

A G E N D A
NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION
Meeting Room A301 Hobbs City Hall Annex
200 East Broadway, Hobbs, NM 88240
Thursday, February 23, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Public testimony and comment: All those interested in providing oral comments are encouraged to prepare a "Speaker's Card" for each item on which they will comment. These cards assist the Commission Chair to manage more effective public communication. Comments will be allowed on each item, regardless of card completion.

Those who desire to address the Commission and who claim to represent an organization must provide the following information: 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.

AT THEIR DISCRETION, THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes (December 15, 2011 – Albuquerque, NM).

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Designate Reasonable Public Notice for 2012 Commission Meetings.

Presented by Jim Lane - Section 19.30.3.8 (A)(1), NMAC, requires the Commission to take action at its first annual meeting to continue or amend its existing practice to determine what is reasonable notice of Commission meetings under Section 10-15-1D, NMSA, 1978 of the Open Meetings Act. The Department will recommend continuing the present practice as contained in Section 19.30.3.8, NMAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Habitat Stamp Program Update.

Presented by R.J. Kirkpatrick – The Department will present the Commission with an alternative plan for implementation of the Habitat Stamp Program. The plan will incorporate elements from the previous discussions and input from the BLM and Forest Service.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Hunting Recruitment and Retention Discussion.

Presented by Jennifer Morgan – The Department will provide the Commission with information related to recruitment and retention issues and the future of hunting, angling and shooting sports participation. The Department has reviewed initiatives in other states and is considering development of an apprentice hunter program. This presentation will begin a process of seeking input from the Commission and the public to inform development of a plan, and potential creation of legislation for an upcoming legislative session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Conservation Education Initiative Update.

Presented by Lance Cherry – The Department will provide the Commission with an update on current Conservation Education programs and implementation of an updated statewide initiative to introduce New Mexico youth to core concepts of wildlife conservation and management.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Initiation of the 2012 Biennial Review of Species Listed as Threatened or Endangered Under the State Wildlife Conservation Act.

Presented by Matt Wunder – The Department will open up the legislatively mandated Biennial Review of the list State designated Threatened and Endangered Species. This will initiate a process of reviewing the status of listed species and making necessary changes to the list.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: 2012 Legislative Session Update.

Presented by Patrick Block – The Department will provide the Commission with an update regarding 2012 legislation impacting the Department and Game Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Quarterly Depredation Report.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department will present an update on the total number of depredation complaints filed and resolved with the Department for the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2012, in accordance with 19.30.2.11 NMAC.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: River Otter Reintroduction Update.

Presented by R.J. Kirkpatrick – In 2006, the Commission approved a plan to reintroduce River Otters into New Mexico. During that process, the Commission amended the Department's recommendation and included the Gila River drainage as a reintroduction site, to follow that upper Rio Grande. Since that time, endangered fish issues and concerns raised by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the federal Fish and Wildlife Service in regards to endangered fish species have led the agency to recommend that the Commission reconsider the 2006 action of reintroduction of river otters on the Gila River system.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Statements and Audit Report.

Presented by Alexa Sandoval - The State Audit rule requires that agencies governed by a board or commission present the annual financial statements and audit report to their governing body in a public meeting. According to Section 2.2.2.10.J (3)(d) of the New Mexico Administrative Code, "Once the finalized version of the audit report is officially released to the agency by the state auditor (by an authorizing letter) and the required 10-day waiting period has passed, the audit report shall be presented to a quorum of the governing authority of the agency for approval at a public meeting." This agenda item will fulfill this requirement.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Adjourn.

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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