COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: November 13, 2026 **Agenda Number:** 8

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Agenda Title: Fiscal Year 2026 Depredation and Nuisance Abatement Report

1. Summary of Agenda Item

This agenda item is required under Commission rule 19.30.2 NMAC to summarize the total number of depredation and wildlife nuisance complaints filed with and resolved by the Department for Fiscal Year 2026. The number of filed and resolved complaints by species is presented in Table 1.

2. Background Information

This annual report updates the Commission on the number of depredation complaints received and the resolution rate in New Mexico for FY 2026. 17-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 gives the authority to the State Game Commission to create a rule (19.30.2 NMAC) to establish the procedures and handling of depredation caused by protected wildlife species on privately owned or leasehold interest land.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Wildlife and Nuisance Abatement Program Objective 1 of the Department's Strategic Plan. The Department's performance measure requires 97% of these complaints be resolved.

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

This information is available through the Santa Fe office and posted on the Department's website for public review and comment. Any comments received during this reporting period will be summarized for the Commission during the presentation

6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

"Move to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Depredation and Nuisance Abatement Report as presented."

Table 1. Depredation Commission Report (FY26)
Dates: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

Species	Number of Complaints	Interventions in Progress	Complaints Resolved	Percentage of Total Complaints
Bear	199	NO	199	44%
Raccoon	58	YES	56	13%
Cougar	38	NO	38	8%
Fox	35	NO	35	8%
Beaver	24	NO	24	5%
Elk	23	NO	23	5%
Deer	23	NO	23	5%
Bobcat	22	NO	22	5%
Javelina	19	NO	19	4%
Bighorn Sheep	4	NO	4	1%
Badger	2	NO	2	0%
Other	2	NO	2	0%
Oryx	2	NO	2	0%
Antelope	1	NO	1	0%
Barbary Sheep	1	NO	1	0%
Turkey	1	NO	1	0%
Grouse	1	NO	1	0%
Waterfowl	1	NO	1	0%
Total	**456**		**454 (99.6%)**	