

MINUTES - NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Thursday, November 21, 2019
Roswell, NM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

Called to order by Chairwoman Prukop at 9:06 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

All present: Chairwoman Prukop, Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez (remote call-in), Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry made a motion to amend the agenda, moving item 10 to the consent agenda, item 6.

Seconded by: Commissioner Bates

Approved: Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Closed Executive Session

Motion: The State Game Commission voted to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public; 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.

Moved by: Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Tirzio

Roll Call Vote – Approved: Unanimously; Chairwoman Prukop, Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Introduction of Guests

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Consent Agenda

Agenda Item No. 10 was moved to the consent agenda and included the Department's proposal to set the draw application deadline dates for 2020-2021 to be:

- February 12, 2020 - Bear and Turkey draw permits (Draw 1)
- March 18, 2020 - Deer, elk, pronghorn, oryx, ibex, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, and javelina draw licenses (Draw 2)
- August 19, 2020 – Pheasant and Sandhill crane draw permits (Draw 3)

Motion by: Commissioner Bates to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry

Approved: Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: General Public Comments

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Initial discussion of the Landowner Certification of Non-Navigable Water Rule 19.31.22 NMAC

Kirk Patten, Chief of Fisheries Management Division, provided the background related to statutory and rule history. The Department had an initial discussion regarding the Landowner Certification of Non-Navigable Water Rule 19.31.22 NMAC. The Department opened the rule for Commission and public input.

Motion by: Commissioner Vesbach to release Attorney General's office guidance on this rule.

Seconded by: Commissioner Soules

Approved: Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach, Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Lopez, Commission Chair Prukop

Disapproved: Commissioner Bates

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 Subsequent Discussion on the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule 19.30.9 NMAC

Chad Nelson, Assistant Chief of Licensing, presented on the proposed amendments to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule 19.30.9 NMAC to clarify the requirements and financial obligations of license vendors to the Department regarding unreturned carcass tags and to clarify that the Director may condition vendor agreements including requiring a surety bond.

Lunch Break (1:00-2:00)

PUBLIC RULE HEARING OPEN

HEARING ITEM NO. 1a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on the Final Hunting and Fishing License Application Rule – 19.31.3 NMAC.

Chad Nelson, Assistant Chief of Licensing, presented the final rule changes to the Hunting and Fishing License Application Rule 19.31.3 NMAC which will become effective January 1, 2020, and will add species (sandhill crane, Barbary sheep and pheasant) available in the public draw, require applicants for all military-only hunts and returning Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunts to submit proof of service prior to applying for public draw hunts and add the general license, permit and stamp requirements.

PUBLIC RULE HEARING CLOSED

Action Item No. 1b: *The Commission voted on the final Hunting and Fishing License Application Rule 19.31.3 NMAC after closing of the hearing item at 2:23 p.m.*

Motion by: Commissioner Soules to approve the rule as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Bates

Approved: Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Subsequent Discussion on the Trapping and Furbearers Rule 19.32.2 NMAC

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented on the proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearer Rule 19.32.2 NMAC based on public comment, harvest and biological data collected and information from recent literature. Proposed changes include:

- Require every trapper to complete a Department approved trapper education course;
- Prohibit the use of land sets on the Sandia Ranger District, the eastern portion of the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument, and on Forest Service lands within ½ mile of NM Hwy 475 on the Santa Fe National Forest and NM Hwy 150 on the Carson National Forest;
- Create a setback distance of ½ mile from a designated trailhead;
- Require snares on land to have a break-away device;
- Require traps to have at least two separate swivels points, one within six inches of the trap;
- Require stakes, chains, drags or other anchoring systems such that any furbearer or wolf will be prevented from escaping with a trap;
- Move manner and method from the Trapping and Furbearers Rule to 19.31.10 NMAC 1978 “Hunting and Fishing - Manner and Method of Take”;
- Make the Trapping and Furbearers Rule a four-year rule.

PUBLIC RULE HEARING OPEN

HEARING ITEM NO. 2a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on the Final Bear and Cougar Rule – 19.31.11 NMAC.

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented the final Bear and Cougar Rule 19.31.11 NMAC which has a four-year cycle and will expire on March 31, 2020.

PUBLIC RULE HEARING CLOSED

Action Item No. 2b: *The Commission voted on the final Bear and Cougar Rule 19.31.11 NMAC after closing of the hearing item at 3:42 p.m.*

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

Seconded by: Commissioner Cramer

Approved: Unanimously

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: General Public Comments

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

Motion by: Commissioner Bates to adjourn.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez

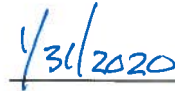
Approved: Unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**

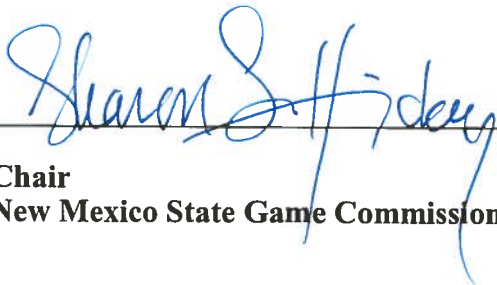
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Roswell Game and Fish Office
1615 West College Blvd
Roswell, NM 88201
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



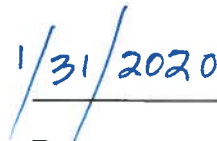
Michael B. Sloane, Director



Date



**Chair
New Mexico State Game Commission**



Date