

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

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Discussion of Proposed Rule
for Shed Hunting



Background

- During the 2025 legislative session, new legislation was passed.
- 17-3-2 Classes of Licenses:
 - Added shed hunter license.
 - “Entitles the licensee to shed hunting; provided that a shed hunter license shall not be required for shed hunting by a resident”.
- 17-3-13 License Fees:
 - The fee for a non-resident shed hunter license is \$200.00.



Manner and Method Proposals

- 19.31.10.9.E- Possession of game animal parts found in the field: It is unlawful to possess heads, horns, antlers, or other parts of protected species found in the field without a license, invoice or permit. ~~, with the exception of obviously shed antlers.~~ Possession of more than two (2) obviously shed antlers found in the field requires a valid non-resident shed hunter license from the Department for any non-resident. Residents do not require a shed hunter license. All shed antlers collected in violation of commission rule, in violation of any state or federal land closure, in violation of criminal trespass, in violation of the habitat protection act, while driving off road on public land or on a closed road on public land remain property of the State of New Mexico and shall be seized.



Comment Summary

- License should cost more: 4
- License should cost less: 1
- Against completely: 13
- For completely: 4
- Seasonal restrictions (resident and non) closed January-May 31: 1 (and NM Counsel Outfitters and Guides)
- Seasonal restrictions (resident and non) open April 1-Jan 15: 1
- Seasonal restrictions (resident and non) closed January-May 1: 1
- Seasonal restrictions (resident and non) open March 1, then closed for turkey season, then reopen: 1
- Seasonal restriction (non-resident) closed Jan16-June 1
- Seasonal restriction (all) January 1-April 31 and non-resident season opening May 31: 1
- Seasonal restriction (all) opens March 15 then non-resident season opening April 1: 1
- Require online ethics course: 2
- Fix language for any antlers collected in violation of commission rule shall be seized: 1
- Make exception for guides and outfitters licensed to operate in NM (not need license): 1
- Make exception for big game licensed non-residents to not need shed license: 1
- End all shed hunting: 1



Questions?



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