

# Agenda Item # 12

## Penalty Assessment Violations



Field Operations Division

# House Bill 202

- Sponsored by Representative Alonzo Baldonado
- 2015 Legislative Session
  
- An Act Relating to Game and Fish;
- Amended a section of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978
- To Provide a Penalty Assessment Option for a Minor Violation of Hunting and Fish Infractions



# Amendment to Statute

- Amended 17-2-10.1 NMSA 1978 GAME AND FISH PENALTY ASSESSMENT MISDEMEANORS
- Addition of two Penalty Assessments (PA's)
- Hunting, fishing or trapping w/out the proper stamp. **\$ 50.00 + cost of appropriate stamp.**
- Manner and method rule infraction contrary to commission rule. **\$125.00**



# Stamp PA Violations

- **Number of Fishing Poles-** Unlawful to angle with more than one pole w/out stamp. Unlawful to use more than two poles in any circumstance.
- **Habitat Stamp-** No hunting, fishing or trapping license used on USFS or BLM lands shall be valid unless stamp is purchased and possessed. (everyone except free license)
- **Habitat Management and Access Stamp** – Each resident and non-resident license or wildlife associated recreation permit shall not be valid unless accompanied by HMAS. (exceptions are individuals 17 and younger and in combination with a free licenses)



# General Manner and Method Proposals

The following regulations are the departments suggestions for Commission review and approval.

- Possession of game animal parts found in the field.
- Road hunting. (artificial wildlife)\*
- Harassing protected wildlife.
- Driving off road / Driving on closed roads.
- Violating provisions of posted signs. (Dept. owned, controlled or managed lands.)



# Fishing Manner and Method Proposals

- Trotlines-only one, 25 hooks, inspection, identification.
- Baitfish-unlawful to use protect sp., trout waters, unlawful release.
- Limit on angling hooks.
- Snagging.
- Chumming.
- Special trout waters- barbless lures and flies, soft plastic.
- Disturbing the bottom.
- Spearfishing and bow fishing.
- Exceeding the bag limit. (Dependent if bag limit is two or more.)
- Size Limits.
- Waters with age or disabilities restrictions.



# Species Specific Manner and Method Proposals

- Use of Live Animals as blind or decoy.
- Use of calling devices.
- Bullets (Types: full metal jacket/ tracer).
- Legal weapon types (Center fire, caliber size, bow, muzzle., shotgun capacity).
- Use of dogs in hunting. (except bear and cougar. )
- Non-toxic shot (All commissioned owned lands.)
- Shooting hours for Migratory Birds. (separate from season rule. )\*



# Questions?



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