

New Mexico State Game Commission Policy Statement

Promulgation of Rules and Public Notice

It is the policy of the State Game Commission (Commission) that the public, federal, state, tribal, and local governments (interested parties) have adequate opportunity to review and offer comments regarding rules proposed for adoption by the State Game Commission. Therefore, a draft of any proposed rule, and alternative proposals, if deemed appropriate, will be posted to the Department of Game and Fish (Department) website for public comment no less than 60-days prior to the date of possible adoption. Interested parties will be given no less than 21-days from the date of posting to the website to offer comments to the Department. The Department shall post a final proposed rule, and any alternatives the Department determines to reflect a substantive number of public comments, to the Department website no less than 30-days prior to the scheduled Commission meeting at which the rule will be considered. No changes to the posted final proposed rule shall be made except by action of the Commission on the date of its possible adoption.

The Director of the Department (Director), with the concurrence of the Chairman of the State Game Commission, may authorize an exception to this policy for good cause. If an exception is authorized, the Director will notify all Commissioners within 72 hours of the decision and post notice of such exception to the Department website to provide notice to all interested parties.