

**New Mexico State Game Commission
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish**

April 19, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Center

3031 U.S. Highway 180, Silver City, NM 88601

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/IFvcZ3Mkrq0>

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

08:34:15 a.m. (00:00:00, 00:00:18 in video)

Called to order by Vice-chairman Tirzio Lopez.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

08:34:42 a.m. (00:00:27, 00:00:53)

Present in person: Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Stump.

Excused: Commissioner Garcia.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests

08:35:15 a.m. (00:01:00, 00:02:55)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Consent Agenda (Action Item)

09:00:10 a.m. (00:25:55, 00:26:23)

Motion: To approve the agenda for the April 19, 2024, meeting as written.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Unanimous – Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Stump.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the March 8, 2024, meeting as submitted by the Department.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

Approved: Unanimous – Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Stump.

The Department notified the Commission of the revocations or suspensions carried out pursuant to the Parental Responsibility Act, those who have failed to pay a penalty assessment citation within 30 days, those who failed to appear in court on a wildlife citation, individuals who have pending civil assessments and the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The Department also presented the individuals that meet established criteria for the revocation of their hunting, fishing, trapping, guiding and outfitting privileges or other privileges or authorities granted by an agreement, license or permit issued by the Department.

Motion: To accept the revocation recommendations as submitted by the Department.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Stump.

Approved: Unanimous – Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Overview of the Department: Mission, Organizational Structure, Budget and Funding

09:05:22 a.m. (00:31:07, 00:31:37)

The Department presented an overview of the Agency's mission, organization, funding and budget. The presentation included a review of statutory purpose, organizational charts, discussion of revenue sources, and overall budget review.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Overview of the Mexican Gray Wolf Program

10:54:10 a.m. (02:19:55, 01:58:57)

The Department provided an overview of the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program. This included discussing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Plan, current population status, and how the Department contributes to the collaborative recovery process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Overview of Fisheries Management

12:52:35 p.m. (04:18:20, 03:01:26)

The Department provided an overview of the Fisheries Management Division. This included a description of fisheries management across the state, Department-operated fish hatcheries, and recovery efforts for aquatic species.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Overview of the Elk Private Land Use System (EPLUS)

01:20:00 p.m. (04:45:45, 03:28:52)

The Department provided a broad overview of the Elk Private Land Use System (EPLUS). This included discussing the three different management zones across the state and how authorizations and licenses are issued across the different management zones.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Public Listening Session

02:08:20 p.m. (05:34:05, 04:25:54)

The Commission heard public comments in an extended public listening session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Educational Activities

The Commission took part in educational activities during breaks dispersed throughout the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

06:05:15 a.m. (09:31:00, 08:06:18)

Motion: To adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters (director's performance appraisal).

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Stump.

Approved: Unanimous – Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

The Commission returned from executive session and took no formal action on items discussed during this April 19, 2024, meeting. The commission decided to take action on two actions resulting from discussions during the April 18, 2024, executive session.

Motion: To authorize the Department to negotiate and enter into an agreement with ILEC for a fiber-optic, right-of-way easement in Grant County.

Motion by: Commissioner Stump.

Seconded by: Commissioner Pack.

Approved: Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

Excused: Commissioner Fulfer.

Motion: To approve the right-of-way easement for the Harvest Midstream Pipeline in Rio Arriba County.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Pack.

Approved: Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

Excused: Commissioner Fulfer.

The Commission decided to form a committee, which will consist of Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Pack, and Commissioner Stump, to go over strategic management and performance measurables of the Department, with assistance of the Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn

07:26:15 p.m. (10:52:00, 08:13:00)

Motion: To adjourn.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

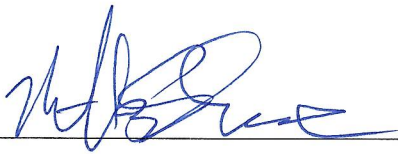
Seconded by: Commissioner Pack.

Approved by Voice Vote: Vice-chairman Lopez, Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Pack, Commissioner Salazar Hickey and Commissioner Stump.

Excused: Commissioner Fulfer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**

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Michael B. Sloane, Director

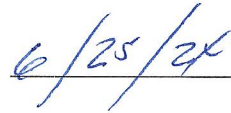


Date



Richard Stump, Chair

New Mexico State Game Commission



Date