

**Discussion on Potential Rule Changes for Trapping  
Agenda item #12**



# May 2017 Game Commission Meeting

- Legislative request – stakeholders meetings
- Commission directive – report results



# Stakeholder Meetings

- Four (4) meetings – variety of stakeholders
- The purpose of these meetings was to identify the issues and attempt to seek common ground
- Topics of discussion:
  - Trapper Education – work group
  - Signage
  - Setbacks



# Current Rule

- No trapper education requirement
- Establishes setbacks requirements
- Contains closures
- No bag limits
- Penalties are limited by statute



# Discussion

- Mandatory Trapper Education
- Setback requirements
- Closures
- Non-resident bag limits
- Penalties



# 17-5-9 NMSA

Penalty; revocation of license; sale of pelts.

Any person who violates or aids, abets or assists in the violation of any provision of Sections 17-5-1 through 17-5-9 NMSA 1978 or any person who makes any false statement as to the residence of any applicant for a trapper's license or fur dealer's license or any nonresident who fraudulently procures a resident license is guilty of a misdemeanor. In addition, the department of game and fish may revoke, for the year in which the violation occurred, the trapper's or fur dealer's license of any person convicted. All skins, pelts or furs involved in the violation remain the property of the state and shall be sold for the benefit of the game protection fund.

