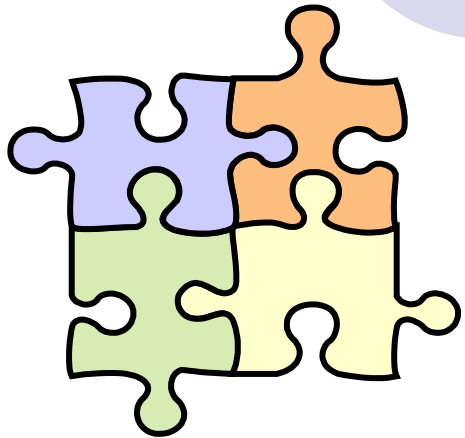


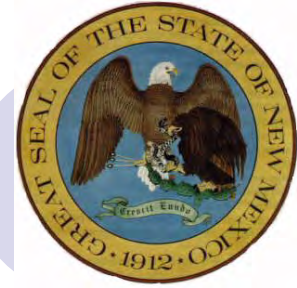


2009 Legislative Session Update





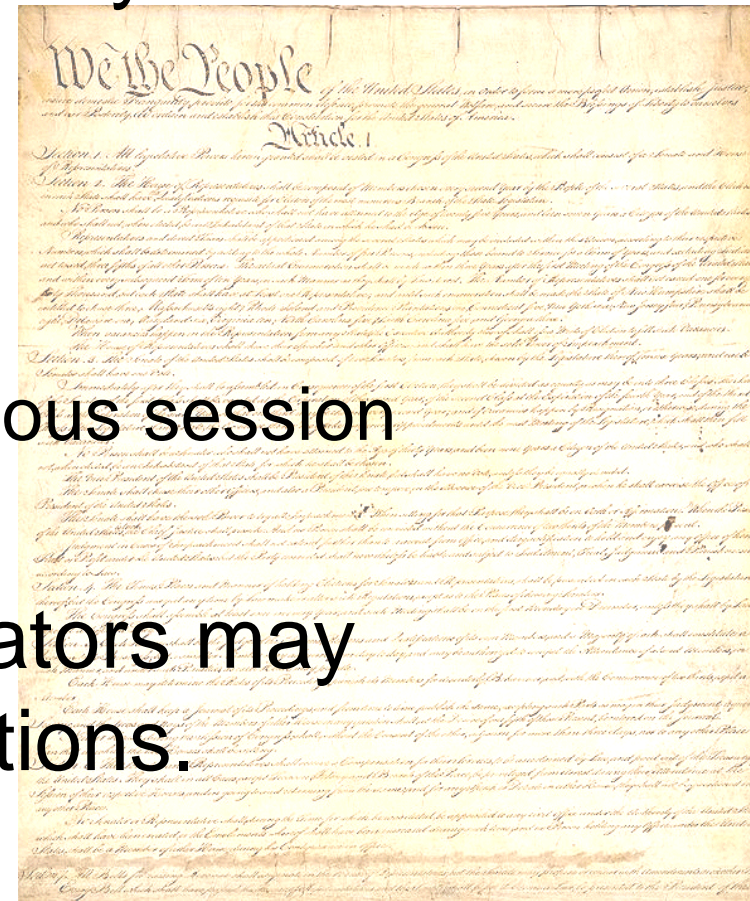
Odd Numbered Years are 60-Day or “Long” Sessions



- While the New Mexico Constitution restricts matters discussed during 30-day sessions to:

- Budget and fiscal matters
- Items on the Governor’s “call”
- Legislation vetoed in the previous session

- During a long session, legislators may introduce bills without restrictions.

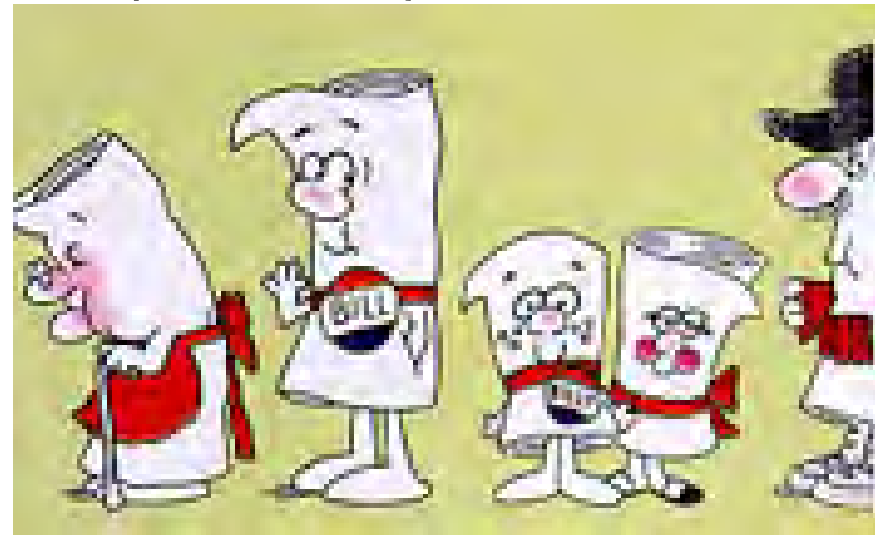




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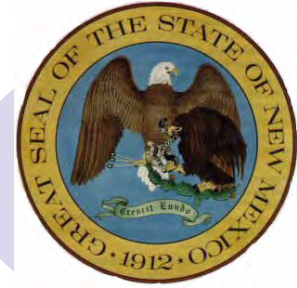


- Operating Budget Request (HB5/2)
- Capital Projects Requests
- Nongame Fish Authority (HB68)
- Penalty Assessment Expansion (HB143)
- Aquatic Invasive Species (HB467)
- Depredation (SB391)





Operating Budget



- The budget begins as HB 5 and is later rolled into HB 2
- The amounts in the bill reflect the Legislative recommendation, including 3.5 expansion positions
- Eliminates all support from the state general fund. Last year's appropriation was around \$330,000





Capital Outlay



- The Department requested \$12.975 million for 9 projects, and the 3 top priorities in the request were:
 - Aircraft replacement
 - Warm Water Hatchery
 - Lake Roberts Dam Renovation





HB 63 Nongame Fish Regulatory Authority

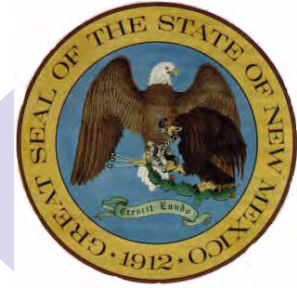


- Sponsored by Rep. Jose Campos
- Do Pass in House Energy & Natural Resources and House Judiciary Committees
- Passed on House Floor by a vote of 67-0
- Referred to Senate Conservation and Judiciary Committees
- Waiting on Senate Hearings



HB 143

Penalty Assessment

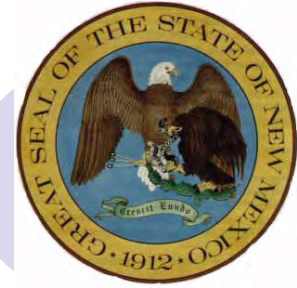


- Sponsored by Rep. Elias Barela
- Do Pass in House Energy & Natural Resources and House Judiciary Committees
- Passed on House Floor by a vote of 58-9
- Referred to Senate Conservation and Judiciary Committees
- Waiting on Senate Hearings



HB 467

Aquatic Invasive Species

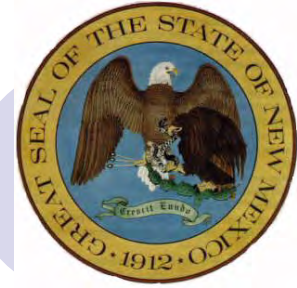


- Sponsored by Rep. Don Tripp
- Do Pass in House Energy & Natural Resources Committees
- Referred to House Business and Industry Committee (HBIC)
- Waiting on HBIC Hearing and then to House Floor if successful



SB 391

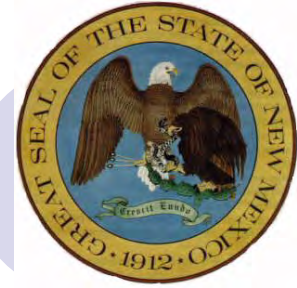
Landowner Taking



- Sponsored by Sen. Michael Sanchez
- Do Pass in Senate Public Affairs Committee
- Working on Substitute Bill for Senate Judiciary
- Seeking Consensus with Direct Involvement of:
 - Bill Sponsor & Other Senators
 - NM Cattlegrowers
 - NM Wildlife Federation
 - NM Farm Bureau
 - Northern NM Stockmen
 - NM Council of Outfitters and Guides
 - NM Chapter of Trout Unlimited



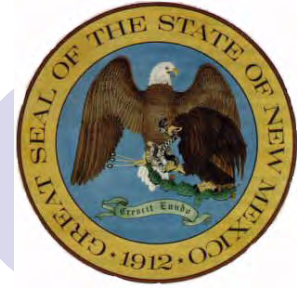
Other House Bills Impacting the Department



- House Bill 11 – Valles Caldera Elk Authorizations
- House Bill 163 – Amending Posting & Notice Requirements for Criminal Trespass
- House Bill 594 – Feral Hog Control
- House Bill 604 – Elect State Game Commission
- House Bill 664 – Bass Fishing License Plates
- House Bill 875 – Game Hunting Outfitter Requirements



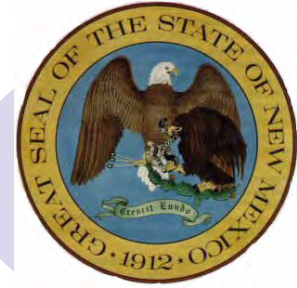
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- House Joint Memorial 3 – Water Cabinet Environmental Flow Assessment
- House Joint Memorial 4 – Wildlife Corridors Information Sharing
- House Joint Memorial 15 – Tierra Amarilla Land Grant Use Rights on SGC properties
- House Joint Memorial 16 – Establish Pecos Canyon State Park



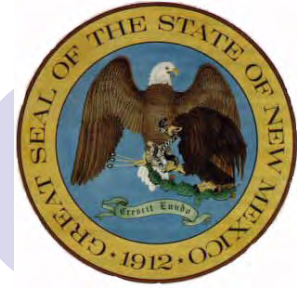
Other Senate Legislation Impacting the Department



- Senate Bill 196 – State-Tribal Collaboration Act
- Senate Bill 379 – Off Highway Vehicle Program
- Senate Bill 504 – Feral Hog Control
- Senate Bill 669 – Disabled Veteran Game & Fish Benefits
- Senate Joint Memorial 16 – Establish Pecos Canyon State Park
- Senate Joint Memorial 49 (SM32)– Valles Caldera Management Hearings



Upcoming Dates



- March 21, 2009- Session ends at Noon
- April 10, 2009- Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- June 19, 2009- Effective date of legislation not carrying an emergency clause or other specified date
- Special Session Dates- TBD



Questions, Comments?

