Discussion on the Importation of Live Non-Domestic Animals Rule 19.35.7 NMAC

Agenda Item 11

Statutory Authority

- 17-3-32 NMSA (1978) - In order to protect game animals, birds and fish against importation of undesirable species and introduction of infectious or contagious diseases, it is a misdemeanor to import any live animals, birds or fish into this state, except domesticated animals or domesticated fowl or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.

Importation Rule

- 19.35.7.8 NMAC - It shall be unlawful to import any live non-domesticated animal into New Mexico without first obtaining appropriate permit(s) issued by the director except those animals identified within the species importation list group I.

Importation Rule

- 19.35.7.10 NMAC – Director's List of Species
  - Group I – Semi-domesticated animals, do not require importation permit
  - Group II – Non-domesticated animals, not invasive or dangerous, do not pose risk to health, safety, domestic livestock, native wildlife
  - Group III – Non-domesticated animals, manageable concern, conditions for approval to address health, safety, domestic livestock, native wildlife
  - Group IV – Non-domesticated animals considered dangerous, invasive, T&E. Generally prohibited for general public importation.

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Importation Rule

- Application Information
- Temporary Importation
- Importation and Approved Suppliers of Fish
- Importation Conditions for Pronghorn, Bovids and Cervids
- Appeal Process

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Proposed Changes

- Provide consistency in review of importation permits for all species

- Remove requirement for hatchery renovation and/or depopulation if positive for bacterial kidney disease

- Clarify ages of fish required for whirling disease testing

- Minor formatting changes

Public Outreach and Comments

- Press Release for Meetings – Sept. 2
- Virtual Public Meetings – Sept. 23 and 30
  - Total of 40 participants
- Ten Written Comments

Questions?