

**STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE**

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) has scheduled a regular meeting and rule hearing for Friday, January 17, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88011, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Presentation of proposed changes to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits rule.

**Synopsis:**

The proposal is to repeal and replace the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits rule, 19.30.9 NMAC, with the new rule effective April 1, 2020.

The proposed rule clarifies license vendor requirements for returning carcass tags monthly during the license year and at the end of the license year, reduces penalties for failure to return carcass tags and eliminates the requirement for immediate suspension. The proposal also reorganizes the rule to clarify financial obligations to the Department and eligibility and application requirements, clarifies the Director’s authority to specify that requiring a surety bond may be required under certain circumstances and clarifies the conditions and requirements for vendors to request a hearing to challenge the Director’s determinations. A more detailed summary, and the full text of changes, is available on the Department’s website at: [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits rule at [chad.nelson@state.nm.us](mailto:chad.nelson@state.nm.us); or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 12:00 p.m. on January 16, 2020. The final proposed rule will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on January 17, 2020. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on January 17, 2020.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rule, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/). This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director’s Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department’s website at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) for updated information.

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 the Department at (505) 476-8000 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Department at 505-476-8000 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.