

**Hunting and
Fishing
Licenses and
Application
Rule
19.31.3 NMAC**



32A-3A-12 NMSA

- New Mexico state law (32A-3A-12 NMSA) was amended by the legislature to establish a free fishing license for foster parents and children in foster care, or in tribal or CYFD custody, as well as participants in the CYFD fostering connections program.
- The new law requires a Commission rule to establish eligibility criteria for the free fishing license.
- New Mexico Child First Network



Summary of Proposed Changes

- Add eligibility documentation requirements and procedures for the free foster family fishing license to 19.31.3.11 NMAC as required by 32A-3A-12 NMSA.
- Q. **Foster family fishing license**: To qualify for a free fishing license pursuant to Subsection A of 32A-3A-12 NMSA 1978, proof of eligibility must be provided to the Department in person. Proof of eligibility includes documentation of New Mexico residency and status as a foster parent; a child in the custody of a foster parent, the children, youth and family department (CYFD) or tribal custody; or young adult enrolled in the fostering connections program.



