

**TITLE 19       NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**  
**CHAPTER 31   HUNTING AND FISHING**  
**PART 21       JAVELINA**

**19.31.21.1       ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.  
[19.31.21.1 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.2       SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in javelina hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19.  
[19.31.21.2 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.3       STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.  
[19.31.21.3 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.4       DURATION:** April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2015.  
[19.31.21.4 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.5       EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2011, unless a later date is cited at the end of individual sections.  
[19.31.21.5 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.6       OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulation, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of javelina permits and licenses by the department.  
[19.31.21.6 NMAC - N, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.7       DEFINITIONS:**

- A.       “Arrows”** shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.
- B.       “Baiting”** shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take javelina.
- C.       “Bow”** shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify.
- D.       “Crossbows”** shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights on crossbows shall not project light nor magnify.
- E.       “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- F.       “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- G.       “ES or either sex”** shall mean any one animal of the species.
- H.       “Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Wildlife Management Areas.
- I.       “License”** shall mean a valid official document that is issued or approved by the director that each person hunting javelina in New Mexico must have or obtain prior to hunting.
- J.       “License year”** shall mean the period from April 1 through March 31.
- K.       “Modern firearms”** shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- L.       “Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms”** shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only black powder, Pyrodex or equivalent black powder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.
- M.       “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in the state game commission’s rule 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Wildlife Management Areas.  
[19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.7 NMAC, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.8       ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND HARVEST LIMITS:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairman or his designee, may adjust the number of licenses or permits for javelina up or down by no more than 20% of the total permits available in the area or GMU to

address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. The director may consider requests from organizations or private landowners working with children suffering from terminal illness or disease to change season dates, weapon types or bag limits to provide for special hunting situations on a case by case basis. The director may change or cancel any hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; provided the subsequent hunts have the same season length and bag limit as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.8 NMAC, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.9 JAVELINA LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. One license per javelina per year:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to hold more than one permit or license for javelina during a current license year unless otherwise allowed by rule.

**B. Validity of license or permit:** All javelina entry permits, licenses or authorizations shall be valid only for the specified dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, legal sporting arms, bag limit and area specified by the hunt code printed on the permit, license, or carcass tag.

**C. Youth only (YO) hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a youth only (YO) javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

**D. Military only hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a military only javelina license, except as allowed by 19.31.3.11 NMAC.

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.9 NMAC, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.10 JAVELINA MANNER AND METHOD REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:**

**A. Seasons and hours:** Javelina may be only hunted or taken during open seasons and only during the period from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**B. Bag limit:** It is unlawful for any person to hunt for or take more than one javelina during a current license year unless otherwise provided by regulation.

**C. Tagging:**

(1) Any license that permits the taking of any javelina shall be issued with a tag bearing the species name.

(2) It shall be unlawful to possess more than one tag per year except as permitted by regulation.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to fail to tag the javelina as prescribed below:

(a) Immediately after killing any javelina, the licensee killing the animal shall notch the proper day and month of kill from the species tag.

(b) The tag shall be attached to the carcass of the killed javelina and the tag shall remain attached to the carcass while the carcass is in any vehicle, left unattended in the field, or while it is in camp or at a residence or other place of storage. The notched tag may be removed from the carcass while the carcass is being removed from the field to a camp or vehicle. In situations where numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag shall remain attached to that portion of the carcass left in a camp or vehicle.

(4) A javelina tag, when attached to the carcass of legally taken javelina, shall authorize possession and storage for the period designated on the carcass tag.

**D. Seizure:** Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcasses of javelina that are improperly tagged.

**E. Use of dogs in hunting:** It shall be unlawful to use dogs to hunt javelina, except leashed dogs may be used to locate wounded or dead javelina. Hunters must register with the appropriate department area office for the GMU they will be hunting before their hunt begins to use a dog in this manner.

**F. Use of baits or scents:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any javelina by use of baits or scents. Scent masking agents on one's person are allowed.

**G. Live animals:** It shall be unlawful to use live animals as a blind or decoy in taking or attempting to take any javelina.

**H. Use of calling devices:** It shall be unlawful to use any electrically or mechanically recorded calling device in taking or attempting to take any javelina.

**I. Killing out-of-season:** It shall be unlawful to kill any javelina out of their respective hunting seasons.

**J. Legal sporting arms or weapon types** for javelina are as follows: any center-fire rifle; any center-fire handgun; shotguns not smaller than 28 gauge, firing a single slug; muzzle-loading rifles (muzzle-loading handguns are legal sporting arms for javelina); bows and arrows; and crossbows and bolts.

**K. Areas closed to javelina hunting:** The following areas shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except as permitted by regulation: all wildlife management areas, except the following lesser prairie-chicken areas:

Black Hills east and west; Claudell; Crossroads 1-5; Gallina Wells 1, 1A, 1B, and 2-6; Liberty; Marshall; Milnesand; north, south, and east Bluit; Wayside; Antelope Flats; Bledsoe; Little Dipper; Pitchfork; Ranger lake; and Sandhills Prairie conservation area.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.10 NMAC, 4-1-11]

**19.31.21.11 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS:** Javelina hunts for the 2011-12 through the 2014-15 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses, and bag limit. Hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “any legal weapon” type shall be designated JAV-1, hunt codes for javelina hunts allowing “bow only” weapon type shall be designated as JAV-2. Youth hunters must provide their hunter education certification number on their application. Mobility impaired hunt applicants shall meet eligibility requirements, as designated by the director, prior to applying for mobility impaired hunts. Military only hunters must be full time active military and proof of military status must accompany application or, if applying online, forwarded to the department by the application deadline date. The open area for the JAV-2-101 and the JAV-1-102 hunts include the Big Hatchets special management area in GMU 26.

<b>open GMUs or areas</b>	<b>hunt start</b>	<b>hunt end</b>	<b>hunt code</b>	<b>licenses</b>	<b>bag limit</b>
statewide, <b>YO</b>	1/1	3/31	JAV-1-100	100	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/16	1/31	JAV-2-101	300	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	2/1	2/15	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1	1/15	JAV-2-103	300	ES
statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/16	3/31	JAV-1-104	1000	ES
28 McGregor range, military only. This hunt is the last weekend in December each year.	12/31/2011 12/29/2012 12/28/2013 12/27/2014	1/1/2012 12/30/2013 12/29/2014 12/28/2015	JAV-1-105	5	ES

[19.31.21.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.15.14 NMAC, 4-1-11]