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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman McClintic.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

Secretary Director Lane called the roll:

Present: Game Commissioner Tom Arvas
Game Commissioner Scott Bidegain
Game Commission Chairman Jim McClintic
Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek
Game Commissioner Bill Montoya
Game Commissioner Paul Kienzle
Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

Director Lane announced and welcomed new General Counsel Richard B. "Rick" Wellborn, and Deputy Director Dan Brooks. He also recognized the entire Department and especially thanked those who worked the closest with the online licensing system for the success.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda

Chairman McClintic asked if there were any discussion or questions from the Commission. There being none, he asked for a motion.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Game Commissioner Tom Arvas, Game Commissioner Scott Bidegain, Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek, Game Commissioner Bill Montoya, Game Commissioner Paul Kienzle and Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Unanimous. Passed

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests

Chairman McClintic asked all in attendance to introduce themselves and if they represent an organization. In addition to Game and Fish staff, Mr. Rob Corvin of New Mexico Houndsmen, Troy and Coda Omness of Tinnie, New Mexico, Mr. Richard Winn of Albuquerque, NM, Mr. Larry Johnson of Rio Rancho, Mr. Jeremy Vesbach of New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Mr. John Pearce of United Bow Hunters of New Mexico, Mr. Tom Rutherford of Safari UU Bar Ranch Outfitters, and Mr. Bob Ricklefs greeted the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes (February 23, 2012 – Hobbs, NM)

Chairman McClintic asked the commission if there were any changes to the minutes after their review. There being none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: Game Commissioner Bill Montoya moved to accept the minutes

Second: Game Commissioner Dick Salopek

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Game Commissioner Tom Arvas, Game Commissioner Scott Bidegain, Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek, Game Commissioner Bill Montoya, Game Commissioner Paul Kienzle and Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Unanimous. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Commission Approval for Disposal of Fixed Asset Items

Presented by Administrative Services Chief Alexa Sandoval - The Department is requesting Commission approval to dispose of capital assets that are worn out, obsolete, or have reached the end of their service life. State statutes, § 13-6-1 and 13- 6-2, NMSA, 1978, Sale of Public Property, require that an agency's governing body approve the disposal of state property prior to disposing of the items. These items will be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in accordance with state law. Ms. Sandoval highlighted the asset list before the Commissioners.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montoya asked Ms. Sandoval about the Abiquiu property. Ms. Sandoval explained that was disposed of a few years ago in a land grant and we are now getting it off the asset list. Commissioner Arvas asked Ms. Sandoval about the building in Raton, that is the old building, correct? Ms. Sandoval replied, yes.

Motion: Game Commissioner Tom Arvas moved to approve the Department's request to dispose of the list of capital assets as presented to the Commission today.

Second: Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Game Commissioner Tom Arvas, Game Commissioner Scott Bidegain, Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek, Game Commissioner Bill Montoya, Game Commissioner Paul Kienzle and Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza
Motion: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Unanimous. Passed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Proposed Department Reorganization

Presented by Assistant Director R.J. Kirkpatrick – Assistant Director Kirkpatrick summarized a proposal to reorganize staff and Divisions to more efficiently address Department business needs and customer service. He stated the current structure, expectations and responsibility changes of the agency over the years, new demands upon the agency, customer service, complexity and variety of changes to the agency over time, have prompted the reorganization to prepare the agency for the future and to implement continuous-improvement, sound management, efficient services, complemented with knowledgeable personnel.

He paraphrased re-organization objectives including: improvements to the agency to function as a single unit (example of the area office work methods versus the headquarters), improved communication; ensure efficient professional and timely customer response and service; realistic levels of oversight and monitoring of responsibilities with clear chain of command; team approach with experts with intricate knowledge and capabilities to produce results; create career ladders affording employees more advancement opportunities; field operations and district officers have had increased responsibilities that are unrealistic—there is need to adjust to those workloads. Career ladders—Assistant Director Kirkpatrick gave example of senior level officers, biologists who have been in the agency for years at the same pay rate, option to move positions from successes in divisions where they are no longer needed to divisions where positions are needed, and allow flexibility to take advantage of employee strengths and skills—keep good people with the agency.

Assistant Director Kirkpatrick presented current and proposed organizational charts: moving areas under law enforcement to two regions (north and south) versus four: and proposed levels of job progression, i.e., Colonel, Major, and Captains.

Assistant Director Kirkpatrick gave the floor to Director Lane for comment and questions. Director Lane reiterated that when the Commission hired him as Director, two of the chief tasks he was given was to address is to improve morale and communication.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Salopek: spoke regarding morale, stressed that change is good, that he is excited about the changes, and thanked everyone involved in making it work. Commissioner Montoya: asked that captain be defined and where area specialists fall in the chain of command. Director Lane: one new layer is Law Enforcement Colonel and that working titles are yet to be finally determined. Area specialists will be in the Resource Division rather than the Area operations to streamline messaging to public. Chairman McClintic restated we have best people and it is important that we retain them, and to be competitive to recruit the best. Commissioner Espinoza reinforced Vice Chairman Salopek's comment in that change is good, commended the work so far, and Assistant Director Kirkpatrick's presentation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: State Land Office Lease Renewal

Presented by Assistant Director R.J. Kirkpatrick – Assistant Director Kirkpatrick presented an update on the status of the current easement, which expires June 30, 2012, and development of a new easement ensuring continued sportsmen access to State Trust Lands. Assistant Director Kirkpatrick paraphrased the substantive changes to the easement agreement with State Land Office. The term: 1-yr, language clarifying easement allowing entry upon not guaranteed access to state lands; language that allows for reduction in annual cost in recognition of habitat and enhancement expenditures by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (offset payments versus what money invested in habitat work against the \$200k fee payment to the State Land Office); language that allows the State Land Commissioner and the Game and Fish Director, in consultation with the lessee, to allow for camping in certain circumstances. Other issues not considered in the draft: use of ground blinds near or on water developments for wildlife, and the degree to which the recently appointed "Sportsmen Advisory Group" will impact final approval of this 1-year easement. He anticipates a final

draft easement agreement document for this Commission to review and sign at an upcoming meeting, and efforts to facility entry upon state lands were currently difficult, a new road installed.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Salopek: asked if trapping would be allowed. Assistant Director Kirkpatrick said there will be no changes regards trapping and licensed hunters to hunt non-game during hunting. Commissioner Montoya: the inability to access large tracts of state lands has presented difficulty of access: what would be the State Land Commissioner's feeling on access? Assistant Director Kirkpatrick said he finds Commissioner Powell would entertain discussion and bringing land owners to discussions. Commissioner Montoya gets a number of complaints from constituents in the Alto area. Commissioner Arvas: stated he is concerned about the timing issues and if the Land Commissioner has any camping provisions currently. Assistant Director Kirkpatrick said, no, camping will have to be implemented and he gave example of an area where camping needed. The majority of easements are much longer terms than one year generally. Commissioner Espinoza: asked about habitat dollars spent including federal and correlation of funds spent against the lease. Assistant Director Kirkpatrick believes it is just the non-federal dollars against the payment of the fee payment. Assistant Director Block replied believing the Department may be able to apply federal dollars spent. Commissioner Espinoza asked if the term of the lease is inhibiting habitat improvements on some areas. Assistant Director Kirkpatrick said the land office has hired consultants to outline prescriptive design in Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat as example, and the discussion around that invoked placing language back into the easement agreement.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation: commended the Commission for their transparency regarding the lease, expressed his organization's continued support for being able to camp, concern for land use, roads and access, and regards the habitat improvement issue stated it is a good idea.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Proposed Amendments to the Bear and Cougar Rule and the Habitat Protection Rule

Presented by Wildlife Management Division Acting Chief Darrel Weybright - The Department presented proposed amendments to the Bear and Cougar Rule (19.31.11 NMAC) and Habitat Protection Rule (19.34.2 NMAC) to address Department management objectives. Acting Wildlife Division Chief Weybright stated the proposed amendments to the bear and cougar rule is necessary because when the rule was developed, the thinking then included total mortality—tallying depredation and road kills in harvest numbers and zone closures. Depredation and road kills will continue to be counted and maintained in the database, as are natural deaths, but will not be allowed to affect hunter-harvest zone closures. Also, propose extending the rule an additional year extending the data collection period to four years through the 2015-2016 season. Research data collection will be completed by that time in support of bear management plan review. Also proposed is language modifying the use of dogs, for clarification: dogs used during hunting hours and hunter is present at the time of release of dogs. Additionally, propose modification of Valle Vidal spring hunt: Modify dates to 4/15-5/15 (19.31.11 NMAC), modify closure to allow hunter access to elk calf closure (19.34.2

Habitat Protection). Acting Chief Weybright discussed bear management zones stating the area comprised by Farmington/Bloomfield that is currently part of Zone 1 is proposed to be separated from Zone 1 and made simply Zone 2, a stand-alone zone. The current Zone 2, comprised of the entire northeast quadrant of the state has been subdivided before address the large variation in bear habitats, densities, and use by humans. Propose subdividing this large zone further to distribute hunters and harvest equitably. Currently numbered Zones 2B and 2C will remain unchanged. The proposed change comes to the original Zone 2—it will be renumbered 3 through 7.

Regards proposed changes to the cougar rule: extend cougar season to yearlong statewide and to increase the bag limit to two adults. This provides more hunting opportunity and ease obtaining Department harvest objectives. Language was added to allow snaring cougars on public lands when authorized by Director to bring into codified rule. Lastly, to modify Zone P objective to decrease cougar numbers to maintain balance of the bighorn sheep population in that area.

Discussion:

Commissioner Arvas: how many cougar licenses do we sell and how does it correlate to harvest. Acting Chief Weybright stated roughly two thousand licenses are sold and from that, two hundred animals taken annually. Commissioner Arvas: is there any way to encourage more hunters? Acting Chief Weybright is open to suggestions, and said that especially dry years do present more challenge to hunters. Commissioner Montoya: considering two cougar take on one license – question goes to opportunity and hunter interest, are we limiting the number of licenses that we issue and in units? Acting Chief Weybright no, those are unlimited licenses – once we get close to harvest objectives in a zone, objective review is conducted, and flexible management decisions applied. Vice Chairman Salopek: our objective is to maintain all animals in balance. He supports the two-animal, unlimited licenses. Acting Chief Weybright shared that only three comments have been received through the Department's website and only one had suggested rule proposal regards use of dogs in hunting cougar during archery seasons. Vice Chairman Salopek: regards use of dogs during archery season, if this were change it would he would not be against that. Commissioner Bidegain: explain requirement requiring the hunter taking the animal must be present from the release of the dogs. Acting Chief Weybright shared the known example whereby dogs have been released before sunrise by outfitter but the hunter to take the animal was not present – this language is for clarification of intent only to make clearer that the requirement is that hounds may be release only during shooting hours and that the hunter be present when done so. Commissioner Espinoza: for clarification, the yellow text in your brief is the current language and the underlining is the proposed language. Acting Chief Weybright, yes that is correct. Commissioner Espinoza: regards Zone P cougar on sheep range, is this in line with other sheep ranges? Acting Chief Weybright, yes a decreasing cougar population is the objective in all sheep areas excepting the alpine herds of the Rocky Mountains. Commissioner Kienzle: what do you think elk calf mortalities will be; do you believe it will be significant, what is your best guess? Acting Chief Weybright said he could say precisely that bears have killed 50 to 75 percent of elk calves. Example of bears hunted prior to the calving season: the number of elk calf mortality is reduced, that the bears should be hunted by hunters and not a management action, and especially to reduce numbers of bears near towns, livestock, and humans. Vice Chairman Salopek: we need to use the spring hunt season to develop hunter interest.

Public Comment:

Bob Ricklefs, Filmore, NM: supports these bear regulation changes, has seen numbers of sow and cub numbers increase. Question with only one year of data, why are we changing from 20 percent reduction to 15 percent reduction per year for the next three years. Acting Chief Weybright explained management objectives in these zones where bear populations need to be reduced (old Zones 2B, 2C and 6C), the original proposal was to reduce bear numbers each year by 20 percent over a four year period; as the number of bears is reduced, in the third year the proposal is to be at 15 percent.

Ron Corvin, NM Houndsmen Association, Stanley, NM; supports the bear and cougar amendments.

Mike Root: is a 30-year hunter who uses hounds for bear and lion and supports the year round and two lion limit. He is frustrated by the cougar identification course he would like to see that go with the initiation of two lion limit, sees predation by deer in his southwest region highly affected wants the quotas kept high. Regards bear: need quotas increased, zone discussion, and percentage of animal numbers in zones and closures, spring season with dogs not many bears are killed early.

Vice Chairman Salopek: the cougar identification course is much like hunter education; you take it once you do not need to take it again.

Commissioner Espinoza: with mortality based on hunter harvest will the units be closed when we reset percentage for the sublimit females. Acting Chief Weybright: Yes, correct. In a decreasing objective hunts can be open longer if females are not taken. Discussion continued regarding the 10 percent cushion, timeliness of harvest reporting by hunters, and approaching the sublimit and zone closure.

Vice Chairman Salopek: I have questioned not allowing dogs during bow season; the commission must look at both sides of the issue. As long as we are proposing changes, I would like opportunity opened for bow hunters to be able to use hounds, and getting public comment.

Mike Root: bow hunters issue includes obstruction by hounds and OHV numbers. Acting Chief Weybright: concurs with public comment survey, inquiries, poll, and would entertain zone/unit open to hounds versus statewide open.

Vice Chairman Salopek: would like to see statewide, believes we are limiting opportunities by limiting houndsmen. The number of houndsmen is decreasing and the number of those species needing reduced are increasing because there are fewer hunters to help manage their numbers.

Chairman McClintic clarified this is an informational item only and rule proposal will be heard in a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Quarterly Depredation Report

Presented by Private Lands Programs Manager Cal Baca – The Department presented an update on the total number of depredation complaints filed and resolved with the Department for the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2012, in accordance with rule (19.30.2.11 NMAC).

Discussion:

Commissioner Espinoza: regards turkey complaints, have those complaints decreased. Mr. Baca, yes significantly dropped, the Department employed lease and access in problem turkey areas. Commissioner Arvas: regards protocol when a complaint is received. Mr. Baca: when a complaint is received, it is sent to the local district officer, who then contacts complainant within 24 hours to meet and assess/investigate the

complaint. The species is determined, nature of damage, concerns of complainant, that is then documented into the online database. Then the Department provides intervention work to resolve issues within a timely manner, generally 10 days. Commissioner Arvas: how do you know where complaints stand in being resolved? Mr. Baca: most of the large animal complaints come from high agricultural areas and communication occurs almost daily as resolution progresses. Mr. Baca gave example of deer in orchards, fencing work, etc. Chairman McClintic: where was bear complaint during the quarter? Mr. Baca: it was from the southern part of the state.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Proposed Amendments to the Open Gate Rule

Presented by Private Lands Programs Manager Cal Baca – The Department presented proposed amendments to the Open Gate Rule (19.34.7 NMAC) to eliminate application deadlines and clarify use of approved payment matrix. Mr. Baca summarized proposed amendment changes: hunter access rule; language modifications for program improvement since the program was initiated in 1985; adjust and modify enrollment process; amendments to added local, state or federal entity authorized to manage property; modification to landowner definition; conservation and access fee to habitat management and access validation language correction; language describing the use of the State Game Commissioner-approved payment schedule and further clarify ability to increase payments or provide other incentives for habitat improvement on leased land; remove enrollment deadlines, to get more hunters out in the field; and language to posting of properties to allow for special access restrictions when applicable – a negotiated access approach.

Public Comment:

Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation: supports the focus on this program, gave an example of Gould's turkey recipient. Suggested consideration of forming a citizen's advisory committee to this program to help generate interest and participation as a working group, and referenced an example of Idaho's program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Proposed Amendments to the Antelope Private Land Use System (A-PLUS) and Pronghorn Antelope Rules

Presented by Private Lands Programs Manager Cal Baca – The Department presented proposed amendments to the Pronghorn License Allocation System Rule (A-PLUS, 19.30.12 NMAC) and to the Pronghorn Antelope Rule (19.31.15 NMAC) to address implementation concerns and adjust deadlines. Mr. Baca summarized proposed changes: the license system was built so that over time it could be evaluated and improved. In the course of the two years the system has been in place, requests have come regarding allocations to all Youth Only (YO), Mobility Impaired (MI), and Archery hunting opportunities proportionally between public draw and private lands. Two options were presented: Option one being unit wide, and Option two being ranch only. The proposed change to weapon type restriction in GMU 5 from muzzleloader to any legal sporting arm is to remove confusion on hunter and landowner part. Also proposed is to designate all public and private licenses as unit wide in GMUs 50-52 and 29 to broaden hunting opportunities. Propose establishing a contribution rating to ranch acreages based on pronghorn densities. To move November youth hunts to earlier in the season to ensure hunters have the opportunity to take bucks with sheaths still attached. And

lastly, to insert language to clarify implementation issues: adjust hunt season date to account for calendar shift and not be hunting earlier and earlier over time.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Salopek: does not want ranch only for youth and medically impaired, and asked if we are taking away any public opportunities? Mr. Baca replied we are not taking from one to expand the other. The objective is to increase opportunities for all.

Commissioner Arvas: clarification regards option one, landowner gratuity for mobility impaired or youth questions and landowner license usage. Mr. Baca said yes traditionally not all landowner authorizations are converted to licenses.

Public Comment:

Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation: suggested leaving this alone believing that the quality of opportunities will diminish.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Closed Executive Session

The State Game Commission adjourned into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15- 1H(8), NMSA, 1978, to discuss matters related to litigation.

Motion: Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek

Second: Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza.

Vote:

6-0

Yes:

Game Commissioner Tom Arvas, Game Commissioner Scott Bidegain, Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek, Game Commissioner Bill Montoya, Game Commissioner Paul Kienzie and Game Commissioner Robert Espinoza

No:

None

Abstained:

None

Result:

Unanimous. Passed.

Chairman McClintic reconvened the commission stating for the record discussion all about litigation, no was action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Proposed Amendments to Manner and Method Rule

Presented by Deputy Director Dan Brooks – The Department presented proposed amendments to the Manner and Method rule (19.31.10 NMAC) that reestablishes the ability of hunters holding a Mobility Impaired certification to use crossbows during archery hunts. Deputy Director Brooks discussed use of crossbows that has fallen out of the rule in the past. Problem: previously allowed in 2004 rule, MI hunters, used for protected species, including bow, muzzleloader, legal sporting arms hunts, allowed and extremely popular with bow hunters with limited abilities to pull a bow. Proposed: allow MI hunters to hunt protected species (game animals, game birds, and furbearers), allow if established by specific rule, new is to allow scopes and to allow a person with a temporary injury (reasonable accommodations approved by the Director). The definition of crossbow was discussed. Proposed time line: post draft April 9, 2012, receive public comment, finalize and post draft rule May 29, 2012, and set for commission approval June 21, 2012 and implement in the 2012 fall season.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Salopek: agrees allowing MI hunters use a scope with crossbow.
Commissioner Montoya: asked how many people are we talking about. Deputy Director Brooks estimated the MI number of certified hunters but did not have the exact numbers at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Proposed Amendments to the Migratory Game Bird and Upland Game Rules

Presented by Wild Turkey Program Manager Barry Hale – The Department presented proposed amendments to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC). Hunt dates and bag limits will be finalized once Federal guidelines are adopted later this year. Mr. Hale also presented proposed amendments to the Upland Game Rule (19.31.5 NMAC) to allow quail hunting on Lesser Prairie Chicken areas and align application deadlines for small game draws. Mr. Hale outlined the specific amendments and then changes affecting each. Reason why this rule comes up for amendment/change is that the state has to be flexible to accommodate changes made by the US Fish and Wildlife Service who have authority regards migratory birds. Discussion of weather effect on the population number of ducks, adjust season for calendar dates, reduce special Sandhill crane season, and 20 percent decrease in allotment in crane licenses to accommodate change in population/season balance. Increase coot bag limit and light geese possession limit will be removed to no possession limit. Conservation Order hunting on Bernardo regarding light geese allows hunters to shoot longer day hours and to increase the number of geese taken. Mr. Hale discussed recommendation of removing one hunt in January and put that hunt in the conservation order timeframe.

Regarding the Upland game four-year rule (we are currently in the 3rd year of the four-year rule) to allow quail hunting on LPC areas, Mr. Hale outlined moving youth pheasant hunt from Casa Colorado to Bernardo due to farming done on all areas of Casa Colorado, combine both small game application deadlines to one deadline and one draw. Both rules need language referencing Seven Rivers as a Wildlife Management Area removed as the lease will not be renewed, and to remove reference to paper applications. Mr. Hale will present final draft in June to the commission; caveat that the rule may change if the federal framework dictates.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montoya commented regards light goose possession limit.

Public Comment:

Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation: commented on the definition of legal weapon types, blunt arrow heads for hunting grouse, extend the season length of the grouse season, and asked if the Sandhill crane unit is it a lesser bag unit or less hunters? Mr. Hale explained 3-bird per day hunt . Mr. Vesbach supports more birds.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Proposed Amendments to the Bighorn Sheep Rule

Presented by Wildlife Management Division Acting Chief Darrel Weybright - The Department presented proposed amendments to the Bighorn Sheep Rule (19.31.17 NMAC) to add two additional enhancement licenses approved by the 2012 Legislature, to clarify licenses issued pursuant to private land authorizations are not 'once in a

lifetime', to modify language to reflect current hunts and to adjust license numbers to reflect changes in populations. Acting Chief Weybright said there is a 3-part discussion in these proposals: the 2012 legislature's approval of additional auction and raffle licenses, that private land licenses not once in a lifetime, to modify hunts on private lands, white sands missile range, and Pecos Peloncillos and Hatchet Mountains license additions.

Discussion:

Commissioner Espinoza: regards the additional raffle and auction tag, will that happen this year? Acting Chief Weybright said no, next winter is the auction and convention so it will start the 2013-2014 season. Commissioner Arvas: there is not and implication there is a problem with the Pecos and Peloncillos herds is there? Acting Chief Weybright said that in fact, yes. Due to weather loss was significant to lambs and even some adults.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Proposed Amendments to the Revocation Rule

Presented by Law Enforcement Division Assistant Chief Chris Chadwick - The Department presented amendments to the Hunting and Fishing License Revocation Rule (19.31.2 NMAC) to update language to match the current Pronghorn License Allocation System Rule and to make other needed changes. Assistant Chief Chadwick explained redraft of revocation rule to repeal and replace it. He defined revocation and outlined types of revocations. He reviewed statistics and discussed why it needed to be repealed/replaced: current rule contains references to other rules that no longer apply as those rules have been amended and modified; to reevaluate and ensure the commission and department are in compliance with other laws and agreements; evaluate and define point categories to ensure fairness while maintaining deterrence; improve procedures for processing suspensions to reduce costs; minimize the burden on the commission while protecting the rights of potential revokes; and lastly, include additional modifications as identified during the rule development and public input process. The steps are to develop the draft, post for public comment, revise the draft based on response to public input, and present the draft rule at the June 21st meeting.

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Salopek: let us keep an open mind regards the parental issue as a hardship case-by-case, and asked Assistant Chief Chadwick develop an improvement to the system as they come back to zero.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)

There was none.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Adjourn

Chairman McClintic called for a vote to adjourn at 1:49 p.m.

Vote:

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Yes:

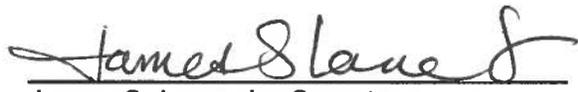
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No:

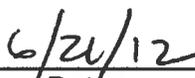
None

Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Unanimous. Passed

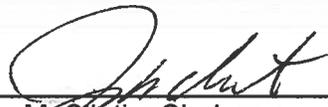
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.



James S. Lane, Jr., Secretary
New Mexico State Game Commission



Date



Jim McClintic, Chairman
New Mexico State Game Commission



Date

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