

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearings on Friday July 22, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero, NM 88340. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: presentation of proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule and the Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex Rule.

Synopsis:

The proposal is to:

- 1) amend the Migratory Game Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC which will become effective September 1, 2022. The most recent version of the rule expired on March 31, 2022; and
- 2) amend the Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex Rule 19.31.12 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2023. The most recent version of the rule will expire on March 31, 2023.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RULE:

- Changes to regular waterfowl season dates based on public comment and calendar dates.
- Increase sandhill crane permits in MRGV hunts by 55 based on population data, and distribute licenses among existing hunts.
- Increase sandhill crane permits by 10 in the southwest January hunt.
- Bag limit for northern pintail to remain at 1 per USFWS regulatory framework.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX RULE:

- Modify the definition of a muzzle-loader to include only muzzle-loading firearms that do not have a scope (for all big game species).

Barbary Sheep

- Increase draw licenses by 20%+ due to increased population indices, particularly on McGregor.
- Increase the number of rifle hunts (from 5 to 8) and shorten hunt length to allow for more hunts.
- Include all of GMU 34 in the over-the-counter hunt area.
- Open all GMUs (outside of SE core areas) to OTC license holders.
- Increase draw licenses on McGregor Range from 40 to 190 and create a new F/IM bag limit.

Oryx

- Increase off-range licenses by ~18%.
- Shift season structures and possible slight increase in some once-in-a-lifetime licenses on WSMR.
- Change the “Iraq/Afghanistan veteran” hunts to allow “any veteran” to be eligible.
- Make youth licenses available “once-in-a-youth”. The youth would qualify to apply for once-in-a-lifetime licenses once they are 18 years or older.

Persian Ibex

- Decrease licenses to address decrease in ibex population.
- Change the definition of a “female/immature ibex” to be <20 inches (rather than <15 inches), as part of a larger effort to balance the sex ratio.
- Change hunt length for F/IM hunts to 5 days and the muzzleloader hunt to 7 days.
- Shift hunt dates.
- Continue to have a muzzleloader hunt if the proposal to remove scopes from muzzleloaders is adopted. If scopes continue to be allowed on muzzleloader, eliminate this hunt.

- Similar to other species make youth licenses available “once-in-a-youth”. The youth would qualify to apply for once-in-a-lifetime licenses once they are 18 years or older

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes as follows: Migratory Game Bird Rule DGF-waterfowl@state.nm.us; Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex Rule DGF-Exotics-Rule@state.nm.us. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on July 22, 2022. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on July 22, 2022.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/. This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director’s Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department’s website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us for updated information.

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Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 6 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD

19.31.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of game and fish.
[19.31.6.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.1 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in migratory game bird management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.2 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
[19.31.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.3 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.4 DURATION: September 1, ~~2021~~2022 - March 31, ~~2022~~2023.
[19.31.6.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.4 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, ~~2021~~2022, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.6.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.5 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons, regulations, rules and procedures governing the issuance of migratory game bird licenses and permits by the department.
[19.31.6.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.6 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Bernardo pond unit" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and west of the unit 7 drain.

B. "Bernardo youth unit" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area immediately south of the Quagmire and east of the unit 7 drain.

C. "Central flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico east of the continental divide.

D. "Dark goose" shall mean Canada goose or white-fronted goose.

E. "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

F. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

G. "Dove north zone" or "north zone" shall mean that portion of New Mexico north of Interstate 40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari, and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

H. "Dove south zone" or "south zone" shall mean that portion of New Mexico south of Interstate 40 from the Arizona-New Mexico border to Tucumcari, and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.

I. "Eastern New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" or "eastern" shall mean ~~that area in~~ the following counties: Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Quay and Roosevelt.

J. "Estancia valley sandhill crane hunt area" or "EV" shall mean that area beginning at Mountainair bounded on the west by N.M. highway 55 north to N.M. 337, north to N.M. 14, and north to Interstate 25; on the north by Interstate 25 east to U.S. 285; on the east by U.S. 285 south to U.S. 60; and on the south by U.S. 60 from U.S. 285 west to N.M. 55 in Mountainair.

K. "Falconry" shall mean hunting migratory game birds using raptors.

L. "Federal youth waterfowl hunting days" shall mean the special seasons where only those 17 years of age and younger may hunt ducks, ~~coots and gallinules in the Pacific flyway or ducks and coots in the central flyway and geese~~. A supervising adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter. The adult may not hunt ducks, ~~coots, or gallinules~~, but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days.

M. "Light geese" shall mean snow geese, blue phase snow geese and Ross's geese.

N. "Light goose conservation order" shall mean those methods, bag and possession limits, and dates approved by the U.S. fish and wildlife service towards reducing over-abundant light goose populations.

- O.** "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) dark goose hunt area" shall mean Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties.
- P.** "Middle Rio Grande valley (MRGV) sandhill crane hunt area" shall mean Valencia and Socorro counties.
- Q.** "Migratory game bird" shall mean band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, white-winged dove, sandhill crane, American coot, ~~common moorhen~~ gallinule, snipe, ducks, geese, sora ~~gallinule~~ and Virginia rail.
- R.** "North zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway north of Interstate 40, and that portion of the central flyway north of Interstate 40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.
- S.** "Pacific flyway" shall mean that portion of New Mexico west of the continental divide.
- T.** "Possession limit" shall mean the number of birds in a person's possession regardless of the location stored.
- U.** "Quagmire" shall mean that portion of Bernardo wildlife management area 600 feet south of U.S. 60 and east of the unit 7 drain.
- V.** "South zone" shall mean that portion of the Pacific flyway south of Interstate 40, and that portion of the central flyway south of Interstate 40 from the continental divide to Tucumcari and U.S. 54 at its junction with Interstate 40 at Tucumcari to the New Mexico-Texas border.
- W.** "Southwest band-tailed pigeon hunting area" or "southwest BPHA" shall mean that portion of New Mexico both south of U.S. 60 and west of Interstate 25.
- X.** "Southwest New Mexico sandhill crane hunt area" or "SW" shall mean that area bounded on the south by the New Mexico-Mexico border; on the west by the New Mexico-Arizona border north to Interstate 10; on the north by Interstate 10 east to U.S. 180, north to N.M. 26, east to N.M. 27, north to N.M. 152, and east to Interstate 25; on the east by Interstate 25 south to Interstate 10, west to the Luna county line, and south to the New Mexico-Mexico border.
- Y.** "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC; Wildlife Management Areas.
[19.31.6.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.7 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.8 ADJUSTMENT OF SANDHILL CRANE PERMITS: The director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of permits to address significant changes in harvest levels. This adjustment may be applied to any or all of the entry hunt codes.
[19.31.6.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.8 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.9 LICENSE AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. License:** A Harvest Information Program (HIP) number shall be required. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older are required to have in their possession a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp). It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory birds without a HIP number, or duck stamp if required.
- (1) Any person taking or attempting to take sandhill cranes in the eastern hunt area must have a valid license and a free sandhill crane hunting permit obtained from department offices or website.
 - (2) For EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, MRGV youth-only sandhill crane and SW sandhill crane: in addition to a valid license, a special permit obtained by drawing shall be required.
 - (3) For the light goose conservation order: in addition to a valid license, a free light goose conservation order permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.
 - (4) For band-tailed pigeon hunting: in addition to a valid license, a free band-tailed pigeon permit obtained from department offices or website shall be required.
- B. Valid dates of license or permit:** All permits and licenses shall be valid only for the dates, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area printed on the permit or license.
- C. Applications:** Applications for EV sandhill crane, MRGV sandhill crane, SW sandhill crane and MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt permits shall be submitted via the department website.
- (1) No more than four persons may apply per application. For the MRGV youth-only sandhill crane hunt, no more than two persons may apply per application.
 - (2) Applicants may apply for a first, second and third choice of seasons, if applicable. A maximum of one permit per species hunt code will be awarded to successful applicants unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

~~(3) The application deadline date for the EV, MRGV, MRGV youth only and SW sandhill crane hunt permits shall be on date(s) set by the state game commission. If any permits are available after the drawing, those permits may be sold online via a secondary sale.~~

~~D. Youth hunts: Only applicants who have not reached their 18th birthday by the opening day of the hunt are eligible to apply for or participate in a youth only hunt.~~

[19.31.6.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.9 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.10 MANNER AND METHODS FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

A. Hours: Migratory game birds may be hunted or taken only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise specifically allowed or restricted by rule.

(1) On the Bottomless lakes overflow, and Bernardo, Casa Colorada, Jackson lake, La Joya and W.S. Huey WMAs, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated in rule. For hunting September teal on Bernardo and La Joya WMAs, hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(2) During the light goose conservation order hunt dates, hunting hours shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, excluding the WMAs listed in Paragraph (1) above.

~~B. Seizure: Any officer authorized to enforce Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and state game commission rules shall seize any migratory game birds or parts that are illegally obtained or possessed.~~

B.C. Lands and waters owned, administered, controlled, or managed by the state game commission:

(1) State wildlife management areas open, species that can be hunted, and days open for hunting ~~(use of vehicles will be restricted to designated areas):~~

(a) Bernardo WMA:

(i) That portion of the Bernardo WMA south of U.S. 60 is open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and the federal youth waterfowl hunting days. That portion of the Bernardo WMA north of U.S. 60 is closed except during the light goose conservation order.

(ii) The Quagmire shall be open only on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iii) The Bernardo pond unit shall be open for general waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(iv) The Bernardo youth unit shall be open for youth waterfowl hunting on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule.

(b) The Edward Sargent, W. A. Humphries, Rio Chama, Urraca, Colin Neblett, Water canyon, Marquez/LBar and Elliot S. Barker WMAs shall be open for hunting dove and band-tailed pigeon during established seasons.

(c) The portion of Jackson lake WMA west of N.M. 170 shall be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe. The portion of Jackson lake WMA east of N.M. 170 shall be open to falconry-only migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(d) The lesser prairie-chicken management areas, **Double E and River Ranch WMAs** shall be open to hunt dove during established seasons.

(e) La Joya WMA:

(i) the entire La Joya WMA shall be open to teal hunting each day of the September teal season and each day of the federal youth waterfowl hunting days;

(ii) that portion of La Joya WMA north of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iii) that portion of La Joya WMA south of the main east/west entrance road and west of the railroad tracks shall be open on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday to hunt ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons, unless otherwise specifically allowed by rule;

(iv) that portion of La Joya WMA east of the railroad tracks shall be open to hunt dove, ducks, geese, Virginia rail, sora, ~~common moorhen~~/gallinule, American coot and snipe during established seasons.

(f) The Charette lake, McAllister lake, Wagon Mound, Tucumcari, and Socorro-Escondida, ~~Hammond tract and Retherford tract~~ WMAs shall be open for all migratory game bird hunting during established seasons.

(g) The ~~W. William~~ S. Huey WMA shall be open for dove hunting on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday during established seasons.

~~(2) The Hammond tract and Retherford tract WMAs shall be open for waterfowl hunting during established seasons.~~

~~(23) All WMAs shall be open to falconry waterfowl hunting each day of the established falconry season, unless otherwise restricted by rule.~~

[19.31.6.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.10 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.11 SPECIES, OPEN AREAS, SEASON DATES AND DAILY BAG LIMITS: ~~2021~~2022-20222023 season, all dates are ~~2021~~2022 unless otherwise specified. Possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified.

| species | open areas | season dates | daily bag limit |
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| mourning and white-winged dove | north zone | Sept. 1 – Nov. 29 | 15 (singly or in aggregate) |
| | south zone | Sept. 1 – Oct. 28 and Dec. 1 – Jan. 1, 2022 | |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 – 14 | 2 |
| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 – 14 | |
| regular season sandhill crane (free permit required) | eastern | Oct. 30 – Jan. 30, 2022 | 3 (6 in possession) |
| CENTRAL FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified. | | | |
| species | | season dates | daily bag limit |
| September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal | | Sept. 11 – 19 | 6 (singly or in the aggregate) |
| ducks | north zone: | Oct. 9 – Jan. 12, 2022 | 6 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 5 mallard of which only 2 may be female mallard, (Mexican-like ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback |
| | south zone: | Oct. 28 – Jan. 31, 2022 | |
| youth waterfowl days | north zone: | Sept. 25 – 26 | |
| | south zone: | Oct. 2 – 3 | |
| American coot | north zone: | Oct. 9 – Jan. 12, 2022 | 15 |
| | south zone: | Oct. 28 – Jan. 31, 2022 | |
| common moorhen/gallinule and purple gallinule | | Sept. 11 – Nov. 19 | 4 |
| snipe | | Oct. 9 – Jan. 23, 2022 | 8 |
| Virginia rail & sora | | Sept. 11 – Nov. 19 | 10 (singly or in the aggregate); 20 in possession |
| dark goose: Canada & white-fronted geese (regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties) | | Oct. 17 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 5 |
| dark goose: special MRGV season | | Dec. 19 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 2 (2 per season) |
| light goose: Ross's & snow geese | | Oct. 17 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 50 (no possession limit) |
| light goose conservation order | | Feb. 1 – Mar. 10, 2022 | no bag or possession limit |

| PACIFIC FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified. | | |
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| Species | season dates | daily bag limit |
| youth waterfowl days | Oct. 2 – 3 | 7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback |
| Ducks | Oct. 19 – Jan. 31, 2022 | |
| Seaup | Oct. 19 – Jan. 12, 2022 | 2 (as part of the aggregate duck bag) |
| American coot and common moorhen/gallinule | Oct. 19 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 25 daily (singly or in the aggregate) |
| Snipe | Oct. 17 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 8 |
| Virginia rail & sora | Sept. 11 – Nov. 19 | 25 daily (singly or in the aggregate) |
| Goose | north zone: Sept. 25 – Oct. 10 and Nov. 2 – Jan. 31, 2022 | 4 Canada geese, 10 white fronted geese and 20 light geese |
| | south zone: Oct. 17 – Jan. 31, 2022 | |

| species | open areas | season dates | daily bag limit |
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| mourning and white-winged dove | north zone | Sept. 1 - Nov. 29 | 15 (singly or in aggregate) |
| | south zone | Sept. 1 - Oct. 28 and Dec. 1 - Jan. 1, 2023 | |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 - 14 | 2 |
| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 - 14 | |
| regular season sandhill crane (free permit required) | eastern | Oct. 29 - Jan. 29, 2023 | 3 (6 in possession) |

| CENTRAL FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified. | | |
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| species | season dates | daily bag limit |
| September teal: blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, and cinnamon teal | Sept. 10 - 18 | 6 (singly or in the aggregate) |
| ducks | north zone: Oct. 8 - Jan. 11, 2023 | 6 (singly or in the aggregate) that consists of no more than 5 mallard of which only 2 may be female mallard, (Mexican ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback |
| | south zone: Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2023 | |
| youth waterfowl days | north zone: Sept. 24 - 25 | Ducks: 6 (singly or in the aggregate) that consists of no more than 5 mallard of which only 2 may be female mallard, (Mexican ducks are included towards the mallard bag limit), 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback Coots: 15 |
| | south zone: Oct. 1 - 2 | |
| American coot | north zone: Oct. 8 - Jan. 11, 2023 | 15 |
| | south zone: Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2023 | |
| gallinule | Sept. 10 - Nov. 18 | 1 |
| snipe | Oct. 8 - Jan. 22, 2023 | 8 |
| Virginia rail & sora | Sept. 10 - Nov. 18 | 10 (singly or in the aggregate; 20 in possession) |

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| dark goose: regular season closed in Sierra, Socorro and Valencia counties | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 5 |
| dark goose: special MRGV season | Dec. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 2 (2 per season) |
| light goose | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 50 (no possession limit) |
| light goose conservation order | Feb. 1 - Mar. 10, 2023 | no bag or possession limit |
| PACIFIC FLYWAY: possession limits are three times the daily bag limit unless otherwise specified. | | |
| Species | season dates | daily bag limit |
| youth waterfowl days | Oct. 8 - 9 | Ducks: 7 (singly or in the aggregate) that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback; Coots and gallinules: 25 (singly or in the aggregate) |
| Ducks | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 7 (singly or in the aggregate); that consists of no more than 2 female mallard, 2 redhead, 1 pintail and 2 canvasback |
| Scaup | Oct. 19 - Jan. 12, 2023 | 2 (as part of the aggregate duck bag) |
| American coot and gallinule | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 25 (singly or in the aggregate) |
| Snipe | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 8 |
| Virginia rail & sora | Sept. 10 - Nov. 18 | 25 (singly or in the aggregate) |
| Goose | north zone: Sept. 24 - Oct. 9 and Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2023 south zone: Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 | 5 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese and 20 light geese |

[19.31.6.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.11 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.12 FALCONRY SEASONS: ~~2021~~~~2022~~ ~~2022~~~~2023~~ season, all dates are ~~2021~~~~2022~~ unless otherwise specified. Bag limits are three singly or in the aggregate and nine in possession unless otherwise specified.

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| CENTRAL FLYWAY | | |
| species | open areas | season dates |
| mourning and white-winged dove | north | Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2022 |
| | south | Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2022 |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 - 14 |
| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 - 14 |
| sora and Virginia rail | all | Sept. 11 - Dec. 26 |
| snipe | all | Oct. 9 - Jan. 23, 2022 |
| common moorhen/gallinule and purple gallinule | all | Sept. 11 - Dec. 26 |
| ducks | north | Sept. 11 - 19 and Oct. 9 - Jan. 12, 2022 |
| | south | Sept. 11 - 19 and Oct. 28 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| goose (light and dark) | all | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| goose (dark) | MRGV | Dec. 19 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| sandhill crane | regular (eastern) | Oct. 16 - Jan. 30, 2022; 3 (6 in possession) |
| | Estancia valley | Oct. 30 - Dec. 28; 3 (6 in possession) |
| PACIFIC FLYWAY | | |
| species | open areas | season dates |
| mourning and white-winged dove | north | Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2022 |
| | south | Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2022 |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 - 14 |

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| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 - 14 |
| ducks | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| seaup | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 12, 2022 |
| goose (all) | north | Sept. 25 - Oct. 10 and Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| | south | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| snipe | all | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| coots and common moorhen/gallinule | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2022 |
| sora and Virginia rail | all | Sept. 11 - Nov. 19 |

| CENTRAL FLYWAY | | |
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| species | open areas | season dates |
| mourning and white-winged dove | north | Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2023 |
| | south | Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2023 |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 - 14 |
| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 - 14 |
| sora and Virginia rail | all | Sept. 10 - Dec. 25 |
| snipe | all | Oct. 8 - Jan. 22, 2023 |
| gallinule | all | Sept. 10 - Dec. 25 |
| ducks and coots | north | Sept. 10 - 18 and Oct. 8 - Jan 11, 2023 |
| | south | Sept. 10 - 18 and Oct. 28 - Jan 31, 2023 |
| goose (light and dark) | all | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| goose (dark) | MRGV | Dec. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| sandhill crane | regular (eastern) | Oct. 15 - Jan. 29, 2023; 3 (6 in possession) |
| | Estancia valley | Oct. 29 - Dec. 27; 3 (6 in possession) |

| PACIFIC FLYWAY | | |
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| species | open areas | season dates |
| mourning and white-winged dove | north | Sept. 1 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, 2023 |
| | south | Sept. 1 - Nov. 5 and Nov. 22 - Jan. 1, 2023 |
| band-tailed pigeon | southwest BPHA | Oct. 1 - 14 |
| | statewide except southwest BPHA | Sept. 1 - 14 |
| ducks | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| scaup | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 12, 2023 |
| goose (all) | north | Sept. 24 - Oct. 9 and Nov. 2 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| | south | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| snipe | all | Oct. 17 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| coots and gallinule | all | Oct. 19 - Jan. 31, 2023 |
| sora and Virginia rail | all | Sept. 10 - Nov. 18 |

[19.31.6.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.12 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.13 FEDERAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS: Requirements for youth hunters to participate in this hunt are as follows:

A. An adult, 18 years of age or older, must accompany the youth hunter in the field (the adult may not hunt ducks but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth days).

B. Only ducks, coots, and common moorhens/gallinules may be taken by the youth hunter (sandhill cranes, geese or any other migratory game bird species may not be taken unless the season is open).

[19.31.6.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.13 NMAC, 9/1/2022; Repealed, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.14 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL BERNARDO YOUTH WATERFOWL UNIT:

Blind selection will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis from one-half hour before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.

Youth hunters must be accompanied by a supervising adult who may not hunt. A maximum of four people, at least half of which must be youth hunters, is allowed per blind, at least half of which must be youth hunters. [19.31.6.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.14 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

19.31.6.15 SEASON DATES, OPEN AREAS, BAG LIMITS, HUNT CODES AND PERMIT NUMBERS FOR THE SPECIAL ESTANCIA VALLEY, MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS:

A. The daily bag limit is 3. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, except for the MRGV youth-only hunt where the daily bag and possession limits are is 3. The hunting seasons for 20212022-20222023 are:

| <u>hunt location</u> | <u>hunt dates</u> | <u>hunt code</u> | <u>permits</u> |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| <u>EV</u> | <u>Oct. 30 – Nov. 2</u> <u>and Nov. 4 – Nov. 7</u> | <u>SCR-0-101</u> | <u>65</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Nov. 13 – 14</u> | <u>SCR-0-102</u> | <u>75</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Nov. 27 – Nov. 28</u> | <u>SCR-0-103</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Dec. 11 – 12</u> | <u>SCR-0-104</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Jan. 8 – 9, 2022</u> | <u>SCR-0-105</u> | <u>65</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Jan. 15 – 16, 2022</u> | <u>SCR-0-106</u> | <u>65</u> |
| <u>MRGV, youth only</u> | <u>Nov. 20</u> | <u>SCR-0-107</u> | <u>24</u> |
| <u>SW</u> | <u>Oct. 30 – Nov. 7</u> | <u>SCR-0-108</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>SW</u> | <u>Jan. 8 – 9, 2022</u> | <u>SCR-0-109</u> | <u>60</u> |

| <u>hunt location</u> | <u>hunt dates</u> | <u>hunt code</u> | <u>permits</u> |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| <u>EV</u> | <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 1</u> <u>and Nov. 3 - Nov. 6</u> | <u>SCR-0-101</u> | <u>65</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Nov. 12 - 13</u> | <u>SCR-0-102</u> | <u>80</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Nov. 26 - Nov. 27</u> | <u>SCR-0-103</u> | <u>80</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Dec. 10 - 11</u> | <u>SCR-0-104</u> | <u>80</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Jan. 7 - 8, 2023</u> | <u>SCR-0-105</u> | <u>80</u> |
| <u>MRGV</u> | <u>Jan. 14 - 15, 2023</u> | <u>SCR-0-106</u> | <u>80</u> |
| <u>MRGV, youth-only</u> | <u>Nov. 19</u> | <u>SCR-0-107</u> | <u>24</u> |
| <u>SW</u> | <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u> | <u>SCR-0-108</u> | <u>70</u> |
| <u>SW</u> | <u>Jan. 7 - 8, 2023</u> | <u>SCR-0-109</u> | <u>70</u> |

B. Hunters who participate in the MRGV season shall be required to check-out at designated check stations when they harvest any sandhill cranes.

C. The department may cancel one or more EV, MRGV or SW sandhill crane hunts if harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater sandhill cranes.

[19.31.6.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.6.15 NMAC, 9/1/2022]

HISTORY OF 19.31.6 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC Filing History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center & Archives under: Regulation No. 486, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Quail, Pheasants, Prairie Chickens, and Lesser Sandhill (Little Brown) Crane And Additional Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 9/22/67; Regulation No. 494, Establishing 1968 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Common Snipe, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's, And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 10/2/68; Regulation No. 508, Establishing 1969 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Scaled, Gambel's And Bobwhite Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/19/69; Regulation No. 527, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Cranes, filed 9/10/71; Regulation No. 540, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, And Wilson's Swipe, filed 9/26/72; Regulation No. 551, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl And Lesser Sandhill Crane, filed 8/20/73; Regulation No. 560, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/21/74; Regulation No. 570, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/5/75; Regulation No. 578, Establishing 1976 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/31/1976; Regulation No. 588, Establishing 1977 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Common Snipe, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/6/1977; Regulation No. 594, Establishing 1978 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/11/1978; Regulation No. 601, Establishing 1979 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 8/30/1979; Regulation No. 606, Establishing 1980 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/80; Regulation No. 611, Establishing 1981 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Lesser Sandhill Crane, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/4/1981; Regulation No. 616, Establishing 1982 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/3/1982; Regulation No. 626, Establishing 1983 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, Quail, Pheasants, And Prairie Chickens, filed 9/7/1983; Regulation No. 631, Establishing 1984 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 8/31/1984; Regulation No. 638, Establishing 1985 Seasons On Migratory Waterfowl, filed 9/11/1985; Regulation No. 643, Establishing 1986-1987 Seasons On Migratory Birds, filed 8/24/1987; Regulation No. 660, Establishing 1988-1989 Seasons On Migratory Birds, filed 6/28/1988; Regulation No. 669, Establishing 1989-1990 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Sandhill Crane, Band-tailed Pigeon, Dove, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 10/5/1989; Regulation No. 680, Establishing 1990-1991 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/28/1990; Regulation No. 687, Establishing 1991-1992 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/1991; Regulation No. 698, Establishing 1991-92 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 8/6/1991; Regulation No. 698, Establishing 1992-1993 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry seasons, filed 9/15/1992; Regulation No. 704, Establishing 1993-1994 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 3/11/1993; Regulation No. 707, Establishing The 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 7/28/1994; Regulation No. 708, Establishing The 1994-1995, 1995-1996, And 1996-1997 Seasons On Ducks, Geese, Virginia Rail, Sora, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Common Snipe, And Setting Falconry Seasons, filed 9/7/1994.

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Findings MUST include:

- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

Barbary Sheep

Increase draw licenses by ~20% due to increased population indices, particularly on McGregor.
 Increase the number of rifle hunts (from 5 to 8) and shorten hunt length to allow for more hunts.
 Include all of GMU 34 in the over-the-counter hunt area.
 Open all GMUs (outside of SE core areas) to OTC license holders.
 Increase draw licenses on McGregor Range from 40 to 190 and create a new F/IM bag limit.

Oryx

Increase off-range licenses by ~18%.
 Shift season structures and slight increase in some once-in-a-lifetime licenses on WSMR.
 Change the "Iraq/Afghanistan veteran" hunts to allow "any veteran" to be eligible.
 Make WSMR youth licenses available "once-in-a-youth". The holder of a once-in-a-youth license may apply for once-in-a-lifetime licenses. Create new draw hunts for hunters 70 years of age and older (shift 20 licenses from existing hunts on WSMR and 20 from existing hunts off of WSMR).

Persian Ibex

Decrease licenses to address decrease in ibex population.
 Change the definition of a "female/immature ibex" to be <20 inches (rather than <15 inches).
 Change hunt length for F/IM hunts to 5 days and the muzzle-loader hunt to 7 days.
 Shift hunt dates.
 Similar to other species make youth licenses available "once-in-a-youth". The successful youths would still qualify to apply for once-in-a-lifetime licenses.

Between the published proposed rule and the final rule, several changes were made: 1) modifying the definition of a veteran to refer to NM residents only, 2) changing hunt code ORX-1-110 from hunters 70 years and older to mobility impaired hunters, and 3) changing hunt code ORX-1-122 from 20 to 40 licenses. A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 12 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX

19.31.12.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of game and fish.
[19.31.12.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.1 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in Barbary sheep, oryx and Persian ibex management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.12.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.2 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
[19.31.12.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.3 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.4 DURATION: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2027.
[19.31.12.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.4 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023, unless a later date is cited at the end of an individual section.
[19.31.12.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.5 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of Barbary sheep, oryx and Persian ibex licenses by the department.
[19.31.12.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.6 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Broken-horned oryx" or "BHO" shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn's length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another twenty-five percent of growth.

B. "Department" shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

C. "Director" shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

D. "Either sex" or "ES" shall mean any one animal of the species.

E. "Female or immature Barbary sheep" or "F-IM" shall mean any female Barbary sheep, or a male Barbary sheep with horns less than 18 inches long.

F. "Female or immature Persian ibex" or "F-IM" shall mean any female Persian ibex, or a male Persian ibex with horns less than 20 inches long.

G. "Game management units" or "GMUs" shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

H. "McGregor Range" shall mean all areas within GMU 28.

I. "Off-range" shall mean those areas outside of White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss/McGregor Range areas in GMUs 19, 28, and other lands closed to hunting.

J. "Veteran" shall refer to New Mexico resident veteran as described in 19.31.3 NMAC.

K. "White Sands missile range" or "WSMR" shall mean that portion of GMU 19 controlled by the department of defense.

L. "Wildlife management areas" or "WMAs" shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.12.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.7 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for oryx, Barbary sheep or Persian ibex up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate

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closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.12.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.8 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.9 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

A. Veteran hunts: It shall be unlawful for anyone who is not qualified for the veteran oryx hunt to apply for or hold a veteran oryx license.

B. Persian ibex once-in-a-lifetime: It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime Persian ibex license if he or she has held a once-in-a-lifetime license to hunt Persian ibex. Persian ibex hunts for population management, incentive hunts, once-in-a-youth, muzzle-loading rifles, bows, year-round off-mountain hunts, and hunts for female or immature Persian ibex are not considered once-in-a-lifetime and anyone may apply for these hunts or hold these licenses even if they have held a once-in-a-lifetime Persian ibex license.

C. Persian ibex once-in-a-youth: It shall be unlawful for any youth (under age 18) to apply for a once-in-a-youth Persian ibex license if he or she has ever held a Persian ibex youth license.

D. Oryx once-in-a-lifetime: It shall be unlawful, beginning April 1, 1993, for anyone to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license if he or she has held a once-in-a-lifetime license to hunt oryx. Oryx hunts for population management, broken-horned, once-in-a-youth and incentive hunts are not considered once-in-a-lifetime and anyone may apply for these hunts or hold these licenses even if they have held a once-in-a-lifetime license.

E. Oryx once-in-a-youth: It shall be unlawful for any youth (under age 18) to apply for a once-in-a-youth GMU 19 WSMR ES oryx license if he or she has held a once-in-a-youth license.

[19.31.12.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.9 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for oryx, Barbary sheep or Persian ibex when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters' names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.12.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.11 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.11 BARBARY SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS: Barbary sheep hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. Public draw Barbary sheep licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 36, and 37 are available only through application in the special entry draw. Private land-only licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, 36, and 37 shall be issued over-the-counter and shall be valid only on deeded private lands. All Barbary sheep licenses listed in Subsections A and B of Section 19.31.12.11 NMAC (with the exception of hunts on McGregor range when the license holder claimed residency as allowed by 17-3-4.A.5 NMSA 1978) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any legal sporting arm. The department shall issue military-only Barbary sheep hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss.

A. Public draw hunts:

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 32, 36, 37 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | BBY-2-100 | 75 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | BBY-1-101 | 50 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | BBY-1-102 | 50 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | BBY-1-103 | 75 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | BBY-1-104 | 150 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | BBY-1-105 | 150 | ES |
| 32, 36, 37 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | BBY-1-106 | 150 | ES |

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| 32, 36, 37 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | BBY-1-107 | 150 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | 1/1-1/15 | BBY-2-108 | 75 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | 10/10-10/16 | BBY-1-109 | 75 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | 12/4-12/10 | BBY-1-110 | 75 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | 12/15-12/21 | BBY-1-111 | 75 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | 1/20-1/26 | BBY-1-112 | 200 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | 2/1-2/7 | BBY-1-113 | 200 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | 2/12-2/18 | BBY-1-114 | 200 | ES |
| 29, 30 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/21-2/27 | BBY-1-115 | 200 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range | 12/9-12/13 | 12/14-12/18 | 12/13-12/17 | 12/12-12/16 | BBY-1-116 | 10 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range, military only | 12/9-12/13 | 12/14-12/18 | 12/13-12/17 | 12/12-12/16 | BBY-1-117 | 10 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range | 12/30-12/31 | 12/28-12/29 | 12/27-12/28 | 12/26-12/27 | BBY-1-118 | 80 | F-IM |
| 28 McGregor range, military only | 12/30-12/31 | 12/28-12/29 | 12/27-12/28 | 12/26-12/27 | BBY-1-119 | 10 | F-IM |
| 28 McGregor range | 1/6-1/7 | 1/4-1/5 | 1/3-1/4 | 1/2-1/3 | BBY-1-120 | 50 | F-IM |
| 28 McGregor range, military only | 1/6-1/7 | 1/4-1/5 | 1/3-1/4 | 1/2-1/3 | BBY-1-121 | 10 | F-IM |

B. Private land-only hunts: Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses shall be restricted to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the draw hunt code listed in Subsection A of Section 19.31.12.11 NMAC for the GMU where the private landowner's property lies. Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses shall be unlimited and available from any license vendor and the department's web site. Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses are valid only on deeded private property where the licensee has written permission to hunt.

C. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide except on WMAs during closures, WSMR, Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19 and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, 36 and 37.

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| statewide, restrictions listed above | 4/1/2023-3/31/2024 | 4/1/2024-3/31/2025 | 4/1/2025-3/31/2026 | 4/1/2026-3/31/2027 | BBY-1-300 | unlimited | ES |

D. Special management properties: For private lands within GMUs 29, 30, 32, 36 and 37, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest on the deeded private land of the participating ranches.

[19.31.12.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.12 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.12 ORYX HUNTING SEASONS:

A. Oryx once-in-a-lifetime and once-in-a-youth hunts for any legal sporting arms type shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit.

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 19 WSMR | 9/8-9/10 | 9/6-9/8 | 9/5-9/7 | 9/4-9/6 | ORX-1-100 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 9/22-9/24 | 9/20-9/22 | 9/19-9/21 | 9/18-9/20 | ORX-1-101 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR, veteran | 10/20-10/22 | 10/18-10/20 | 10/17-10/19 | 10/16-10/18 | ORX-1-102 | 75 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 11/3-11/5 | 11/1-11/3 | 10/31-11/2 | 10/30-11/1 | ORX-1-103 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 12/1-12/3 | 11/29-12/1 | 11/28-11/30 | 11/27-11/29 | ORX-1-104 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 1/12-1/14 | 1/10-1/12 | 1/9-1/11 | 1/8-1/10 | ORX-1-105 | 70 | ES |

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| 19 WSMR | 1/26-1/28 | 1/24-1/26 | 1/23-1/25 | 1/22-1/24 | ORX-1-106 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 2/9-2/11 | 2/7-2/9 | 2/6-2/8 | 2/5-2/7 | ORX-1-107 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 2/23-2/25 | 2/21-2/23 | 2/20-2/22 | 2/19-2/21 | ORX-1-108 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR | 3/8-3/10 | 3/7-3/9 | 3/6-3/8 | 3/5-3/7 | ORX-1-109 | 70 | ES |
| 19 WSMR, mobility impaired | 10/6-10/8 | 10/4-10/6 | 10/3-10/5 | 10/2-10/4 | ORX-1-110 | 20 | ES |
| 19 WSMR, once-in-a-youth | 10/6-10/8 | 10/4-10/6 | 10/3-10/5 | 10/2-10/4 | ORX-1-111 | 40 | ES |

B. Oryx broken-horned on-range hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit.

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 19 WSMR | 9/8-9/10 | 9/6-9/8 | 9/5-9/7 | 9/4-9/6 | ORX-1-112 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 9/22-9/24 | 9/20-9/22 | 9/19-9/21 | 9/18-9/20 | ORX-1-113 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 11/3-11/5 | 11/1-11/3 | 10/31-11/2 | 10/30-11/1 | ORX-1-114 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 12/1-12/3 | 11/29-12/1 | 11/28-11/30 | 11/27-11/29 | ORX-1-115 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 1/12-1/14 | 1/10-1/12 | 1/9-1/11 | 1/8-1/10 | ORX-1-116 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 1/26-1/28 | 1/24-1/26 | 1/23-1/25 | 1/22-1/24 | ORX-1-117 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 2/9-2/11 | 2/7-2/9 | 2/6-2/8 | 2/5-2/7 | ORX-1-118 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 2/23-2/25 | 2/21-2/23 | 2/20-2/22 | 2/19-2/21 | ORX-1-119 | 15 | BHO |
| 19 WSMR | 3/8-3/10 | 3/7-3/9 | 3/6-3/8 | 3/5-3/7 | ORX-1-120 | 15 | BHO |

C. Off-range oryx hunts or hunts on McGregor Range shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit. The department shall issue military only oryx hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (McGregor range, military only).

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| statewide, off-range | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | ORX-1-204 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | 6/1-6/30 | ORX-1-205 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | ORX-1-206 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | 7/1-7/31 | ORX-1-207 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | ORX-1-208 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | 8/1-8/31 | ORX-1-209 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | ORX-1-210 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | 9/1-9/30 | ORX-1-211 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | ORX-1-212 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | 10/1-10/31 | ORX-1-213 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | ORX-1-214 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | 11/1-11/30 | ORX-1-215 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | ORX-1-216 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | 12/1-12/31 | ORX-1-217 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | ORX-1-218 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | 1/1-1/31 | ORX-1-219 | 24 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 2/1-2/29 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | ORX-1-220 | 80 | ES |

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| statewide, off-range, youth only | 2/1-2/29 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | ORX-1-221 | 20 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, age 70 and older | 2/1-2/29 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | 2/1-2/28 | ORX-1-222 | 40 | ES |
| statewide, off-range | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | ORX-1-223 | 96 | ES |
| statewide, off-range, youth only | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | 3/1-3/31 | ORX-1-224 | 24 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range | 12/16-12/17 | 12/21-12/22 | 12/20-12/21 | 12/19-12/20 | ORX-1-225 | 25 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range, military only | 12/16-12/17 | 12/21-12/22 | 12/20-12/21 | 12/19-12/20 | ORX-1-226 | 25 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range | 1/6-1/7 | 1/4-1/5 | 1/3-1/4 | 1/2-1/3 | ORX-1-227 | 25 | ES |
| 28 McGregor range, military only | 1/6-1/7 | 1/4-1/5 | 1/3-1/4 | 1/2-1/3 | ORX-1-228 | 25 | ES |

D. Private land-only oryx hunts: Private land-only oryx licenses shall be valid only on deeded private land and restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the statewide public draw hunt codes listed in Subsection C of Section 19.31.12.12 NMAC above. Hunts on private land for April and May are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the hunt codes listed below. The number of private land-only oryx licenses shall be unlimited.

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | bag limit |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| statewide, private land | 4/1-4/30 | 4/1-4/30 | 4/1-4/30 | 4/1-4/30 | ORX-1-2000 | ES |
| | 5/1-5/31 | 5/1-5/31 | 5/1-5/31 | 5/1-5/31 | ORX-1-2020 | ES |

E. Oryx incentive authorizations: The director may annually allow up to two oryx authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorizations to purchase the license may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice and may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Oryx incentive hunts shall be any one hunt selected from Subsection A of Section 19.31.12.12 NMAC. Bag limit shall be either sex with any legal sporting arms and hunt area of the selected hunt.

F. Oryx hunt for injured service men and women: The department shall annually issue up to 10 authorizations for hunting by injured service men and women on White Sands missile range. The director shall determine the procedures for issuing the authorizations, and the dates for each hunt.
[19.31.12.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.13 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.13 PERSIAN IBEX HUNTING SEASONS: Persian ibex hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit. Holders of the off-mountain license (IBX-1-528) may apply for any Florida mountains ibex hunt unless otherwise restricted by rule. Any valid Persian ibex license shall be valid during the off-mountain (IBX-1-528) hunts. Holders of a valid ibex license may take an unlimited number of ibex for the year-long off-mountain hunt. The Florida mountain hunt area is that portion of GMU 25 bounded by interstate 10 on the north, U.S.-Mexico border on the south, NM 11 on the west and the Dona Ana-Luna county line on the east. The year-long off-mountain hunt area is any public land open for hunting and private lands with written permission outside the Florida mountain hunt area.

| open GMUs or areas | 2023-2024 hunt dates | 2024-2025 hunt dates | 2025-2026 hunt dates | 2026-2027 hunt dates | hunt code | licenses | bag limit |
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| 25 Florida mountains | 10/1-10/15 | 10/1-10/15 | 10/1-10/15 | 10/1-10/15 | IBX-2-100 | 100 | ES |
| 25 Florida mountains, once-in-a-lifetime | 11/15-11/29 | 11/15-11/29 | 11/15-11/29 | 11/15-11/29 | IBX-1-101 | 15 | ES |
| 25 Florida mountains | 12/9-12/13 | 12/14-12/18 | 12/13-12/17 | 12/12-12/16 | IBX-1-102 | 20 | F-IM |
| 25 Florida mountains, once-in-a-youth | 12/27/2023-1/10/2024 | 12/27/2024-1/10/2025 | 12/27/2025-1/10/2026 | 12/27/2026-1/10/2027 | IBX-1-103 | 5 | ES |
| 25 Florida mountains | 1/15-1/29 | 1/15-1/29 | 1/15-1/29 | 1/15-1/29 | IBX-2-104 | 100 | ES |

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| 25 Florida mountains | 2/3-2/7 | 2/1-2/5 | 2/7-2/11 | 2/6-2/10 | IBX-1-105 | 20 | F-IM |
| 25 Florida mountains | 2/17-2/23 | 2/22-2/28 | 2/21-2/27 | 2/20-2/26 | IBX-3-106 | 15 | ES |
| Statewide, off-mountain, over-the-counter | 4/1/2023-3/31/2024 | 4/1/2024-3/31/2025 | 4/1/2025-3/31/2026 | 4/1/2026-3/31/2027 | IBX-1-528 | unlimited | ES |

[19.31.12.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.14 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

HISTORY OF 19.31.12 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

- Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;
- Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;
- Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;
- Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;
- Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;
- Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;
- Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;
- Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;
- Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;
- Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;
- Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;
- Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;
- Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;
- Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;
- Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;
- Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;
- Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;
- Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;
- Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;
- Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;
- Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;
- Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;
- Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;
- Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;
- Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;
- Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;
- Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;
- Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibx, filed 5/29/1974;
- Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;
- Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;

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Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;
Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;
Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;
Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;
Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;
Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;
Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;
Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;
Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;
Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;
Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;
Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;
Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;
Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;
Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;
Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;
Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991;
Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992;
Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/15/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12/16-/2013 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3/17/2015, repealed 3/31/2016.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 2/29/2016, duration expired 3/31/2019.
19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 8/31/2018, duration expired 3/31/2023.

Migratory Game Bird

19.31.6 NMAC

July 22, 2022

Stewart Liley

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Mescalero, NM



S. Liley, July 22, 2022

Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- **Adjust season dates according to calendar and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) frameworks**
- **Adjust bag/possession limits according to USFWS frameworks**
- **Final frameworks published in Federal Register on July 15th**



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC

- **Change regular migratory game bird season dates based on calendar dates and public comment**
- **Adjust sandhill crane permits based on increased allocation**
- **Pintail bag limit to remain at one**
- **No changes for dove seasons**



Public Comment

- 2 comments received as of July 19, 2022
- Public meeting held via Zoom on March 10th: one member of the public attended
- Comments received:
 - Support for proposed changes
 - Sandhill crane comments
 - Crow season



Sandhill Crane Permits

- Greater sandhill crane harvest allotment increased for 2022-23 based on population surveys and crane management plan
- 2021-22 allocation: 831, 2022-23 allocation: 988
- Proposed changes to permit numbers:
 - Estancia Valley—stay the same
 - MRGV—add 55 permits
 - Southwest—add 10 permits to January hunt



Questions?



S. Liley, July 22, 2022

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Proposed 2022-23 Central Flyway Seasons

| Species | Zone | 2021–2022 | | 2022–2023 | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | Open | Close | Open | Close |
| Ducks and coots | North Zone | Oct. 9 | Jan. 12 | Oct. 8 | Jan. 11 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 28 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 28 | Jan. 31 |
| Dark geese | MRGV | Dec. 19 | Jan. 31 | Dec. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| | Rest of State | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Light geese | All Central Flyway | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Rails and moorhens | All Central Flyway | Sep. 11 | Nov. 19 | Sep. 10 | Nov. 18 |
| Snipe | All Central Flyway | Oct. 9 | Jan. 23 | Oct. 8 | Jan. 22 |
| Youth waterfowl | North Zone | Sep. 25 | Sep. 26 | Sep. 24 | Sep. 25 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 2 | Oct. 3 | Oct. 1 | Oct. 2 |
| September teal | All Central Flyway | Sep. 11 | Sep. 19 | Sep. 10 | Sep. 18 |

- Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and September teal



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Proposed 2022-23 Pacific Flyway Seasons

| Species | Zone | 2020–2021 | | 2021–2022 | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | Open | Close | Open | Close |
| Ducks and coots | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 19 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| Scaup | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 19 | Jan. 12 | Oct. 19 | Jan. 12 |
| Dark and light geese | North Zone | Sep. 26 | Oct. 11 | Sep. 24 | Oct. 9 |
| | North Zone | Nov. 2 | Jan. 31 | Nov. 2 | Jan. 31 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Sora and Virginia rail | All Pacific Flyway | Sep. 11 | Nov. 19 | Sep. 10 | Nov. 18 |
| Snipe | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Youth waterfowl | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 3 | Oct. 4 | Oct. 8 | Oct. 9 |

- Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days



Amend: Migratory Game Bird 19.31.6 NMAC Proposed Sandhill Crane Seasons

| Hunt | 2021–2022 | | 2022–2023 | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Open | Close | Open | Close |
| Eastern | Oct. 30 | Jan. 30 | Oct. 29 | Jan. 29 |
| Youth | Nov. 20 | Nov. 20 | Nov. 19 | Nov. 19 |
| MRGV 1 | Nov. 13 | Nov. 14 | Nov. 12 | Nov. 13 |
| MRGV 2 | Nov. 27 | Nov. 28 | Nov. 26 | Nov. 27 |
| MRGV 3 | Dec. 11 | Dec. 12 | Dec. 10 | Dec. 11 |
| MRGV 4 | Jan. 8 | Jan. 9 | Jan. 7 | Jan. 8 |
| MRGV 5 | Jan. 15 | Jan. 16 | Jan. 14 | Jan. 15 |
| Southwest 1 | Oct. 30 | Nov. 7 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 6 |
| Southwest 2 | Jan. 8 | Jan. 9 | Jan. 7 | Jan. 8 |
| Estancia Valley | Oct. 30 | Nov. 7 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 6 |

- Add 55 permits to MRGV hunts, 10 to Southwest January hunt, Estancia Valley hunt closed Nov 2.



PROPOSED MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RULE SUMMARY, 2022-2023

Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils. Please note that seasons are not considered final until they have been published in the Federal Register.

Proposed amendments for the 2022–23 season include:

- Changes to regular waterfowl season dates based on public comment and calendar dates
- Based on population survey data, increase sandhill crane permits in MRGV hunts by 55, to be distributed among existing hunts
- Increase sandhill crane permits in southwest January hunt by 10
- Bag limit for northern pintail to remain at 1 per USFWS regulatory framework

Proposed Central Flyway Seasons. Includes falconry, youth waterfowl days, and a 9-day September teal season.

| Species | Zone | Open | Close |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Ducks and Mergansers | North Zone | Oct. 8 | Jan. 11 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 28 | Jan. 31 |
| Geese: | | | |
| Dark Geese | MRGV | Dec. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| | Rest of State | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Light Geese | North and South Zones | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Rails and Moorhens | All Central Flyway | Sep. 10 | Nov. 18 |
| Snipe | All Central Flyway | Oct. 8 | Jan. 22 |
| Youth Waterfowl | North Zone | Sep. 24 | Sep. 25 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 1 | Oct. 2 |
| September Teal | All Central Flyway | Sep. 10 | Sep. 18 |

Proposed Pacific Flyway Seasons. Includes falconry and youth waterfowl days.

| Species | Zone | Open | Close |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Ducks and Mergansers | North and South Zones | Oct. 19 | Jan. 31 |
| Scaup | North and South Zones | Oct. 19 | Jan. 12 |
| All Geese | North Zone 1 | Sept. 24 | Oct. 9 |
| | North Zone 2 | Nov. 2 | Jan. 31 |
| | South Zone | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Sora and Virginia Rail | All Pacific Flyway | Sep. 10 | Nov. 18 |
| Snipe | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 17 | Jan. 31 |
| Youth Waterfowl | All Pacific Flyway | Oct. 8 | Oct. 9 |

If you would like to comment on the proposal, send email to: DGF-waterfowl@state.nm.us



Technical Information for Migratory Game Bird Rule Development



Survey and Harvest Data

Migratory game bird management in the United States, including New Mexico, is a cooperative effort between state and federal governments. Management decisions are based on information gathered from bird population surveys, monitoring of harvest, hunter surveys, public comment, biological information, and environmental surveys. Migratory game bird banding and recovery data, surveys of birds on their breeding areas, as well as wetland condition surveys in waterfowl breeding areas provide the necessary information used to set hunting and harvest regulations for migratory game birds. In New Mexico, the establishment of migratory game bird hunting rules and regulations remains a cooperative process performed annually within the Flyway system. Both the Central and Pacific Flyways are involved in setting hunting regulations for migratory game birds in New Mexico and seasons are selected from within the guidelines of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's federal season frameworks. Survey and harvest data used in setting hunting rules and regulations for New Mexico are included in Figures 1–4.

Mallard

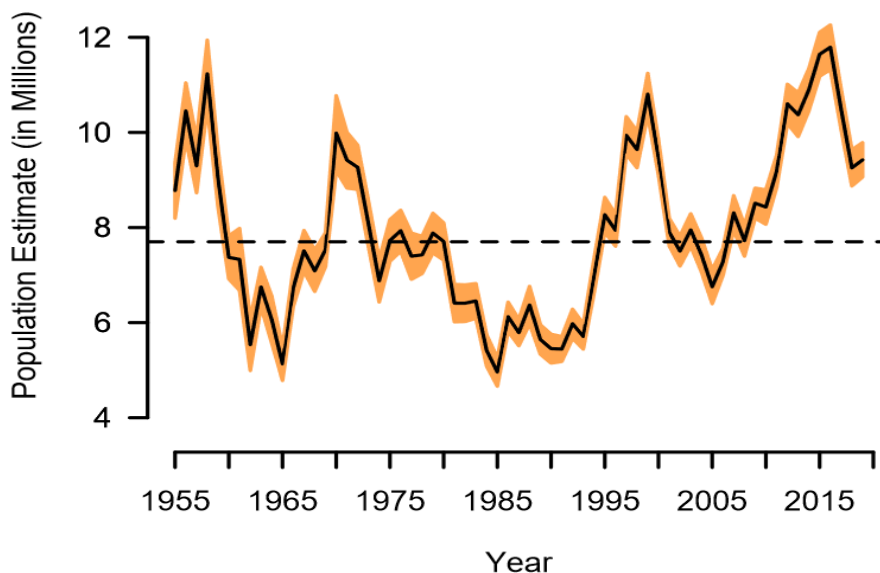


Figure 1. Breeding population estimate, 90% confidence interval, and North American Waterfowl Management Plan goal (dashed line) for mallards in the traditional survey area. Estimated mallard abundance for 2019 was 9.4 ± 0.3 million. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey was cancelled in spring 2020 and 2021. The most recent survey data are presented from 2019.

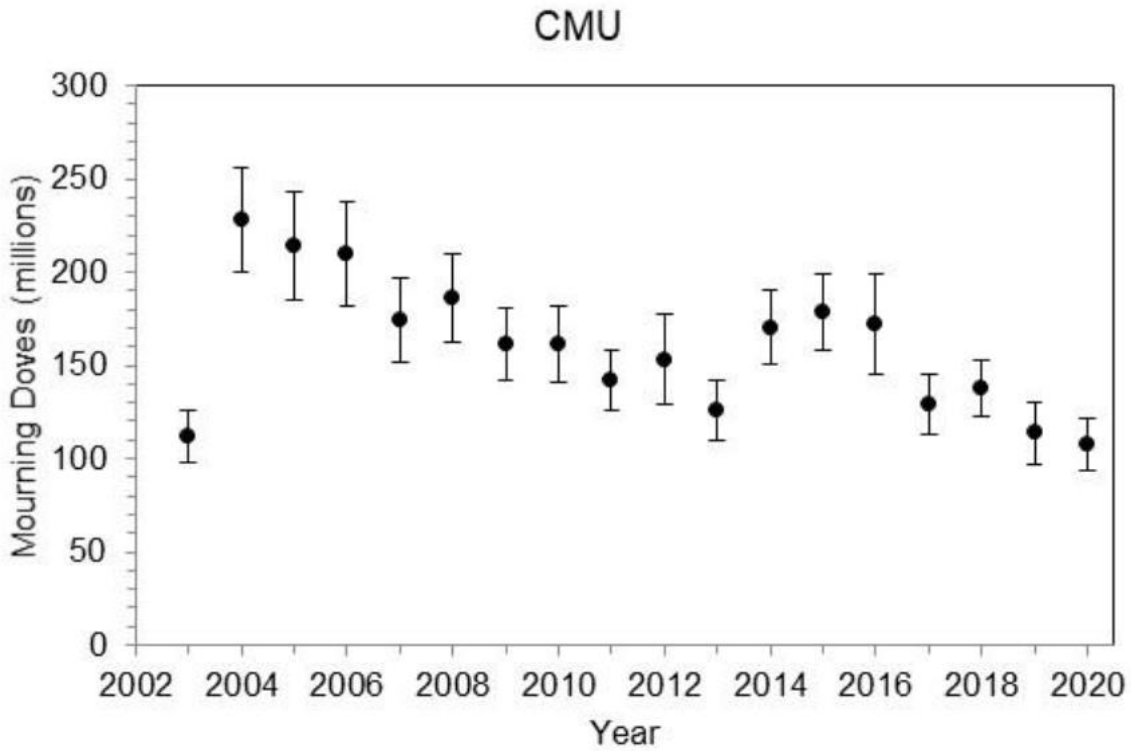


Figure 2. Estimates and 95% confidence intervals of mourning dove absolute abundance in the Central Management Unit (CMU; which includes New Mexico) by year, 2003–2020. Estimates are based on band recovery and harvest data.

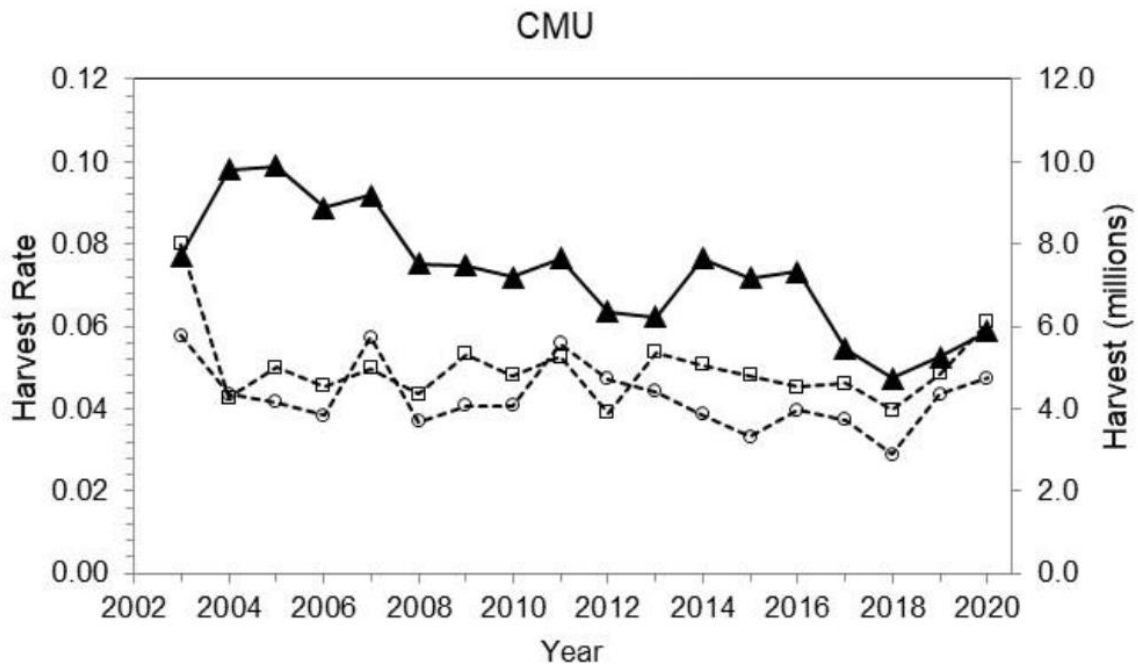


Figure 3. Estimated harvest (triangle) and harvest rates of mourning dove in the Central Management Unit (CMU; which includes New Mexico) by year, 2003–2020. Harvest rates are presented separately for hatch-year (square) and after-hatch-year (circle) doves.

| YR | UT | CO | ID | WY | MT | TOTAL | 3 YR AVG |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1987 | 1,578 | 1,443 | 10,686 | 2,327 | 1,447 | 17,481 | |
| 1992 | 2,810 | 3,181 | 5,801 | 2,248 | 5,264 | 19,304 | |
| 1995 | 1,528 | 2,284 | 6,864 | 1,671 | 3,681 | 16,028 | |
| 1996 | 1,849 | 1,255 | 8,334 | 2,526 | 2,974 | 16,938 | |
| 1997 ^{1, 2} | 2,450 | 1,604 | 8,132 | 2,255 | 3,595 | 18,036 | 17,001 |
| 1998 | 2,185 | 1,273 | 8,067 | 3,162 | 3,415 | 18,102 | 17,692 |
| 1999 | 2,292 | 1,102 | 8,761 | 4,205 | 3,141 | 19,501 | 18,546 |
| 2000 | 2,416 | 749 | 9,337 | 3,890 | 3,598 | 19,990 | 19,198 |
| 2001 | 1,522 | 666 | 7,160 | 2,626 | 4,585 | 16,559 | 18,683 |
| 2002 | 1,869 | 1,355 | 7,698 | 3,038 | 4,843 | 18,803 | 18,451 |
| 2003 | 2,546 | 745 | 7,822 | 3,446 | 4,964 | 19,523 | 18,295 |
| 2004 | 2,239 | 1,410 | 7,152 | 3,072 | 4,637 | 18,510 | 18,945 |
| 2005 | 2,646 | 1,052 | 7,668 | 3,911 | 5,588 | 20,865 | 19,633 |
| 2006 ³ | | | | | | NS | 19,633 |
| 2007 ⁴ | 2,401 | 1,743 | 8,262 | 3,907 | 6,509 | 22,822 | 20,732 |
| 2008 ⁵ | 3,708 | 1,080 | 6,123 | 3,826 | 6,419 | 21,156 | 21,614 |
| 2009 | 2,283 | 1,162 | 6,934 | 3,613 | 6,329 | 20,321 | 21,433 |
| 2010 | 3,242 | 985 | 5,776 | 3,726 | 7,335 | 21,064 | 20,847 |
| 2011 | 1,498 | 1,347 | 5,029 | 2,978 | 6,642 | 17,494 | 19,626 |
| 2012 | 2,109 | 413 | 3,432 | 3,587 | 5,876 | 15,417 | 17,992 |
| 2013 | 2,732 | 1,594 | 5,228 | 3,588 | 7,218 | 20,360 | 17,757 |
| 2014 | 2,783 | 1,258 | 6,064 | 3,008 | 6,555 | 19,668 | 18,482 |
| 2015 | 3,698 | 1,089 | 6,454 | 3,596 | 9,493 | 24,330 | 21,453 |
| 2016 ⁶ | 3,298 | 1,135 | 5,445 | 4,879 | 7,507 | 22,264 | 22,087 |
| 2017 | 2,994 | 1,658 | 4,066 | 3,725 | 7,149 | 19,592 | 22,062 |
| 2018 | 2,770 | 1,908 | 4,469 | 5,101 | 7,553 | 21,801 | 21,219 |
| 2019 | 3,106 | 1,879 | 4,428 | 4,366 | 7,511 | 21,290 | 20,894 |
| 2020 | 3,222 | 1,446 | 5,096 | 6,608 | 9,264 | 25,636 | 22,909 |

¹ Incomplete survey efforts in years prior might have resulted in lower estimates; the official count begins in 1! 08/09/21

² In October 1997, a special survey was also conducted in the SLV, Colorado and other areas, which resulted in a total of 27,090 Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent cranes being counted.

³ In 2006, the survey was not conducted due to mechanical issues with the survey plane. The 3-yr Avg for 2006 is calculated using 2003-05.

⁴ The 3-yr average for 2007 was calculated using 2004, 2005, and 2007 because there was no survey in 2006.

⁵ The 3-yr average for 2008 was calculated using 2005, 2007, and 2008 because there was no survey in 2006.

⁶ Beginning 1n 2016 Wyoming added six new survey areas as allowed in the management plan.

Figure 4. Fall pre-migration indices for Rocky Mountain sandhill cranes.

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To: [DGF-Waterfowl](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Migratory Bird Rule
Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:27:25 PM

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Department needs to institute a crow season in accordance with federal 50 CFR 20.133. Season needs to at a minimum cover that part of state east of I25. Populations have exploded and simply using the authorities under 50 CFR 21.43 does not provide for a recreational season to potentially avert depredation issues.

David Heft
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From: [Randy Creighton](#)
To: [Cline, Mason, DGF](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] waterfowl rule
Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 2:55:53 PM

Hello Mason,

Thanks for the heads up. The proposal appears to be the status quo, which is fine with me, I'm not looking for any changes to the duck/goose season structure.

I doubt I'll be able to attend the zoom meeting.

Sincerely,

Randy Creighton

From: Cline, Mason, DGF <Mason.Cline@state.nm.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:32 PM
To: Randy Creighton <jr.creighton@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] waterfowl rule

Hello Mr. Creighton,

The proposals are here now: <https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/>

Please let me know if you are unable to access them and I can send you a copy.

Thank you,

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I'm not seeing the proposed rules on your website yet, please send me a copy or tell me when they will be available.

Thanks,

Randy Creighton
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COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: July 22, 2022

Agenda Number: **X**

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Rule Making Hearing on Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) for the 2022 – 2023 hunting season.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, the latest information from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), recent survey information, and management goals. Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the USFWS working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils. The proposed amendments focus on:

- Changes to regular waterfowl and webless migratory game bird season dates, based on public comment and calendar dates
- Adjust sandhill crane permits based on increased allocation. Allocation increased based on population and recruitment data. Proposed changes to permit numbers:
 - Estancia Valley—stay the same
 - MRGV—add 55 permits
 - Southwest—add 10 permits to January hunt
- Bag limit for northern pintail to remain at 1 per USFWS regulatory framework
- No changes for dove or band-tailed pigeon seasons

2. Background Information

The migratory game bird rule is amended annually, ensuring compliance with Flyway recommendations and Federal guidelines. In New Mexico, season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the Central and Pacific Flyways and the USFWS. The process for setting migratory bird hunting regulations is described briefly below.

Migratory game bird management in the US is a cooperative effort between state and federal governments. The US and Canada are divided into four regulatory flyways and each has a Flyway Council consisting of representatives from state and provincial wildlife agencies. Flyway Councils are advised by technical committees made up of state and provincial biologists. These technical committees make management recommendations to the Councils based on population, harvest, and hunter data. After considering technical committee input, the Flyway Councils then recommend migratory bird hunting regulations to the USFWS. The USFWS evaluates these recommendations

and presents them to the Service's Regulations Committee for decision. These decisions are then forwarded to the USFWS director and Assistant Secretary of the Interior for approval. Once approved, these proposed annual migratory bird hunting frameworks are published in the Federal Register for public comment. After considering public comment, final recommendations and frameworks are developed and published in the Federal Register. After publication of these final migratory bird hunting frameworks, states can select their hunting seasons.

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 has posted proposed changes to the migratory game bird rule on its website. Input has been gathered from mail, email, and public meetings with interested members of the public. A virtual public meeting was held via Zoom to gather public comments on the proposed changes to the migratory game bird rule. A total of 1 person attended this meeting.

Suggested Motion

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

“Move to repeal and replace 19.31.6 NMAC, as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.”