

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: January 9, 2026

Agenda Number: 12

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Initial discussion on javelina rule (19.31.21 NMAC) for the 2027 – 2030 hunting seasons.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present biological and background information on the javelina rule (19.31.21 NMAC). We are currently compiling and analyzing data.

Preliminary Proposed changes include:

- Possible increases in licenses for OTC area
- Allow bootheel draw hunters to hunt OTC areas also

2. Background Information

The javelina rule is re-evaluated every four years and changed based on biological data, harvest data, and management goals. In addition, the Department will receive public feedback and consider it in the context of the species biological and management goals. The Department will begin reaching out to the public for input.

Javelina are concentrated in the southwestern part of the state. Javelina continue to be observed in new areas. The Department strives to balance javelina hunting opportunity with population sustainability.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1, 2 and 5 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

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

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department is at the beginning of the public involvement process. Proposed changes to the javelina rule will be posted on the Department's website. Input will be gathered from mail, email, and public meetings with interested members of the public.

Suggested Motion

This is a discussion item and no motion is necessary, unless Commission discretion dictates otherwise.