

**New Mexico State Game Commission
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish**

Jan. 10, 2025 – 9 a.m.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

09:00:53 a.m. (00:00:00/00:00:16 on video)

Called to order by Chairman Richard Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

09:01:02 a.m. (00:00:09/00:00:24)

Present in person: Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

Present virtually: Commissioner Fulfer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Pledge of Allegiance

09:01:43 a.m. (00:00:50/00:01:05)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests

09:02:22 a.m. (00:01:29/00:01:43)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

09:09:21 a.m. (00:08:28/00:08:43)

Motion: To approve the agenda for the Jan. 10, 2025, meeting modified to remove Agenda Item #8 Annual Financial Audit, due to delay in review of the audit by the state auditor.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Clemente.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Action Item)

09:10:18 a.m. (00:09:25/00:09:40)

Motion: To elect Chair Richard Stump as the next Chair of the Commission and to elect Vice Chair Sharon Salazar Hickey as the next Vice Chair of the Commission.

Motion by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Seconded by: Commissioner Clemente.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Consent Agenda (Action Item)

09:12:58 a.m. (00:12:05/00:12:20)

Motion: To approve the minutes from the Nov. 8, 2024, meeting and revocations as presented by the Department, and to adopt the Open Meetings Act Resolution for 2025.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Annual Financial Audit (Removed)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) Initiatives

09:16:14 a.m. (00:15:21/00:15:36)

The Department is engaged in several conservation initiatives for aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need in partnership with Federal, State and Local governments and Non-Governmental Organizations. The Department provided overviews of longstanding initiatives for the benefit of Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, Rio Grande Chub, Rio Grande Sucker and Pecos Pupfish.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Migratory Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC

09:36:29 a.m. (00:35:36/00:35:51)

The Department presented proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, the latest information from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), recent survey information and management goals. Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the USFWS working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils. The Department is currently analyzing data and reaching out to migratory bird hunters to evaluate alternatives, and to help inform the rule development process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Habitat Stamp Project Overview

09:42:21 a.m. (00:41:28/00:41:43)

The Department presented an update on the Habitat Stamp Program (HSP) with a summary of accomplishments since the reauthorization of the Public Land User Stamp Rule (19.34.6 NMAC) in January 2021 by the Commission. Comments were provided informally by federal-agency partners with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management as well as HSP Citizen Advisory Committee members in attendance at the meeting.

The Commission took a break at 10:28:03 a.m. and returned at 10:47:34 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Pronghorn License Changes for the 2025-2026 License Year

10:47:44 a.m. (01:46:51/01:27:39)

The Department provided the Commission with information regarding a decrease in pronghorn licenses in some Game Management Units (GMUs) in the Northeast for the 2025-2026 license year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Wildlife Corridors

11:23:15 a.m. (02:22:22/02:03:11)

The Department and New Mexico Department of Transportation presented an update on cooperative wildlife corridor efforts in New Mexico.

The Commission took a lunch break at 12:06:33 p.m. and returned at 12:57:23 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Proposed 2025 Meeting Schedule

12:57:26 p.m. (03:56:33/02:46:35)

The State Game Commission discussed and established a meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year and for January 2026. Final meeting dates and locations are:

- April 25, 2025 (Friday) – Roswell
- June 13, 2025 (Friday) – Red River
- Aug. 15, 2025 (Friday) – Reserve
- Nov. 7, 2025 (Friday) – Los Alamos
- Jan. 9, 2026 (Friday) – Santa Fe

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: General Public Comment

01:23:32 p.m. (04:22:39/03:12:42)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Commissioner Comments

01:27:32 p.m. (04:26:39/03:16:42)

Commissioner Lopez thanked Department officers for their enforcement efforts in District 1. He will be attending a regional livestock meeting on Jan. 11 to hear constituent concerns. Chair Stump echoed appreciation for OHV enforcement efforts in the northwestern areas of the state.

Commissioner Pack commended Habitat Stamp Program representatives and other organizations for their input during today's meeting. Commissioner Salazar Hickey seconded her appreciation of the public's input.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Executive Session

01:31:32 p.m. (04:30:39/03:20:42)

Motion: Move to adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss purchase, acquisition or disposal; Section 10-15-1(H)(7), attorney-

client privilege, litigation update; and Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, limited personnel matters (director's performance evaluation).

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Approved: Unanimous Roll Call Vote - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Action(s) from Executive Session

02:31:05 p.m. (05:30:12/03:22:04)

Motion: Move to approve the terms of the draft terms of the state land easement agreement and authorize the chair of the New Mexico State Commission to execute the agreement for hunter and angler access to state lands.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Clemente.

Approved: Unanimous - Chairman Stump, Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Pack.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Adjourn

02:34:19 p.m. (05:33:26/03:25:17)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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Michael B. Sloane, Director

Date

Richard Stump, Chair
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