

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearings on Friday July 22, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero, NM 88340. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: presentation of proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule.

Synopsis:

The proposal is to amend the Migratory Game Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC which will become effective September 1, 2022. The most recent version of the rule expired on March 31, 2022.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MIGRATORY GAME BIRD RULE:

- Changes to regular waterfowl season dates based on public comment and calendar dates.
- Increase sandhill crane permits in MRGV hunts by 55 based on population data, and distribute licenses among existing hunts.
- Increase sandhill crane permits by 10 in the southwest January hunt.
- Bag limit for northern pintail to remain at 1 per USFWS regulatory framework.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes for the Migratory Game Bird Rule to DGF-waterfowl@state.nm.us. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on July 21, 2022. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on July 22, 2022. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on July 22, 2022.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, 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/. 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 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.