

Agenda Item 15

Manner & Method 19.31.10 NMAC

Subsequent Discussion



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- Removed Manner and Method (M&M) from species rules
- M&M will be in one Chapter and Part 31.10
- Six month process and review
- Public meetings have been scheduled



Public Discussion

- Public meeting scheduled 6pm to 8pm
 - Las Cruces, Thurs August 30
 - Albuquerque Tues September 4
 - Roswell Wed September 5
 - Raton Tues September 11
- Submit rule to Registrar on October 18 for publishing on October 30
- Final rule scheduled for November GCM in Roswell



Definitions

Amended, or newly defined terms in M&M rule.

- “Any sporting arm”
- “Arrows” or “Bolt”
- “Bait”
- “Baiting”
- “Big game sporting arms”
- “Bow”
- “Cellular, cell or satellite camera”
- “Compressed air gun”
- “Locate”
- “Snagging”
- “Written permission”



Possession or Sale of Protected Sp.

- **License or permit:** additional ways to possess protected sp. other than license or permit such as possession certificate and invoice from the department or department permitted facility.
- **Game taken by another:** changed donation certificate to a possession certificate to cover temporary legal possession by meat processors, taxidermist and individuals transporting legally harvested wildlife.
- **Sale of game animal parts:** added rendered bear fat, teeth, all furbearer parts to list of items that can be legally sold.
- **Possession of game animal parts found in the field:** allows the seizure of shed antlers collected in violation of closures, trespass and driving off road on public land.



Importation or Possession of un-permitted wildlife

- **Violation of permit or license provisions or importation/possession of un-permitted wildlife:**
 - Currently all wildlife is required to have an importation permit and health certificate to come into NM.
 - This rule will require that any wildlife imported and sold must be accompanied by copy of original importation permit or it could be seized.
 - Individual who has wildlife seized will have 30 days to arrange for illegal wildlife to be transported out of NM.



Use of Roads and Hunting

Shooting from the road:

- Still unlawful to take or attempt to take a protected sp. from or across a road.
- Would allow an individual to shoot from the un-maintained surface if no right of way fence exists.
- Would allow an individual to rest a rifle at least half way across a right of way fence on a public road that has two or less lanes of travel.



Use of Aircraft

Using aircraft to locate wildlife:

- Makes it unlawful “for the purpose of hunting” to locate a protected species with the aid of an aircraft or drone during the period of August 1st to January 31st of each license year.
- Does not apply to commercial or direct flights or any other flight that is not for the purpose of hunting.



Driving Off Road

Vehicle off of established road:

- Currently unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle off road.
- Would allow a private landowner to give written permission to drive off road on their private property.
- Cannot give written permission if private property is part of a unitization, ranch wide or unit wide agreement or property that the department is paying for public access.
- Unlawful to drive off road while shed hunting.
- Same applies for closed roads



Mobility Impaired

Mobility Impaired (MI) cards:

- Handicap licenses vs. Mobility Impaired card holders
- MI hunter can designate one person in writing to assist them.
- MI designee must follow sporting arm type



Proof of sex or bag limit

- Gave the option of keeping the genitalia naturally attached or the scalp and both ears on female only hunts.
- Female Ibex with horns longer than 15 inches can leave genitalia naturally attached.
- Javelina hunters must keep the skull as proof of bag limit.



Tagging

Electronic Tagging:

- Licensed hunters upon harvest must immediately access electronic tagging app.
 - App will provide an e-tag number, CIN, and date of kill
 - Hunter will write info on durable material with permanent ink
 - Hunter will attach tag with info in proper locations

Department issued carcass tag:

- Tagging process will remain same and consistent with e-tag option.



Contiguous Deeded Property

- A Landowner can hunt on contiguous deeded property that extends into adjacent GMU's
- Permission will be granted annually at an area office at least one week prior to hunt
- LO must show proof of ownership
- Dates, bag limit and sporting arms determined by GMU with majority of property
- Can choose contiguous or individual GMU but not both
- Unit Wide or Ranch Wide properties are not eligible



Misc. Manner and Method

Use of dogs:

- Up to two dogs that are kept on a leash can be used to track wounded game.

Use of bait:

- Bait must be completely removed to include feeders for at least 10 days.

Hunting captive big game species:

- Unlawful to take Big Game (BG) within any game proof fence or enclosure.

Collars or tracking devices:

- Unlawful to attach tracking device on any BG or Turkey

Use of cellular, cell or satellite cameras:

- Unlawful to use cellular or satellite cameras for purpose of hunting any BG

Use of bait for Migratory or Upland Game:

- Unlawful to use bait to take migratory or upland game



Fishing

Trotlines:

- Allow the use of CIN

Spearfishing and bow fishing:

- Not allowed with fish that have length requirement
- Simplified the language in bait fish
- Simplified the language in use of boats and motors



Penalty Assessments

- Clarified the language and specific violations for M&M Penalty Assessment Misdemeanors



