

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) has scheduled a regular meeting and rule hearing for Thursday, November 16, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Elephant Butte Inn Banquet Facility, 401 NM-195, Elephant Butte, New Mexico, to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: Presentation of proposed changed to Manner and Method and Fisheries rules;

Amend:

19.31.10 NMAC Hunting and Fishing-Manner and Method of Taking

Rule expires March 31, 2018:

19.31.4 NMAC Fisheries

Proposed new rule becomes effective April 1, 2018:

19.31.4 NMAC Fisheries

Synopsis:

The proposal is to adopt a new Fisheries rule that will become effective April 1, 2018 and amend the Manner and Method rule with some modifications as described below. The current Fisheries rule is set to expire March 31, 2018.

The proposed new rule (19.31.4 NMAC) will include some general formatting to clarify rule language, adding and removing waters to the trout and winter trout water designation, reducing the Special Trout Water types, adding and removing waters to the Special Trout Water designation, allowing unlimited harvest of non-native trout on certain waters designated for native trout emphasis, removing the catch-and-release only rule on Brantley Reservoir, removing age and disabilities restrictions on Grants Riverwalk Pond, and reducing daily bag and possession limit on Clayton Lake, Lake Roberts, and Bill Evans Lake.

The proposed changes of 19.31.10 NMAC include some general formatting to clarify rule language, adding and removing waters to the tackle restrictions for Special Trout Waters, restricting bow and spear fishing for largemouth bass on Clayton Lake, Lake Roberts, and Bill Evans Lake, removing waters no longer open to the public or that no longer exist, and adding some language to clarify unlawful acts.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Fisheries and Manner and Method rules at DGF-FisheriesRule@state.nm.us; or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 9:00 a.m. on November 16, 2017 when the final rule amendments will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on November 16, 2017. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearing to be held on November 16, 2017. Full copies of text of the proposed rule changes and 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, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department’s website at www.wildlife.state.nm.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 Section 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission's Power to establish rules and regulations Section 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.