

NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The State Game Commission will meet at Tierra Amarilla Complex Building, State Road 162, Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, 87575 on May 10, 2002, at 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

The proposed agenda may be found by accessing the web site of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at [www.gmfsh.state.nm.us](http://www.gmfsh.state.nm.us) or by contacting the office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, New Mexico or by calling (505) 476-8008.

**\*Notations under each agenda items are for discussion only and commission action will not be limited to said notations.**

**NOTE:** Persons attending this Commission meeting who wish to address the Commission regarding agenda items appearing in Old Business and New Business must fill out and submit to the recording secretary an agenda discussion request card available at the table with the agenda copies.

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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.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1. Meeting Called to Order**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. Roll Call**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. Introduction of Guests**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. Approval of Minutes (March 29, 2002)**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. Approval of Agenda**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. Consent Agenda**

\* Revocations

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. Deer Management Update - Barry Hale**

The Department will update the State Game Commission on its management strategies for addressing declining deer populations. Including possible statewide draw for licenses, the need for habitat improvement, harvest reduction, and predator control, etc. Some major habitat proposals currently in their preliminary stages of development will be identified. The presentation will also include a brief discussion of the Department's draft deer regulatory package for the upcoming regulation cycle. For further information contact the Division of Wildlife at (505) 476-8038.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. Gray-Banded Kingsnake Recovery Plan.**

**Presented by Chuck Hayes/Charlie Painter**

The Department will present the Gray-Banded Kingsnake Recovery Plan to the Commission for formal approval. A draft recovery plan was presented to the Commission in March, and has since been revised based on comments from the Commission, representatives of the gray-banded kingsnake advisory committee, and others.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9. Black-footed Ferret Recovery. Presented by Mike Phillips, Turner Endangered Species Fund**

The Turner Endangered Species Fund will present information regarding a proposal for experimental releases of black-footed ferrets at Vermejo Park Ranch. Information will be presented to allow the Commission to provide input to this proposal, and to form a position on the proposed experimental releases on Vermejo Park, if desired. A representative of the Black-Footed Ferret Recovery Team will also be available to provide additional information on how this proposal would figure into black-footed ferret recovery efforts.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10. Biennial Review - Chuck Hayes**

The Department will announce the availability of the Biennial Review of Threatened and Endangered Species in New Mexico. The New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act (WCA) requires that all species listed as threatened or endangered under the WCA are review biennially to determine if their status fits the definition of threatened or endangered (procedures described in 17-2-40 NMSA 1978 and 19.33.3 NMAC). During the biennial review, species may be uplisted or downlisted under the WCA based on biological and ecological factors, but may not be added nor removed from the list. The Biennial Review is open for a 90-day comment period, during which comments may be submitted to a public repository. Initial recommendations, based on Department information and materials in the repository, are then brought to the Commission following the close of the 90-day comment period.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 Disposal of Department Fixed Assets. Presented by Patrick Block**

The Department will be presenting a list of vehicles, radios, computers and other fixed assets that are worn out, obsolete or otherwise unusable. In accordance with 13-6-1 NMSA 1978, the Department will seek the Commission's approval to dispose of these items at auction.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12. Recommendations/Concerns for Unit 34 Elk Permit Numbers. Presented by Alexa Sandoval**

The Department will present recommended changes to elk permit numbers in Unit 34 for the 2002-2003 hunts. Representatives of the Otero County Sportsman Association will address the Commission concerning elk management in Unit 34.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 2003-2005 Big Game Rule Making Process - Hunting and Fishing License Application 19.31.3 NMAC, Big Game 19.31.8 NMAC, Hunting and Fishing - Manner & Method of Taking 19.31.10 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Wildlife Management Units 19.30.4 NMAC; and Private Land elk License Allocation 19 30.5 NMAC will be open for amendment. Presented by Luis Rios**

The Department will open rules necessary in establishing 2003-2005 big game seasons and any accompanying changes that may need to occur to facilitate their implementation. This will announce initial recommendations for seasons and describe the public involvement plan for input into the regulation process. Rules will remain open until final adoption (which is anticipated in October 2002).

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 Headquarters Building Phase II. Presented by Jeff Pederson**

The Department will propose the sale of warehouse property in Santa Fe with the proceeds to be directed to the proposed Phase II construction of the headquarters building.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 Big Game 19.31.8 NMAC will be open for amendment and discussion. Presented by Luis Rios**

The Commission will review the policy and rule for license refunds and reinstatement of once in a lifetime Oryx privileges, and amend the rule(s) as necessary to accommodate their directives.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 Big Game 19.31.8 NMAC will be open for amendment and discussion - Presented by Kerry Mower**

The Department will recommend a rule change allowing and encouraging participation of voluntary CWD testing of elk and deer lawfully taken. Proposed eligibility for an incentive license would require participation in this program.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 Forage lease value considerations - Depredation Assistance 19.30.2 NMAC will be open for amendment and discussion, Presented by Dan Brooks**

The Department will make recommendations to the Commission amending the Big Game Depredation Rule to set standards, including monetary consideration for forage leases to resolve big game damage.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 Game Protection Money for the purchase of Eagle Nest Lake**

The Department will inform the Commission as to budget impacts to the Game Protection Fund and ask the Commission for a position on additional funding.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 Joint Colorado, New Mexico State Game Commission discussion.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 Commission/Department Discussion**

- \* Bear Canyon Update
- \* Narciso Baca Update
- \* Future meetings dates and locations
- \* Santa Rosa Hatchery land and water rights purchase

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 General Public Comments: (Comments limited to 3 minutes.)**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 Closed Executive Session**

- \* Litigation
- \* Personnel matters
- \* Land acquisition

**Commission Workshop  
The Lodge at Chama  
16253 Highway 84 South  
Chama, New Mexico 87520  
May 11, 2002  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**\*During the following agenda items no public input will be taken.**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 Bear Biology Information - Bill Dunn**

The Department will present to the Commission biological information used in formulating harvest management strategies for black bear in New Mexico.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 24 Cougar Biology Information - Rich Beausoleil**

The Department will present to the Commission biological information used in formulating harvest management strategies for cougar in New Mexico.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 25 Elk Biology Information - Terry Enk**

The Department will present to the commission biological information and habitat based management approach for elk in New Mexico.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 26 Oryx Biology Information - Darrell Weybright**

The Department will present to the Commission biological information used in formulating harvest management strategies for off range Oryx.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 Bighorn Biology Information - Elise Goldstein**

The Department will present to the Commission biological information used in formulating management strategies for Bighorn in New Mexico.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 28 Wildlife of New Mexico Video - Tim Baca**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 29 Field Trip**

The Commission will tour the Sargent Wildlife Area and Parkview Fish Hatchery. The Department will provide discussion on management strategies concerning the wildlife area and the hatchery to the Commission. The field trip will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the campground located at the Sargent Wildlife Area entrance. Public is welcome.

**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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