

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Santa Fe Community College
Jemez Room
6401 Richards Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87508
August 27, 2015
8:30 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 may be allowed on each item at the Commission Chair's discretion, 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. Public comments are limited to two (2) minutes.

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: Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Approval of Minutes June 13, 2015, Taos, NM.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Bear and Cougar Rule Final Proposals - 19.31.11 NMAC for the 2016-2020 Seasons.

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will propose final recommendations for the Bear and Cougar rule (19.31.11 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, population status, and other management needs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Turner Endangered Species Fund Appeal of the Denial to Renew Department Permit #3443 for Mexican Gray Wolves.

Presented by Mike Phillips – The Turner Endangered Species Fund will present an appeal of the Director's denial to renew Department Permit #3443 to possess Mexican gray wolves in New Mexico that would be placed at the Ladder Ranch (a private property) as part of an endangered species recovery effort. No public comment shall be allowed on appeals before the Commission as those matters are quasi-judicial in nature.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Turner Endangered Species Fund Appeal of the Denial to Amend Department Permit #3443 to Receive Mexican Gray Wolves.

Presented by Mike Phillips – The Turner Endangered Species Fund will present an appeal of the Director's denial to amend Department Permit #3443 to receive Mexican Gray Wolves at the Ladder Ranch (a private property) as part of an endangered species recovery effort. No public comment shall be allowed on appeals before the Commission as those matters are quasi-judicial in nature.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: United States Fish and Wildlife Service Appeal of the Denial of Application to Release Mexican Gray Wolves.

Presented by United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or their Designee(s) – The USFWS or their designee will present an appeal of the Department's denial of the Service's application to release Mexican Gray Wolves. No public comment shall be allowed on appeals before the Commission as those matters are quasi-judicial in nature.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Strategies for Elk and Turkey (19.31.14 and 19.31.16 NMAC).

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will discuss preliminary management strategies for elk and turkey on the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: State Land Easement Agreement.

Presented by Mike Perry – The Department will present an update on the development of a new easement to provide continued sportsmen access to State Trust Lands for the 2016 – 2017 season.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Revocations.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will present a list of individuals that meet established criteria for initiation of the revocation and suspension process for license privileges.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Penalty Assessment Violations Final Proposals for Manner and Method - 19.31.10 NMAC.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department will propose final recommendations for penalty assessments violations to the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Migratory Bird Rule Final Proposals to 19.31.6 NMAC for the 2015-2016 Season.

Presented by Stewart Liley – The Department will present final proposals to the migratory bird rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data and federal guidelines.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Closed Executive Session.

The State Game Commission will vote as to whether it will adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss the acquisition of real property and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege relating to threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission and/or Department is or may become a participant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Initiation of Fisheries Management Plan.

Presented by Michael B. Sloane – The Department is initiating a fisheries management plan and will give the Commission a preliminary update on fisheries in New Mexico.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Potential Acquisition of Properties in Southwest and Northwest New Mexico.

Presented by RJ Kirkpatrick – The Department will discuss the potential acquisition of a property in southwest and a property in northwest New Mexico that would provide long term conservation benefits to state listed threatened and endangered species, potential conservation education opportunities, and increased hunting opportunity for New Mexico sportsmen.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Greenwood Area Access Agreement with Vermejo Park Ranch.

Presented by Jim Comins – The Department will present an overview of the renewal of the Greenwood Area Access Agreement with Vermejo Park Ranch that allows for continued public access in Game Management Unit 55.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Final Proposal to Amend Importation and Possession of Tilapia and Other Fish - 19.35.7 and 19.35.9 NMAC.

Presented by Michael B. Sloane – The Department will present final proposals to the Commission on importation and possession restrictions and allowance for Tilapia and other fish.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Final Proposal to Amend Permits and Licensing Rule - 19.30.9 NMAC.

Presented by Robert Griego and Dave Rohrbach – The Department will present final proposals to change the fee structure for miscellaneous fees including those for captive live fish used for propagation and sell, and will discuss modifying license vendor requirements and restrictions established in 19.30.09 (NMAC).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Approval.

Presented by Dave Rohrbach – The Department will seek approval from the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget proposal.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23: Prospective Initiatives for the 2016 Legislative Session.

Presented by Chris Chadwick – The Department will propose prospective legislation initiatives to the Commission. The proposals will include consolidation of license stamps at the time of purchase, FY 2017 budget and budget expansion to improve services to the public.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 2 Minutes). No public comment shall be allowed on any appeal before the Commission as these matters are quasi-judicial in nature.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25: 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. The Agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time as deemed necessary by the Chairman. To inquire about agenda changes, please contact the Office of the Director at (505) 476-8008. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Ms. Angelica Ruiz at (505) 476-8027 at least 3 working days before the meeting date. Public documents, including the Agenda and Minutes can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Ms. Ruiz if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed.