike Sloane – The Department will present the Director's review and final recommendation to the Commission for state listed threatened and endangered species.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23: 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, Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss Commission owed property acquisition and disposal 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. 24: Defenders of Wildlife, et al. v. US Fish and Wildlife Service, et al., US District Court Case No. 1:14-CV-1025.

Presented by TBD – The Department will present a request to the Commission to support the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) in the pending litigation of: **Defenders of Wildlife, et al. v. US Fish and Wildlife Service, et al., US District Court Case No. 1:14-CV-1025 (District of Columbia District)**. Plaintiffs in this case contest the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service' May 2014 listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as only "threatened" and not "endangered."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26: 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.

