

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

October 22, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order 09:18:12 a.m. (00:02:05)

Called to order by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call 09:18:17 a.m. (00:02:10)

Present: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates (joining through Zoom), Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda (Action Item) 09:19:00 a.m. (00:02:53)

Motion: To approve the agenda as written.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Approved: Approve by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Consent Agenda (Action Items A - D) 09:20:36 a.m. (00:04:28)

A. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2021, Virtual Special Commission Meeting.

B. Approval of License Revocations.

C. Wildlife Depredation Report.

D. Special Hunts Deadline.

- a. New special hunt deadlines: February 9 for bear and turkey, March 16 for all other big game and August 17 for pheasant.

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda A through D.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez.

Seconded by: Commissioner Bates.

Approved: Approve by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: David Soules Memoriam 09:23:23 a.m. (00:07:16)

The State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish joined family and friends of the late Commissioner David Soules to honor his work in New Mexico's conservation efforts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments 10:47:31 a.m. (01:11:25)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Off Highway Vehicle Program Overview 10:50:37 a.m. (01:14:31)

The Department updated the Commission on the Off-Highway Vehicle Program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Furbearer Rule Hearing 19.31.2 NMAC 11:33:25 a.m. (01:57:19)

The Department presented the proposed changes to the Furbearers Rule (19.32.2 NMAC) to conform with statutory changes made during the 2021 Legislative Session.

Motion: Move to amend 19.32.2 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.

Motion by: Vice-Chairman Vesbach.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Approved: Approved by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Upland Game Bird Rule Hearing 19.31.5 NMAC 01:19:30 p.m. (02:18:07)

The Department presented the proposed changes to the Upland Game Rule (19.31.5 NMAC) based on public comment, survey information and management goals.

Motion: Move to repeal and replace 19.31.5 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.

Motion by: Vice-Chairman Vesbach.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Approved: Approved by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Fisheries Rule Hearing 19.31.4 NMAC 01:28:19 p.m. (02:26:56)

The Department presented the final rule amendments for consideration by the Commission during a rulemaking hearing for the Fisheries Rule 19.31.4 NMAC, fisheries related changes to the Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method of Taking Rule 19.31.10 NMAC, and the Commercial Use of Fish Rule 19.31.9 NMAC.

Motion: Move to repeal and replace the Fisheries rule 19.31.4 NMAC, amend the Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method of Taking rule 19.31.10 NMAC, and repeal and replace the Commercial Use of Fish rule 19.31.9 NMAC, as presented by the Department, with an effective date of April 1, 2022, and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Vice-Chairman Vesbach.

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Approved: Approved by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Initial Discussion of Hunting and Fishing Revocation Rule 19.31.2 NMAC

01:42:46 p.m. (02:41:23)

The Department had an initial discussion on proposed amendments to the Revocation Rule 19.31.2 NMAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Open Gate Program Overview 02:03:44 p.m. (03:02:21)

The Department presented information on the current status of the Open Gate program and potential changes for future operations of the program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: General Public Comments 02:45:06 p.m. (00:32:27)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Executive Session (Closed to the Public) 02:45:56 p.m. (00:33:17)

Motion: Move to adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property purchase, acquisition or disposal; Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, attorney-client privilege, litigation update (discussion); and Section 10-15 1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, personnel matters.

Motion by: Vice-chairman Vesbach.

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Approved: Approved by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

06:16:19 p.m. (00:01:37)

The Commission had adjourned into executive session, closed to the public. During the executive session, the Commission discussed only those matters specified in its motion to adjourn, and it took no action as to any matter.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Adjourn (Action Item) 06:16:55 p.m. (00:01:37)

Motion: Move to adjourn.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Approved: Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice-chairman Vesbach, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry. Absent Commissioner Bates.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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