



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

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Thursday, Aug. 28

Virtual via Zoom Platform

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

01:40:46 p.m. (00:00:00/00:00:16 on video)

Called to order by Vice-chair Sharon Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

01:41:29 a.m. (00:00:43/00:00:58)

Present virtually: Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Witt, Vice-chair Salazar Hickey and Chairman Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests

01:42:06 p.m. (00:01:20/00:01:35)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

01:42:52 p.m. (00:02:06/00:02:21)

Motion: To approve the agenda for the Aug. 28, 2025 meeting as written.

Motion by: Commissioner Clemente.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved Unanimous - Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Witt, Vice-chair Salazar Hickey and Chairman Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes from Aug. 15, 2025 Meeting (Action Item)

01:44:02 p.m. (00:03:16/00:03:31)

Motion: To approve the minutes from the Aug. 15, 2025, meeting as presented by the Department.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Fulfer.

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved Unanimous - Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Witt, Vice-chair Salazar Hickey and Chairman Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Proposal (Action Item)

01:45:00 p.m. (00:04:14/00:04:29)

The Department presented and discussed the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget Request for Commission review, approval and certification. The Department must seek approval from the Commission for submission by the statutory deadline of Sept. 1, 2025.

Motion: To approve the Department's Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget and allow Department staff to make technical adjustments and changes necessary to incorporate assessment rate changes provided to the Department and other executive agencies after this meeting and prior to the statutory deadline.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Commissioner Clemente.

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved Unanimous - Commissioner Clemente, Commissioner Fulfer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Witt, Vice-chair Salazar Hickey and Chairman Stump.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: General Public Comment

02:14:44 p.m. (00:33:58/00:34:13)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Commissioner Comments

02:15:28 a.m. (00:34:42/00:34:57)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Adjourn

02:16:22 p.m. (00:35:36/00:35:51)

Meeting ended at 02:16:59 p.m. (00:36:13/00:36:28).

Vice Chair Sharon Salazar Hickey: Okay. Well, then, let's get started. Thank you, Director Sloane. Thank you, Chair Stump. We're going to go ahead and start today's meeting. This is Thursday, August 28th, the New Mexico State Game Commission and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. It's very nice to see all of you hear, some of you. Thank you, Chair Stump. We know you're with us, and hopefully, we'll get to see you soon. Beginning with agenda item number one. This meeting is called to order. Director Sloane, can you please take roll call?

Director Michael Sloane: Commissioner Witt?

Commissioner Christopher Witt: Here.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Lopez?

Commissioner Tirzio Lopez: Here, virtually.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Fulfer?

Commissioner Gregg Fulfer: Here.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Clemente?

Commissioner Fernando Clemente: Present.

Director Sloane: Vice Chair Salazar Hickey?

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Here.

Director Sloane: Chair Stump?

Chair Richard Stump: Here.

Director Sloane: All right. You have a quorum.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Very good. Chair Stump, I believe you wanted to introduce guests.

Chair Stump: Actually, [unintelligible 00:01:42] I was going to introduce the commissioner and director. I don't know that we have very many guests online [unintelligible 00:01:50] that question.

Director Sloane: It appears that there are 19 participants, including the game commissioners and Paul and I. If you want, we can go through all of them or just introduce those folks that are here [unintelligible 00:02:03] reference.

Chair Stump: Well, we're just only 19, including all of us. This [unintelligible 00:02:11]

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Okay. I take it that means we'll just go ahead and proceed with the next agenda item, which is approval of the agenda. It's an action item. Do we have any discussion? Do we have a motion to approve the agenda?

Commissioner Clemente: I so move to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Fulfer: Second.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Director Sloane, can we just do a vote, or do we have to do a roll call vote?

Director Sloane: Because we're online, we'll have to do a roll call vote. I'll call the roll. Commissioner Witt?

Christopher Witt: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Lopez?

Commissioner Lopez: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Fulfer?

Commissioner Fulfer: Yes.

Director Sloane: Mr. Clemente?

Commissioner Clemente: Yes.

Director Sloane: Vice Chair Salazar Hickey?

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Yes.

Director Sloane: Chair Stump?

Chair Stump: Yes.

Director Sloane: Motion passes.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, director. Thank you, Commissioners. Our next agenda item is the approval of minutes from the August 15th, 2025, meeting. It's an action item. Do we have any discussion on the minutes? Okay. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?

Commissioner Lopez: Motion to approve the minutes as presented on the agenda, Madam Vice Chair.

Commissioner Fulfer: Second.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Commissioners Lopez and Fulfer. Director, can we have a vote, please?

Director Sloane: Commissioner Witt?

Christopher Witt: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Lopez?

Commissioner Lopez: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Fulfer?

Commissioner Fulfer: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Clemente?

Commissioner Clemente: Yes.

Director Sloane: Vice Chair Salazar Hickey.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Yes.

Director Sloane: Chair Stump?

Chair Stump: Yes.

Director Sloane: Motion passes.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Director and Commissioners. Let's move on to the next agenda item, which is approval of the fiscal year 2027 budget proposal. It's an action item. We look forward to hearing from Department Chief Paul Varela.

[pause 00:04:45]

Chief Paul Varela: Good afternoon. I'm just waiting for Wheeler to share my camera.

[pause 00:05:13]

Chief Varela: Good afternoon, commissioners. Can you all see the slideshow?

Director Sloane: Yes, we can.

Commissioner Clemente: Yes.

Chief Varela: Agenda item number six. The department is seeking fiscal '27 budget proposal approval. I'd like to start by discussing the budget process and timeline. During July and August, the department prepares the budget for the following fiscal year based on direction provided by the governor's office. This year, the governor's office directed most agencies to maintain a flat budget. However, because we are an enterprise agency, we receive permission to ask for a 3% increase for inflationary costs. By the end of this meeting, we hope to get it approved by the State Game Commission.

During the months of September and December, the budget request is submitted to DFA and LFC on September 1st, which is a statutory requirement. The budget request is analyzed by DFA and LLC during that time. Preliminary hearings are heard during the fall usually in September and October. During January or March, final DFA and LLC recommendations are made. That usually occurs at the beginning of January. Then all three entities DFA, LFC, and the department, analyze the differences in their recommendations and compare the results.

Once the legislative session convenes, there are hearings held at the House Appropriation and Finance Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. Some changes are made if directed by one of those committees, but the budget makes its way into House Bill 2 and eventually becomes law and is approved by the governor. During April and June, once the budget is approved by the governor's office, we begin preparing our operating budget, which is statutorily required to be submitted by May 1st.

This next slide is informational. It describes the overall department budget. The department has four main categories in which we budget. The 200 category, which is personnel services and employee benefits. This includes things like salaries, retirement, FICA insurance, et cetera. The 300 categories contractual services, this is mainly professional service contracts contracted to other entities that provide services to the department. The 400 category is the other category. These are all the other things that we buy, such as tangible goods, maintenance software, fish feed, fuel, land improvements, and advertising.

The final category is the 500 category. These is other financing uses, which is transfers to other agencies. The only agency that we transfer to is the office of the state engineer, which is for the Ute Lake and for Eagle Nest Dam. This next slide describes our funding sources for the department. There are nine funds for the department. Eight of them are statutorily protected. There's only one fund that is not, and that is

the trail safety Fund. The two biggest funds, which are mostly described in our audit as the Game Protection Fund and the Big Game Enhancement Fund.

Beginning in fiscal year 2025, we received money from the Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund. In 2025, we received \$2.75 million. In 2026, we received \$3.15 million. In this year, in 2027, we anticipate we'll receive the same amount of funding, and so we incorporated that into our fiscal year 2027 budget request. The department also receives federal funding from the Pittman-Robertson Act and the Dingell-Johnson Act. The Pittman-Robertson Act is excise taxes on firearms and ammo. The Dingell-Johnson Act is excise tax on boating and fishing tackle.

This next slide describes the overall department budget for fiscal year 2026. Our budget is at \$58.4 million. Two-thirds of that of our annual revenue comes from license sales. One third of our annual revenue comes from federal grants. 57% of our annual budget is personal services and employee benefits, and 43% is for contractual services and other costs or tangible goods. Now, I'll get into our fiscal year 2027 budget request.

The department is requesting \$59.9 million, which is approximately \$1.5 million higher than our fiscal year 2026 operating budget. I'd like to also mention that our department is broken up into four programs. Our first program is the field operations program. We also have our second program, which is conservation services, which is our largest program. The third program is our depredation and nuisance abatement program, and the fourth is our program support.

As you can see in the slide, our department budget supports 320 FTE, which are full-time employees. The total budget is \$59.9 million, which we are requesting. There's \$33.3 million in personal services, \$5 million in contractual services, \$21.3 million in other costs, and \$182,300 in other financing costs. As I mentioned earlier, we are receiving money from the Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund, which the department has committed to use on the species of greatest conservation need. The total budget included in fiscal year 2027 is \$3.315 million, \$565,000 of that is in personal services, \$1 million is in contractual services, and \$1.75 million is in other costs.

These next few slides, I'll describe our budget request by division. The first division is the Wildlife Management Division. The Wildlife Management Division focuses on statewide habitat restoration, wildlife research, management, restoration, and also provides access for hunting and fishing to approximately 7 million acres of state trust lands. This budget supports 60.5 FTE. The total budget is \$14.7 million, \$6 million of that is personal services, \$1.8 million is contractual services, and \$6.8 million is in other costs. The next division is our Fisheries Management Division, which is responsible for oversight and angler satisfaction. It's also research and management of our hatchery operations.

There are six hatcheries spread throughout the state. This budget supports 67.5 full-time equivalents. The total budget is \$11.4 million, \$6.3 million in personal services, \$1 million in contractual services, \$3.8 million in other costs, and \$182,300, which I mentioned before, is a transfer to the office of the state engineer. The next division is our Information and Education Division. It has three sections. It oversees our department's marketing, advertising, and media relations. It also includes the information center and education programs, and also manages our off-highway motor vehicle program. This budget supports 28 FTE. The total budget is \$5.2 million.

There's \$3.2 million for personal services, \$394,600 in contractual services, and \$1.5 million in other costs. The next division is our Field Operations Division, which is responsible for law enforcement, guides and outfitters, special permits, and revocations. It supports 99 total full-time equivalent employees. The total budget is \$13.2 million. \$10.3 million are for personnel services, \$98,700 for contractual services, and \$2.8 million for other costs.

Our last division is our Program Support Division. Program Support includes divisions like administration, administrative services, information systems or IT, our property management division, and also our human resources division. This supports 53 total FTE. The total budget is \$10.6 million. There's \$6.3 million in personal services, \$412,000 in contractual services, and \$3.9 million in other costs. With that, I'll stand for any questions.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Chief. I have no questions. Commissioners, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Clemente: I have no questions, but I do have a comment. I just want to say thank you to the director and the department for meeting with us and explaining and answering all of our questions regarding the budget. I really appreciate it and how clear they were explaining all of the information. Thank you.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Commissioner Clemente. I agree. Any other commissioners?

Commissioner Fulfer: Chief, would you mind going back to Slide 8? This is just a legacy fund. I was trying to see what the contractual service amount was there.

Director Sloane: Are you able to see what I'm showing?

Vice Chair Salazar: Yes.

Director Sloane: Okay.

Vice Chair Salazar: Contractual services is \$1 million.

Commissioner Fulfer: \$1 million.

Director Sloane: For Land of Enchantment, were you asking about the overall budget?

Commissioner Fulfer: No. I was just wondering what's the largest cost there on the contractual services in that Land of Enchantment fund?

Director Sloane: A lot of those are research projects that we do with universities, whether that's, for example, we're looking at YY bullfrogs or species distribution, those kinds of projects. They can also include some habitat work on public and private lands, whether it's playa lakes on the eastern part of the state or on forest service lands. Generally, thinning forests, those sorts of things to improve habitat for species. It's the full range of the types of contracts we do. The big ones are usually habitat-related.

Commissioner Fulfer: Okay.

Vice Chair Salazar: Thank you, Commissioner Fulfer.

Commissioner Fulfer: Thank you. Go ahead.

Director Sloane: Madam Vice Chair, if I may, I would just like to say for the record that we did meet with commissioners individually or in small groups. There was no quorum at any of the meetings. Just for clarity, I guess, I'll make sure that's clear.

Vice Chair Salazar: Director Sloane, I agree. It's nice to have that transparency. I appreciate that. Commissioner Lopez or Commissioner Witt?

Commissioner Witt: I just want to second Commissioner Clemente's comments and gratitude towards the director, Chief Varela, and the other chiefs for breaking down all these budget items for us over the last two weeks. An example showing where actual services and other costs in this land of enchantment legacy funds are going to [unintelligible 00:17:42] separate projects. I thought that was really very much appreciated. No further comments or questions for me.

Vice Chair Salazar: Thank you, Commissioner Witt.

Commissioner Fulfer: I have one more request. [laughs] Chief Varela, could you just step to the Slide 8, 9, and 10? I was just wanting to get a number of the employees of each department there.

Chief Varela: Commissioner Fulfer, sure. I believe we are on slide number eight right now, which is the land of enchantment legacy fund.

Commissioner Fulfer: Zero there. What about Slide 9?

Chief Varela: During fiscal year 2027, I believe we will be supporting eight total employees with the land of enchantment legacy fund with our GROW money, which is growth results and opportunity funding.

Commissioner Fulfer: Those be new employees, or is that-

Chief Varela: Commissioner Fulfer, yes, they are new employees. We just brought them on board. I believe we are in the final stages of bringing on all eight employees at the moment. If not, most of them aren't already on board by now.

Commissioner Fulfer: Can you give me just an example of what's the name of their department or their job description? Not the description but just their job titles. [chuckles]

Chief Varela: Mike or-

Director Sloane: Mr. Fulfer, generally speaking, their titles are SGCN biologists and species of greatest conservation need biologists. They're going to work on the full range of 499 species of greatest conservation need that we identified in the slough. We have biologists. We have reptile herpetologists. We have mammals, [unintelligible 00:19:57] biologists, fish biologists. There are four in the wildlife

division and four in the fisheries division that will be working on a variety of those species that we've identified as species of greatest conservation need.

Commissioner Fulfer: Great. Thank you. Go to that next one.

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Slide 9.

Commissioner Fulfer: Yes. 60. Okay.

Director Sloane: I think this number got a little weird with some of the other physicians. I think it's actually 64.5 because of some of the species, the greatest conservation need, and how they're broken out, but it's between 60 and 65.

Commissioner Fulfer: The fisheries.

Director Sloane: Right slide, Paul?

Commissioner Fulfer: Yes, the slide 10, the fisheries. That one stand about the same?

Director Sloane: Yes.

Commissioner Fulfer: The IT?

Director Sloane: 5.

Commissioner Fulfer: 11, I believe.

[pause 00:21:16]

[crosstalk]

Commissioner Fulfer: Now, does this include the HR in this department?

Director Sloane: No. This is information and education. It's our public affairs division where we do all of our press stuff, all of our web stuff, all of our education in schools, all of our archery in schools, shooting sports, conservation education, all of that stuff. That's our division that connects us all to the rest of the state.

Commissioner Fulfer: Okay. Slide 12. Field operations, I guess [crosstalk].

Director Sloane: About somewhere around 75%. 75 of those 99 are actual in the field officers, and the remaining ones are more administrative. The colonel, the major, the captains kind of stuff.

Commissioner Fulfer: Great. Okay. I give a series one more of those program support? Thank you. That's all I have this time. [laughs]

Chief Varela: You're welcome. You need any additional questions?

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Commissioner Lopez or Commissioner Stump?

Chair Stump: Can you guys still hear me?

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Yes, we can hear you.

Chair Stump: Okay. I'd just like to thank the department, the chiefs for putting this all together for all of this with the clarity that they get. I have no questions. I just want to show appreciation for everyone involved with all of this.

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Thank you, Chair Stump. Commissioner Lopez, are you there?

Commissioner Lopez: No, I'm here. Again, thank you, director and staff putting the bus together and getting this objection or concern from the last meeting and meeting with us. We could go over a good review. I hope that our increase, when it does chip in the next few years of **[unintelligible 00:23:45]** black instead of the red. We could consider using that money eventually for the purchase of good property and eventually maybe to offset the fees that we just approved for the vendors now that we're going to be charging people. We have been charging people the fee by the licensing department, the offices. Hopefully, we can consider all these factors in the near future, well, until the end of 2026. That's all I have.

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Thank you, Commissioner Lopez. Chair Stump, would you like us to open up some questions or comments from anybody that's online? We have 19 people.

Chair Stump: Yes. We're at that agenda item now, so please do. Please, chair, do. Thank you for doing this.

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Okay. Director or Tristanna, I'm not sure, can you let us know if anyone would like to comment on this portion of the agenda?

Wheeler Brunschmid: Yes. Commissioner Hickey, this is Wheeler. We have 10 attendees currently. I just put in the chat that they could raise their hand for general comment. We currently have one hand raised. Would you like me to go ahead and prompt them to talk?

Vice Chair Sharon Hickey: Yes, please.

Wheeler Brunschmid: All right. Mark Mattaini, you are allowed to talk. You will be given two minutes to discuss your topic.

Mark Mattaini: All right. All of you, of course, are great, but I do have to say that I checked on Tuesday to make sure that this meeting was still going to be on tomorrow and said it was. I checked again yesterday, luckily, and [unintelligible 00:25:50]. It's not optimal. Switch the claims. [inaudible 00:26:02], but other than that, thank you. I work [unintelligible 00:26:09].

Wheeler Brunschmid: Okay. I think that was all he had, commissioners. I couldn't quite understand him, but we do have one more person's hand raised. Jason, you can go ahead and unmute. Jason? [silence] I have asked him to unmute, but he has not done so at this time.

Jason Dickert: Can you hear me now?

Wheeler Brunschmid: There we go. Yes.

Jason Dickert: Got it. Sorry. My question pertains to you guys at the Department of Wildlife as well or department unit, sorry, as well as Forest Service. Chief Varela mentioned that your 2026 budget is \$58.4 million, and two-thirds of that comes from license sales. I was once a New Mexico resident, born and raised in Las Cruces, and since moved away about 25 years ago. I contribute a lot to you guys in license sales every year, about \$200 in application fees, to hardly ever draw a tag.

What I'm getting to and pertaining to is last year, I ran into a big issue with the ATV guys and these organized events where I was helping a buddy, a New Mexico resident, on an elk hunt. We had 200h off-road vehicles, UTVs blocking us, not allowing us to hunt. Keeping us out of properties and tearing up everything. I know you guys are familiar with everything that's going on in Lincoln with the Rio Penasco being closed, Aqua Chiquita being closed plus Springs being closed, Wills Canyon being closed. My concern is I'm not going to apply for New Mexico anymore.

If, when I finally get lucky after 25 years of applying and draw a tag, then I'm not able to [unintelligible 00:28:20] because of this use of the ATVs and the off-road vehicles. There are numerous Facebook organizations posts where they encourage these. Most of them are out of El Paso for the LinkedIn Forest, where you guys are having the issues. They're not even New Mexico residents and are not contributing any revenue to the Department of Wildlife or the Department of Game and Fish.

They're going to end up costing you guys quite a bit and application fees, especially from non-residents and stuff like that. When the word gets out that you're finally able to draw a tag and can't hunt because you're dealing with these yahoos. My question is, do you guys have anything in the works to mitigate these UTV clubs and all the stuff that's going on?

Director Sloane: Madam Chair, I could take a shot at responding to that. We have recognized that it continues to be an ever-increasing issue, especially since COVID, and folks looking for something to do. We have been initiating what we call swarms, which are recognizing when folks are going to be out there and trying to have multiple officers in the area, making sure that folks are complying with the rules. I guess that's the short answer.

The longer answer or another option is if you can reach out to us when something like that happens. We can try and get an officer there, or at least be aware of what's happening if we're not already aware and try and address it. We recognize that's an issue. I know that several commissioners have acknowledged that as an issue. We're working on ways to address it, but it is a challenge.

Jason Dickert: Okay.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Director Sloane. Wheeler, do we have any other persons who would like to speak?

Wheeler Brunschmid: Commissioner, we have one panelist who wrote a comment in the messages on slide 13 that Chief Varela believes he can answer. The question was on Slide 13. Can you break down the \$10.6 million budget for each department?

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: I believe that was Steven Santistevan. Thank you.

[pause 00:30:51]

Chief Varela: Madam Chair, I believe you can see Slide 13, which I tried to reshare again. I can verbally give the amounts of what each division and program support is planning. The plan is for fiscal year '27. You won't be able to see that because it's in one of our Excel spreadsheets, but I'm happy to share that information if you would like.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Please do.

Chief Varela: For the administration division, it's approximately \$1,066,700. For human services, it's \$454,600. For our IT department, it's \$3,075,400. For our administrative services division, it's \$5,190,800, and for our property management division, it's \$887,000. That adds up to the total of \$10,674,500

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Director Sloane, did you want to add something?

Director Sloane: No, I was just checking the chat to make sure that there wasn't a follow-up question. Thank you.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: I echo. Thank you, Chief Varela. Do we have any other comments, Wheeler?

Wheeler Brunschmid: That's all we have right now. Thank you.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Very good. Then, in that case, commissioners, this is an action item. Is anybody prepared to make a motion? If not, I can do it. I hereby move to approve the department's fiscal year 2027 operating budget and allow department staff to make technical adjustments and changes necessary to incorporate assessment rate changes provided to the department and other executive agencies after this meeting and prior to the statutory deadline.

Commissioner Clemente: I will second that motion.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you, Commissioner Clemente. Director, can we have a roll call vote, please?

Director Sloane: Commissioner Witt?

Christopher Witt: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Lopez?

Commissioner Lopez: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Fulfer?

Commissioner Fulfer: Yes.

Director Sloane: Commissioner Clemente?

Commissioner Clemente: Yes.

Director Sloane: Vice Chair Salazar Hickey?

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Yes.

Director Sloane: Chair Stump?

Richard Stump: Yes.

Director Sloane: Motion passes.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Very good. Thank you, Director, Commissioners. Director, we also have on our next agenda item from Chair Stump, general public comments. I don't know if we have any other public comments.

Director Sloane: I don't see anyone in the participant list with their hand raised, but you can give them a minute to see if anybody has anything they'd like to add.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Okay, thank you.

[pause 00:34:39]

Director Sloane: It looks like we don't have any public comment.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Okay. Our next agenda item, state game commissioners. Commissioner comments. Any commissioner's comments?

[pause 00:35:08]

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Okay. [chuckles] I guess we have no comments from the commissioners.

Commissioner Clemente: Thank you for the opportunity to add that on the agenda. I appreciate it.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Thank you. Chair Stump, Mr. Chair, you are awesome. You're hanging in there. I know you have technical issues there. Well, I think we're ready to adjourn.

Director Sloane: He's just happy he can hear everybody.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Well, Director, I think we're ready to adjourn. When's our next meeting?

Director Sloane: November 7th in Los Alamos. Let me just double check that it's actually the 7th. Pretty sure it is. Yes, November 7th in Los Alamos, I believe at Fuller Lodge.

Vice Chair Salazar Hickey: Ah, very good. I like that. All right. Well, this meeting is hereby adjourned. Thank you, Commissioners, Director, Department of Game and Fish, and members of the public. Have a good day.

Director Sloane: Thank you, everyone.
Commissioner Clemente: Thank you.
[00:36:28] [END OF AUDIO]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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Michael B. Sloane, Director

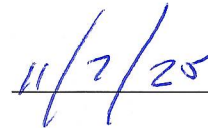


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Richard Stump, Chair

New Mexico State Game Commission



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