

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Courtyard Marriott Conference Center
560 Scott Avenue
Farmington, NM 87401
Thursday, November 3, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public testimony and comment: All those interested in providing oral comments are encouraged to prepare a "Speaker's Card" for each item on which they will comment. These cards assist the Commission Chair to manage more effective public communication. Comments will be allowed on each item, regardless of card completion.

Those who desire to address the Commission and who claim to represent an organization must provide the following information: The number of members in the organization, frequency of the organization's meeting and either a signed statement from that organization's president that states the organization has discussed the topic and approved the position that the representative is presenting, or proof that they are a registered lobbyist for the organization.

AT THEIR DISCRETION, THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes (August 25, 2011 – Santa Fe, NM).

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Final Proposal to Delist Desert Bighorn Sheep.

Presented by Elise Goldstein – The Department will present a summary of public comments and a final recommendation for delisting desert bighorn sheep per Section 17-2-40, NMSA, 1978, and associated amendments to 19.33.6.8 A (2) (i) and (3), NMAC. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Final Recommendation to Amend the Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex Rule (19.31.12, NMAC) to Restructure Off-Range Oryx Hunts and License Numbers.

Presented by Jim Lane – The Department will present the final recommendation to re-distribute oryx licenses from the April and May off-range hunts to the remaining hunts throughout the year. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Proposed Amendment of Guide and Outfitter Registration Rule (19.30.8, NMAC).

Presented by Dan Brooks – The State Game Commission will consider repealing and replacing the Guide and Outfitter Registration Rule (19.30.8, NMAC) in part to accommodate recent amendments to state law. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Consideration of Fenn Farm Application for a Regulated Shooting Preserve.

Presented by Leon Redman – Bill Fenn of Roswell, NM, has submitted an application for a shooting preserve permit for the Fenn Farm in accordance to Section 17-3-35 through 17-3-42, NMSA, 1978 Compilation (Regulated Shooting Preserve Act) and 19.35.3, NMAC, (Shooting Preserves). The property manager intends to release pheasant and chukars onto the preserve if approved. Southeast Area personnel have inspected the property and determined that the application meets the requirements established by law and rule. The property is comprised of approximately 544 contiguous acres of private land in Chaves County. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Consideration of Riverview Ranch Application for a Regulated Shooting Preserve.

Presented by Leon Redman – Ernest Lopez of Dexter, NM, has submitted an application for a shooting preserve permit for the Riverview Ranch in accordance to Section 17-3-35 through 17-3-42, NMSA, 1978 Compilation (Regulated Shooting Preserve Act) and 19.35.3, NMAC (Shooting Preserves). The property manager intends to release pheasant and chukars, and bobwhite quail onto the preserve if approved. Southeast Area personnel have inspected the property and determined that the application meets the requirements established by law and rule. The property is comprised of approximately 430 contiguous acres of private land in Chaves County. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Establish Application Deadlines for 2012-2013 Big Game Public Draws.

Presented by Alexa Sandoval – Per 19.31.3.8, NMAC, the Department will propose the special draw application deadlines for: 1) turkey and bear WMA permits; and 2) public land deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, oryx, ibex, Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, and javelina. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Prospective Amendments to the Upland Game Rule to Ensure Alignment with Statutory Changes Resulting from Senate Bill 196.

Presented by Alexa Sandoval – The Department will present prospective amendments to a specific section of the Upland Game Rule 19.31.5.8 A, NMAC, to ensure alignment with current law regarding license types. In addition, the Department will suggest removing the requirement that grouse hunters obtain a free Blue Grouse permit. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Proposed Fisheries Rule Change for Northern Pike in Eagle Nest Lake.

Presented by Mike Sloane – The Department will present recent findings regarding increasing population of Northern pike in Eagle Nest Lake. Northern pike are a potential problem for the trout fishery in the lake. The Department will provide draft amendments to the Fisheries Rule 19.31.4, NMAC, to address the potential risk to trout fishery in the lake and plan to present a final rule amendment to the Commission for adoption at the December Commission meeting. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Update on Management of the San Juan River Quality Waters.

Presented by Marc Wethington – The Department will present an update on management of the San Juan Quality Waters. The update will include summary statistics from fish and angler surveys as well as an update on the habitat enhancement project being undertaken on the river. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Proposal to Modify Eligibility Requirements for Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts.

Presented by Jim Lane – The Department will present a proposal to amend a specific section of the Elk Rule 19.31.14.13 E (1), NMAC, and a specific section of the Hunting and Fishing License Application Rule 19.31.3.11 P, NMAC, to modify the eligibility requirements for youth interested in applying for Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts so that more may take advantage of these opportunities. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: FY 11 Depredation Summary and FY 12 Depredation Update.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present a final report of the total number of depredation complaints filed and resolved in accordance with 19.30.2.11, NMAC, for Fiscal Year 2011 and an update of depredation complaints for the first quarter of FY 12. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Prospective Department Legislative Initiatives.

Presented by Patrick Block – The Department will discuss prospective legislative initiatives for the upcoming short session and seek Commission guidance on initiatives to develop for consideration by the Governor's Office. **(Informational item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Closed Executive Session.

The State Game Commission will adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(8), NMSA, 1978, to discuss matters related to the disposal of certain Commission-owned lands.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Cebolleta Land Grant Purchase Proposal for the Marquez Wildlife Management Area.

Presented by Jim Karp – The Department will update the Commission on a proposal by the Cebolleta Land Grant to purchase the Marquez Wildlife Management Area and seek Commission approval for the Department to initiate formal negotiations. **(Action item)**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Adjourn.

NOTE: The meeting will be adjourned upon completion of the agenda or up to those items that time allows. Any items not discussed will be on the following meeting's agenda.

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