Instructions for completing the NMAC TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Your agency must complete the following:

Volume, Issue and Publication Date. Example: Volume: XXXII , Issue: 10, Publication date: May 25, 2021.

Provide the total number of pages of the paper version of the new rule, amendment, repeal, or emergency document. Note: Do not include the pages of the transmittal form, billing sheet, PO, etc.

Sequence number is for **ALD use only**.

Issuing agency's name and mailing address.

Agency's 3-digit DFA code. Example: 123

Contact person's Name, Phone number, E-mail address.

Check type of rule action: **New** (brand new rule or replacement rule), **Amendment**, **Repeal** (repeal and do not replace or repeal and replace), **Emergency**, or **Renumber**. **For a repeal and replacement rule, the agency must provide TWO signed transmittal forms; one for the repeal statement and another for the new (replacement) rule.**

Most Recent Filing Date of the Part for **ALD use only**.

Identify NMAC Title, Chapter and Part numbers and Title, Chapter and Part names.

Example:

Title 19	Natural Resources and Wildlife
Chapter 30	Wildlife Administration Aquatic
Part 14	Invasive Species

Description of Amendment: (if amending) Example: "Amending three sections".

Amendment's NMAC citation: (if amending) Example: "Sections 9, 10 and 18 of 7.1.13 NMAC".

Are any materials incorporated by reference? Check: Yes or No. If Yes, please list attachments or provide Internet site.

If incorporated, has copyright permission been granted? Check Yes or No or check if document is in the public domain.

Concise Explanatory Statement for rulemaking adoption See 1.24.25.14 NMAC:

Provide your agency's specific statutory or other authority authorizing rulemaking: Check with your agency's general counsel office to determine the correct citation(s) authorizing your agency to make rules.

Provide your Notice date(s) (when notice of rulemaking was published in Register): Hearing date(s) (if agency has board or commission): Rule adoption date: (see note below) and Rule effective date (date rulemaking becomes effective)

Note:

- There must be at least **30** days between the notice publication date and hearing date.
- Your agency **must file** your rule within **15** days from rule adoption date. The date of adoption of the proposed rule shall be the date the concise explanatory statement is signed by the agency, unless otherwise specified in the concise explanatory statement. Unless your rule is an emergency filing, the rule effective date cannot be any earlier than the publication date in the New Mexico Register.

Findings required for rulemaking adoption. If attaching a separate document as findings or as concise explanatory statement, please indicate as such in findings section.
Check with your agency's general counsel office regarding substance of any required findings to be filed.

Issuing Authority: Name, Title Date signed and original Signature of issuing authority or their delegate in **black** ink or with valid digital signature: Note: If authority has been delegated, this box must be checked. A letter of delegation must be on file with the State Records Center and Archives, Administrative Law Division.

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Volume: XXXVI **Issue:** 13 **Publication date:** July 15, 2025 **Number of pages:** 8 **(ALD Use Only) Sequence No.**

Issuing agency name and address: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM, 87507

Agency DFA code: 516

Contact person's name: Elise Goldstein

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Type of rule action:

New ✔ **Amendment** ☐ **Repeal** ☐ **Emergency** ☐ **Renumber** ☐

(ALD Use) Recent filing date:

Title number: 19

Title name: Natural Resources and Wildlife

Chapter number: 31

Chapter name: Hunting and Fishing

Part number: 6

Part name: Migratory Bird

Amendment description (If filing an amendment):

Amendment's NMAC citation (If filing an amendment):

Are there any materials incorporated by reference?

Yes ☐ **No** X

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Specific statutory or other authority authorizing rulemaking:

Sections 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Sections 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978

Notice date(s): May 6, 2025

Hearing date(s): June 13, 2025

Rule adoption date: June 13, 2025

Rule effective date: Sept. 1, 2025

Concise Explanatory Statement For Rulemaking Adoption:

Findings required for rulemaking adoption:

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.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Migratory Game Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC which will become effective September 1, 2025. The most recent version of the rule expired on March 31, 2025.

The new rule will 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 and SW draw hunts by 12 total, to be distributed among existing hunts
• Bag limit for northern pintail to increase from 1 to 3 per USFWS regulatory framework

There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. There were no substantive arguments made through public comment that were not accepted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. 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):
Name:

Michael B. Sloane

Check if authority has been delegated

Title:

Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Signature: **(BLACK ink only OR Digital Signature)**

Michael B. Sloane

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