

**MINUTES - NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**  
**Friday, January 17, 2020**  
**Las Cruces, NM**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order**

Called to order by Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry at 9:00 AM

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call**

All present: Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates and Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to amend the agenda, moving item 12 to follow the lunch break.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Soules

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Bates moved to approve the consent agenda.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Vesbach

**Approved:** Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the State Game Commission**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to appoint Commissioner Salazar-Henry as vice chair of the State Game Commission.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to appoint Commissioner Salazar Hickey as chair of the State Game Commission.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 Annual Adoption of the Open Meetings Resolution**

Leif Rasmussen presented the Open Meetings Act Resolution to the State Game Commission.

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to adopt the 2020 State Game Commission Open Meetings Resolution.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

## **PUBLIC RULE HEARING OPEN**

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 1a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on a new Fair Chase Rule – 19.31.3 NMAC.**

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented the final proposed rule that would withhold certain wildlife location data collected by the Department or its contractors from the public if the information could be used contrary to the principals of fair chase.

**Action Item No. 1b:** The Commission voted on the final Fair Chase Rule 19.31.3 NMAC after closing of the hearing item.

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 2a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes to the Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method Rule – 19.31.10 NMAC and a new Trapping and Furbearers Rule – 19.32.2 NMAC.**

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented the final proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearers rule (19.32.2 NMAC), and the concurrent changes to the Manner and Method Rule (19.31.10 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest and biological data collected and information from recent literature.

**Action Item No. 2b:** The Commission voted on the final amendments to Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method Rule 19.31.10 NMAC and a new Trapping and Furbearers Rule 19.32.2 NMAC after closing of the hearing item

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry

**Approved:** Passed (4-2)

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 3a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on Repealing and Replacing the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule – 19.30.9 NMAC.**

**Presented by Chad Nelson** – The Department presented the final changes to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule (19.30.9 NMAC).

Chad Nelson, Assistant Chief of Licensing, presented the final proposed amendments to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits rule (19.30.9 NMAC).

**Action Item No. 3b:** The Commission voted on repealing and replacing the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule (19.30.9 NMAC) after closing of the hearing item.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

## PUBLIC RULE HEARING CLOSED

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Future Meeting Schedule and Locations.

James Comins, Assistant Director, presented a meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year and for January of 2021. Suggested meeting dates and locations are:

- March 4, 2020 - Albuquerque (Wednesday)
- April 30, 2020 - Silver City (Thursday)
- June 19, 2020 - Santa Fe (Friday)
- August 13, 2020 - Chama (Thursday)
- October 16, 2020 - Taos (Friday)
- December 3, 2020 - Roswell (Thursday)
- January 15, 2021 - Las Cruces (Friday)

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Fiscal Year 2019 Department Audit Results and Review

Contractor Moss Adams LLP presented the financial audit of the Department for fiscal year 2019 . The Department's Financial Statement received the highest possible opinion of "unmodified."

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the audit as presented.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry

**Approved:** Unanimously

## LUNCH BREAK

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Workshop - Department's E-PLUS program

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented an update on the new EPLUS rule. This presentation included a brief history of the rule prior to the changes, the reasons for the changes and the anticipated improvements initiated by the new rule. Additional information was presented concerning the implementation of the new rule and improvements that could be incorporated in the future. The previous EPLUS rule had not been opened in its entirety since its inception in 2005.

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: General Public Comments

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Closed Executive Session

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public; pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline; pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property acquisition; and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege relating to threatened or pending litigation.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Roll Call Vote – Approved:** Unanimously; Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice Chairwoman

Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules,  
Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn at 3:52 PM**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

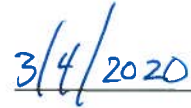
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION


Friday, January 17, 2020  
Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Ventanas Room  
4100 Dripping Springs Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88011  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Michael B. Sloane

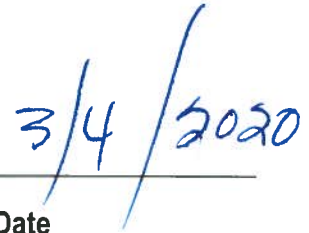


Date



Sharon Salazar Hickey, Chair

New Mexico State Game Commission



Date