

**New Mexico State Game Commission New Mexico
Department of Game and Fish**

June 18, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order 09:06:30 a.m. (00:00:04)

Called to order by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call 09:08:17 a.m. (00:01:51)

Present: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda (Action Item) 09:08:55 a.m. (00:02:29)

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as written.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Bates

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: General Public Comments 09:10:03 a.m. (00:03:37)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda (Action Items A and B) 09:52:54 p.m. (00:46:28)

A. Approval of minutes of May 21, 2021 virtual meeting.

B. Approval of license revocations.

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda A and B.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Bates

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: 19.31.22.11 NMAC Meeting, Applications for Landowner Certification of Non-Navigable Water (Action Items A-E) 09:54:51 a.m. (00:48:25)

Tabled to the August 12 meeting in Santa Fe.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Overview of Wildlife Management Areas (Discussion Item) 09:58:49 a.m. (00:52:23)

Stewart Liley presented an overview of Wildlife Management Area (WMA) composition, management and maintenance throughout New Mexico. These properties are owned by the State Game Commission and managed by the Department to conserve a wide range of wildlife habitats and to offer hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: River Otter Overview (Discussion Item) 10:49:16 a.m. (01:27:08)

Kirk Patten and Stewart Liley presented an overview of river otter reintroduction in New Mexico, including an update on the status of the population in the Rio Grande. Conservation groups have encouraged the Department to expand river otter reintroduction efforts to the Gila River basin. The Department provided information about potential reintroduction efforts and potential conflicts with Department conservation efforts in the Gila River basin.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Commission Discussion of Budget Priorities (Discussion Item) 12:01:45 p.m. (02:39:37)

The Department discussed with the Commission current cash balances and future projections. The Department sought Commission direction on priorities to consider when developing the budget for Fiscal Year 23.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: General Public Comments 12:32:53 p.m. (03:10:45)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Executive Session (Closed to the Public) 01:59:23 p.m. (03:35:43)

Motion: The State Game Commission voted to adjourn into executive session closed to the public; pursuant to Section 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.

Motion by: Vice-chairman Vesbach

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Return from Executive Session 02:06:01 p.m. (03:30:59)

Motion: Move to approve the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement for the property consisting of 7,416.9 acres in De Baca and Roosevelt counties, and to further authorize the Secretary to the New Mexico State Game Commission and Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Michael B. Sloane, to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase of said property. The approval and authorization granted herein shall be effective immediately.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Vice-chairman Vesbach

Approved: Roll call vote – Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Adjourn (Action Item) 02:08:26 p.m. (03:33:24)

Motion: Move to adjourn.

Motion by: Commissioner Bates

Seconded by: Commissioner Cramer

Approved: Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION

June 18, 2021

New Mexico State Capitol
Room 322
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

VIRTUAL MEETING LOCATION

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/webcast/>



Michael B. Sloane

8/12/2021

Date



Sharon Salazar Hickey, Chair

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