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MEETING MINUTES NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION National Hispanic Cultural Center (Salon Ortega Room) 1704 4th St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 Thursday, May 15, 2014 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

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AGENDA ITEM NO.1: Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Paul Kienzle in the Salon Ortega room, of the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call.

Secretary RJ Kirkpatrick called the roll:

Present: Chairman Paul Kienzle
Vice Chairman Bill Montoya
Commissioner Tom Arvas
Commissioner Robert Espinoza
Commissioner Ralph Ramos
Commissioner Bob Ricklefs
Commissioner Thomas Salopek

Absent: None

Quorum: Yes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda.

Chairman Kienzle asked the Commission to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Arvas moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests.

Chairman Kienzle welcomed attendees and the audience introduced themselves and some noted the organizations they represent.

After the introduction of guests, Chairman Kienzle asked the Commission to move agenda item 25 between agenda item 18 and 19.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Montoya moved to move agenda item 25 between agenda item 18 and 19.

SECOND: Commissioner Salopek.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2014, Las Cruces, NM and April 3, 2014, Albuquerque, NM and Commission statement regarding May 14, 2014, Closed Executive meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Arvas moved to approve the minutes from the Las Cruces meeting and Albuquerque meetings.

SECOND: Commissioner Espinoza

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Selection of Director and Secretary to the State Game Commission.

State Game Commission Members –The membership selected a director for the Department of Game and Fish. Public comment was contributed by a single member of the public, John Crenshaw, President of New Mexico Wildlife Federation and a retired Department of Game and Fish employee. He thanked the Commission for their efforts in regards to the Director search and committed support for the new director.

MOTION: Commissioner Salopek moved to nominate Alexa Sandoval as the new director.

SECOND: Commissioner Espinoza

This motion required a roll call vote, Secretary Kirkpatrick called the roll:

Yes: Commissioner Arvas
Commissioner Salopek
Vice Chairman Montoya
Chairman Kienzle
Commissioner Espinoza
Commissioner Ramos

No: Commissioner Ricklefs
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

Newly appointed Director Sandoval gave a brief speech and expressed appreciation to the Commission for their efforts in the selection process and expressed it was her honor to be the director for the Department and privileged to work with Department employees and constituents. She mentioned she is looking forward to the next few years.

Paul Kienzle thanked RJ Kirkpatrick for his service to the Department as interim director. He also congratulated Alexa and stated the Commission is also looking forward to working with Alexa.

AGENDA ITEM NO.7: Revocations.

Presented by Robert Griego –The Department presented a list of individuals that meet established criteria for initiation of the suspension process for license privileges. There are currently 188 individuals certified by Human Services Department as being out compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act [40-5A-1 NMSA 1978]. The Commission is required to suspend all license privileges for non-compliant obligors until they return to compliance. No one from the public commented on this item. The following is a summary of the Commission discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Ramos moved to authorize the Department to administer these suspensions on behalf of the Commission including the issuance and service of a Notice of Contemplated Action to each individual listed that is out of compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act.

SECOND: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

Elizabeth DeCherie: Asked if a license is revoked, can an individual hunt unprotected species.

Robert Griego: Yes, the hunter can hunt non protected species, we only revoke their hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for protected species.

AGENDA ITEM NO.8: Request to Qualify the Youth Hunting Club from Las Cruces to Receive or Submit Youth Recipients for Donated Licenses or Permits.

Presented by Robert Griego –The Department presented the Donald R. Kemp Youth Hunting Club from Las Cruces to be approved by the Commission as a qualified nonprofit organization to sponsor youth for donated hunts. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Chairman Kienzle: Asked how long the organization has been in existence.

Robert Griego: Said Donald R. Kemp Youth Hunting Club was founded 13 years ago and has been operating continuously.

Commissioner Ramos: Recognized the individuals for their efforts in the community and introducing the youth to fishing and hunting. He stated they are "first class mentors which are aligned with the Department mentor program."

Commissioner Salopek: Asked if any individual could donate their license to the program.

Robert Griego: Clarified that any individual could donate their license with written permission to this program.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked about the qualification process to gain participation by other organizations.

Robert Griego: Stated the Department is working to publicly promote the program and it is not a lengthy process.

Commissioner Espinoza: I encourage Rachel Shockley to promote this publicly.

Brandon Wynn: Asked that these organizations are vetted and make sure they are good organizations. He also asked for a more formal process and more information regarding the process. He requested it be placed in the proclamation and also requested the Commission to provide an incentive to the donator.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the process to donate a license.

Robert Griego: The licensee simply has to put in writing that he/she wishes to donate the license. By statute it has to go to a non-profit organization and by rule once it is donated to a non-profit organization the individual who receives the donated license must purchase the license.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked how an organization participates in the program.

Robert Griego: The individuals typically notify the Department. The Department is working to formalize the process and plans to put this information in the proclamation and share this information with the public.

Commissioner Salopek: Asked about the process to find a user for the unused license.

Robert Griego: Ensured the organizations are vetted.

Oscar Simpson (State Chair for NM Back Hunter and Anglers): This is a great opportunity to get unused licenses to our youth. Restated this information needs to be visible and the process needs to be rapid.

MOTION: Commissioner Ramos moved to approve the Donald R. Kemp Youth Hunting Club as a qualified non-profit organization that is eligible to submit youth recipients for donated hunting licenses and permits.

SECOND: Commissioner Salopek.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Closed Executive Session

The State Game Commission voted as to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters, 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss the acquisition of real property, and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission and/or Department is or may become a participant.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Montoya moved to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters, 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss the acquisition of real property, and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission and/or Department is or may become a participant.

SECOND: Commissioner Salopek.

This motion required a roll call vote, Secretary Sandoval called the roll:

Yes: Commissioner Arvas
Commissioner Salopek
Vice Chairman Montoya
Chairman Kienzle
Commissioner Espinoza
Commissioner Ramos
Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

The Commission returned to the open public session and noted for the record that no action was taken in closed executive session.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: Reserving Two Elk Licenses for Non-Profit Wish - Granting Organization.

Presented by Robert Griego –The Department recommended the Commission reserve two elk licenses to be distributed through non-profit wish - granting organizations for two individuals with a life threatening illness and qualified through a nonprofit wish granting organization. Currently, there are four wish-granting organizations that have been approved by the Commission to provide applicants for hunting licenses. The four organizations are: Hunt of A Lifetime, Outdoor Dream Foundation, Catch-A-Dream and SafariWish (SCI). Last year the Commission reserved two licenses for qualifying hunters that were sponsored by Hunt of a Lifetime and SafariWish (SCI). The Department recommended reserving two elk licenses for the individuals sponsored by the other two organizations: Catch-A-Dream and Outdoor Dream Foundation. Each organization will select the applicants and the applicants are then required to purchase a license.

The following is a summary of the Commission's comments:

Commissioner Salopek: Asked if applicants are required to abide by season dates.

Robert Griego: The applicants are allowed to hunt beginning September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Salopek moved to accept the Department's recommendation and reserve two elk licenses for the two applicants to be sponsored by the non-profit wish – granting organizations, or qualified alternates, should the primary individuals sponsored not be able to participate in their elk hunt.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramos.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Final Proposal Prohibiting the Use of Drones for Hunting (19.31.10 NMAC).

Presented by State Game Commission–The Department proposed prohibiting drones as a method to assist in hunting for game. A definition to include drones as aircraft was discussed as a manner and method prohibition. Chairman Kienzle asked the Commission to make a motion to table any action regarding this item; pending further study and plans to revisit this item at a future meeting. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Oscar Simpson: He stated his appreciation to the Commission for their action to defer this rule change. He stated there will be a lot of abuse if drones are allowed. He also stated that anything other than an outright ban will lead to controversy among sportsmen when individuals are scouting with drones. During the past nine months and during three difference hunting and fishing events he had an opportunity to speak with various sportsmen. He stated 90%, which was several hundred folks want an outright ban of drones. He stated that he as well as other organizations wants to ensure drones are not allowed to harass wildlife or hunters in the process. He believes it is good for scientific and in emergency purposes, but it is not a good tool for fair chase in scouting or hunting.

John Crenshaw (NM Wildlife Federation): Stated Mr. Simpson summed up what he wanted to say. He appreciates the Commission's initiative regarding this issue and realizes the severe potential for abuse of drones. He also mentioned that trail cameras are transmitting live action, real time videos from the trail. He stated that this

piece of technology should also be addressed.

Kerry Romero (Executive Director of NM Council of Outfitters and Guides): Stated the NM Council of Outfitters and Guides supports an outright ban on the use of drones as it relates to hunting and scouting and also hunting or wildlife harassment.

Bob Nordstrom (Albuquerque): Suggested the Commission should not classify drones as aircraft but prohibit the use of drones for hunting, fishing or scouting.

Elizabeth DeCherie (Los Lunas): She stated she also agrees with Oscar Simpson and the use of drones or any unmanned aircraft should be prohibited for any and all hunting for all species both unprotected and protected game species. This could violate a number of rights including fair chase, property rights, and could interfere with migratory birds in flight.

MOTION: Commissioner Salopek moved to table this for further review.

SECOND: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

Chairman Kienzle asked the Department to include this item on the June State Game Commission meeting agenda. He also stated the Commission will have to research if the Commission is prohibited to impose an outright ban as it needs to be done within the constraints of state law. I understand the public comment on this item. Commissioner Ramos asked this item to be immediately placed on the website for public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12: Prohibitions for Hunting and Taking Nongame Species on Wildlife Management Areas.

Presented by Robert Griego – The Department presented a summary of restrictions and allowances established in Chapter 17 and 19.31.10, 19.34.3 and 19.34.5 (NMAC) relating to hunting and taking nongame on Wildlife Management Areas. It is unlawful to hunt, fish, camp or trespass on State Game Commission owned properties unless it is allowed by regulation. It is considered trespass on properties if the individuals are not licensed and do not have a habitat access validation or game permit. According to rule, only New Mexicans can apply for hunts on the Wildlife Management Areas. Hunting is not allowed for coyotes, rabbits, prairie dogs and other nongame animals on Wildlife Management Areas unless specifically designated otherwise. The only designated area is Water Canyon for Himalayan tar. There is currently no trapping in the Wildlife Management Areas. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Chairman Kienzle: Stated this item is on the agenda per his request. The Department receives concerns regarding coyote killing contests and animal killing contests. He asked the Department to clarify if these types of contests would be prohibited on Wildlife Management Areas.

Robert Griego: The take of any nongame unless otherwise allowed is not allowed.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked how long the rules have been in place.

Robert Griego: Responded, they had been in place a long time.

Commissioner Ricklefs: Asked if the field staff have ever recommended coyote control or predator control of nongame species.

Robert Griego: I have heard recommendations for trapping on WMA's, but not specifically for predator control.

Commissioner Ricklefs: Asked why there was an exception for hunting Water Canyon.

Robert Griego: Hunting for Himalayan tar provides an opportunity for the sportsmen as they are not protected and considered nongame.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked if Colonel Griego received requests to hunt coyotes in Wildlife Management Areas.

Robert Griego: Stated he personally has not received requests to hunt coyotes on Wildlife Management Areas. The

only comments he heard is in regards to trapping on WMA's.

Oscar Simpson: Stated his full support for this proposal.

Jerry Marichini (Rio Rancho resident): Asked if the Department had problems with sportsmen hunting rabbits or coyotes in Wildlife Management Areas. He stated his concern about being able to find spaces to hunt nongame species such as rabbits, coyotes or prairie dogs. He asked the Commission to consider hunting of non-game species could be allowed by individuals who possess a license.

Commissioner Arvas: Recognized Jerry Marichini as a previous director of Game and Fish.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the citations for hunting nongame species on WMA's.

Robert Griego: From a law enforcement perspective, we want to ensure that individuals on WMA's have a license if they are carrying a firearm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Awards of Excellence.

Presented by RJ Kirkpatrick and Dan Brooks – The Department presented awards to employees that have made significant contributions to the Department's programs and strategic goals. The Department recognized the following employees for the efforts to go above and beyond for the accomplishment of the Department initiatives.

1. Brian Guzman was honored for growing the NASP program for archery in the schools. Six years ago he had ten schools signed up, now he has 100 schools in the program. He has over 15,000 students signed up in the NASP program. He represents the Department strategically.

2. Mark Watson has done triple duty, he's done a tremendous job with terrestrial environmental assessment, and he is the author behind technical surveys and wildlife vehicle collision reports. He has been instrumental in the wildlife corridors project. He is a workhorse and the Department recognizes his contributions to wildlife and the state of New Mexico.

3. Patsy Medina is a behind the scene employee in the Fisheries Management Division. She has excelled greatly and is also a triple duty star. She has assisted the Human Resources staff with benefits and payroll and also managed her normal duties as a financial specialist. She also has helped tremendously with Federal Aid and worked to bring in millions of dollars.

4. Grant Beauprez has done a wonderful job with Lesser Prairie Chicken and of course it was recently listed as threatened; however, he has signed up 2.3 million acres in conservation for the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

5. Rhonda Holderman, Ed Rivera and Stan Cisneros are the behind the scene team for the online draw application. They developed a system to handle 162,000 applications this year and generated \$34 million dollars. They have done a wonderful job.

6. Colin Duff, Mike Perry and Craig Sanchez are officers who work in the field and have recently opened 64,000 acres for sportsmen access. These three rolled up their sleeves and gained more property access for sportsmen. We also appreciate the support of Mike Anaya at the State Land Office.

Director Sandoval thanked the Department of Game and Fish employees for their hard work and dedication to the Department.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Final Proposals to the Javelina Rule- 19.31.21 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca and Stewart Liley –The Department presented final proposals to the javelina rule (19.31.21

NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data. There was considerably high attendance at the public meetings held throughout the state. The Department received 25 comments specifically related to javelina. Many of the commenters were in favor of extending the archery and rifle season but there were a few that did not support extending seasons. The final proposed amendment is to adjust seasons for calendar dates, create a new non-military javelina hunt on McGregor Range of five licenses, extend bow hunts to the entire month of January, extend the any legal weapon hunt occurring in GMU's: 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 to a month long season beginning February 1 and ending March 1, and define center fire firearms and legal bullets. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Salopek: Asked about the number of days sportsmen hunt javelina.

Stewart Liley: The average time hunting is 3.3 days.

Vice Chairman Montoya: Asked for clarification regarding the definition change regarding making fully automatic weapons illegal.

Stewart Liley: The Department is clarifying the definition "shall make any center fire arms not to include any fully automatic firearms."

Vice Chairman Montoya: Stated the Department has never allowed fully automatic weapons.

Commissioner Ramos: Commend the Department for conducting public meetings and appreciates the input from the public. He requested more advertisement for future public meetings.

Oscar Simpson: Stated it is a good opportunity to extend the hunting season and his organization fully supports the Department's proposal. He noted it would be better to have more monitoring data and more biological data that is available to the public.

MOTION: Commissioner Arvas moved to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.21 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

SECOND: Commissioner Salopek.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Final Proposals to the Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex Rule -19.31.12 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca and Stewart Liley – The Department presented final proposals to the Barbary sheep, oryx and Persian ibex rule (19.31.12 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data and survey information.

Barbary Sheep

The Department received 31 public comments specific to Barbary sheep. Comments included: removing GMU 31 from the draw area, questioned why killing Barbary for potential Bighorn release, requested all Barbary sheep to go over-the-counter (OTC) or are in favor of increase, some commenters do not support and increase in tags, and some would like to extend seasons for private land within draw units. Final amendments include: adjust seasons for calendar dates, remove GMU 31 from draw hunts and add to list of OTC hunt, increase McGregor Range hunts from 5-8, and increase license number for hunt occurring in GMUs 32,34,36, and 37 from 600 to 675.

Oryx

The Department received 25 public comments specific to Oryx. The majority of comments spoke to decrease On and Off range permits, increase broken horn permits, and increase youth and mobility impaired opportunity where feasible. The proposed final amendments for oryx include: Adjust seasons for calendar date, decrease Once-in-

lifetime by 23%, reduce broken horn by 17%, reduce Veteran by 38%, increase Badge hunts by 21% this equates to an overall reduction of 15%.

Ibex

The Department received 21 public comments; hunters favor the recent elimination of the OTC F/IM hunt and stand alone F/IM hunt. Comments suggest negotiation with BLM for higher numbers of Ibex on the mountain. Some comments were not in favor of the incentive hunt and some comments are in favor of reducing the bag limit to 1 F/IM. Final amendment include: adjusting seasons for calendar dates, modifying standalone F/IM hunt of 50 licenses, modifying the bag limit on population management hunts and the new F-IM hunt will be one F-IM ibex, and reducing the licenses for the billy incentive hunt from 10 to 5.

The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Salopek: Asked about allowing two people to apply for ibex and oryx.

Stewart Liley: Stated that would be at the privilege of the Commission.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the rationale for only one applicant.

Director Sandoval: Stated that reason for allowing only one individual is because it was a prized opportunity. Procedurally the difference would not be difficult to implement.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked for this item to be placed on a future agenda as a discussion item.

Commissioner Arvas: Asked for more information regarding the harvest report data for 2013.

Commissioner Ramos: Asked the Department to increase opportunity for hunters for archers since success rates are low.

Stewart Liley: Stated although numbers are lower than previous, it is more preferable for hunters to keep a trophy type environment.

Commissioner Ramos: Asked about the duration of the archery hunt.

Stewart Liley: Stated there are two archery hunts, the first hunt occurs October 1-15 and the second occurs January 1-29.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked about the ultimate population number for oryx.

Stewart Liley: Stated the Department does not work on absolute numbers. The goal for the trend is to increase the population and stabilize the downward trend.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked if the Department received any public comments requesting the extension of the hunting season for Barbary Sheep.

Stewart Liley: Stated the Department did not receive any requests to extend the hunting season for Barbary sheep.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked if it is a complicated process for private land owners.

Cal Baca: Stated it is not complicated. The Department will work with private land owners to accomplish a common goal.

Commissioner Ramos: Encouraged a transparent plan for releasing Bighorn sheep and Barbary sheep.

Cal Baca: Agreed to add transparency to the website.

Commissioner Ramos: Asked how many tags were purchased.

Stewart Liley: Stated once harvest reports are received we can understand when where the tags were used are.

Vice Chairman Montoya: Expressed his preference to release sheep to public lands before private lands.

Bill Wella (Guide and Outfitter from Belen, NM): Stated he heard about extended seasons, a couple years ago in unit 30, he was sitting on a Barbary sheep ewe. I was studying this sheep through a spotting scope. We were waiting for the ewe to stand up. I noticed a very small lamb, about the size of a basketball. He did not like hunting an adult ewe during lambing season. After speaking with others, he recognized this happens regularly. His other comment is Barbary sheep and how they will interbreed with the Rocky Mountain sheep.

Stewart Liley: Stated they will not interbreed; however, we will observe is defending and competing for breeding rights.

Cal Baca: The goal is not elimination. Our goal is to reduce the competition level and move that population into other areas.

Vice Chairman Montoya: Stated you will probably lambs year round in the Guadalupe Mountains. Trying to set a season where you do not have lambs will be tough.

Brandon Witt: Commented on the oryx badge hunts, he requested these are more available to the general public. He requested more assistance in pairing up public draw hunters with White Sands badge holders. In regards to ibex archery hunts, it will be too crowded if more hunters were allowed. As it stands it is a good quality hunt, but putting more archery hunters would be too crowded. Perhaps extending the season would work.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the criteria for a badge hunt.

Stewart Liley: WSMR issues badge to personnel only and requires a background check.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked if a hunter can work with a badge holder to access WSMR.

Cal Baca: Stated there is a disclaimer for these hunts, including the requirement to secure a badged escort.

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked for the Department to enforce the requirement criteria in the proclamation.

Cal Baca: Maybe it is feasible to include a pop-up when the sportsmen use the on-line system.

MOTION: Commissioner Salopek moved to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.12 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramos.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Migratory Game Bird Rule Development - 19.31.6 NMAC for the 2014–2015 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca and Kristen Madden – The Department presented an update on changes to the Migratory Game Bird rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, and survey information. The Department received 14 public comments, four of which suggested an adjustment in season dates. There were three suggestions for new hunts which are being considered. The proposed amendments include decreasing the Sandhill crane allocation from 248 last season to 217 in the Middle Rio Grande Valley and SW hunt permits. Also, adding the authorization to cancel one or more hunts if the harvest is expected to exceed our federal allocation of greater Sandhill cranes. Moreover, adjusting the dove season in the south zone to allow for hunting on fall public school break, adjust snipe season to allow for hunting after duck season ends, and add "adjustment of licenses, permits, authorizations, and harvest limits. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Chairman Kienzle: Stated he is happy to facilitate a special meeting to work out details for the Migratory Game Bird Rule.

Cal Baca: Stated New Mexico is not the only state that fights this same battle. The Department is trying to coordinate rule cycle development efforts with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked who brought up the up the fall school break hunts as it is a great idea.

Kristin Madden: Dr. Carlston at NMSU.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Turkey Rule Development - 19.31.16 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department presented an update on changes to the Turkey rule (19.31.16 NMAC) based on public comment and harvest data. The Department received 19 public comments as of May 11, 2014, 8 suggestions to adjust seasons, 7 suggestions for new hunts and 3 suggestions to increase or decrease permit numbers. Also a request to combine the text of the Gould's Turkey Enhancement Permits Rule (19.31.20 NMAC) with the Turkey Rule (19.31.16 NMAC), and simplify hunt tables for greater clarity. Recommended hunt closures include: Sugarite State Park fall turkey hunts and W.S. Huey WMA fall draw hunt due to low population numbers.

Recommended hunt and permit additions include: Game Management Unite (GMU) 8 archery-only spring draw hunt

(10 permits) with a bag limit of one bearded turkey, Rattlesnake Canyon closure area on GMU 2A, youth-only draw hunt (5 permits) with a bag limit of one bearded turkey, make permits also valid for GMU 2B, and in GMU 2B add 15 draw permits to spring turkey hunt, and regarding the statewide youth hunt includes extending the hunt for one day (Friday) prior to spring season. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Salopek: Stated the three day youth hunt is a great idea.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked if the Department has verified the claims regarding the State Park.

Cal Baca: Confirmed the Department can research the claims and provide an analysis.

Commissioner Espinoza: Expressed gratitude for including the rattlesnake in the youth hunt and adding 15 more permits to unit 2B. He also asked about the population in unit 2B.

Storm Usrey: Stated the turkey population is doing well and turkeys are established in the habitat. Currently, 800-900 people apply for these hunts, if the Department moves to Over the Counter sales, the population could potentially decrease.

Chairman Kienzle: Mentioned it is helpful when public comments are summarized as it is useful in the decision making process for the Commission.

Brandon Wynn: Congratulated new Director Alexandra Sandoval. Asked about the turkey population in the Gila and mentioned the population has been reduced.

Cal Baca: The Department is working on a population estimate for turkey.

Joel Gay: Thanked the Department for the Big Game Rule process. He stated it has been the most transparent and publicly inviting process. It is a great opportunity for the public to be involved. He had a concern regarding big game enhancement tags for the enhancement program. He asked the Department to be involved in the enhancement program as he recently learned that the regulations regarding any of these tags are transferable and can be sold. He mentioned the recent winner of the Bighorn sheep tag sold his tag for \$40K. He expressed his concern that it did not seem right that an individual can sell a tag that was bought from a raffle ticket. Other states do not allow the sale of these tags.

The Commission adjourned for lunch at 12:00noon.

Chairman Kienzle called the meeting to order at 1:20pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: Pronghorn Antelope Rule Development - 19.31.15 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca and Stewart Liley – The Department presented an update on changes to the Pronghorn Antelope rule (19.31.15 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, population status, and drought impacts. The Department sold 4,213 licenses; harvest reports indicate a 62% success rate and a 3.7 satisfaction rating. There were 41 public comments received to date. Comments include: reducing private land licenses and increase public draw licenses. Reducing pronghorn licenses overall, start hunting in September instead of August due to heat and offer more archery hunts and fewer rifle hunts. Proposed amendments include adjusting seasons for calendar dates, creating a five license youth hunt on WSMR, moving the public female immature (F-IM) hunt outside of private mature bull (MB) hunt window and moving select hunts later in season. Combining GMU's in SW that have the same hunts date, weapon types, and bag limits. Removing mentor/youth only hunt, make muzzleloader and rifle hunts concurrent in the Southeast and increase youth GMU 32 hunt from 3 to 5. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Espinosa: Asked about the number of acres in public hunts.

Stewart Liley: Stated in the Southwest there are 3,000 to 12,000 acres. If a landowner does not return the land authorization, we work to gain public access to these private lands.

John Pierce (Bow Hunter): Stated in the 1970's, unit 52 was one of the best bow hunts. Recommended there could be 25 tags for a bow hunt with a harvest of maybe two or three tags.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked the Department to look into this.

Oscar Simpson: Stated sportsmen want to see where the wildlife is on public lands. Sportsmen also need to see the biological data and where their habitat is located. He stated the public must have scientific data to make intelligent public comments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.25: Terk Decision Ruling. (Per the motion made, agenda item has been moved between agenda item 18 and 19.

Presented by Allison Marks and Alexa Sandoval – The recent federal ruling vacating the Terk injunction and the potential impacts to the Department were summarized. In 1974, David Terk filed an action against the Commission and the Director of the Department of Game and Fish ("Defendants") seeking declaratory and injunctive relief. Terk challenged: 1) the allocation of a disproportionately larger number of licenses of oryx, ibex, and bighorn sheep to residents v. nonresidents and 2) higher license fees for nonresidents. The court upheld the fee differential (Plaintiff appealed but the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed) but struck down the disproportionate allocation. The Defendants did not appeal the court's decision with respect to allocation of licenses which resulted in an injunction. Following the court's 1977 decision, the Defendants were enjoined from enforcing any statute, regulation, policy, practice, custom or usage which unequally allocate available licenses for game species for Rocky Mountain and Desert Bighorn Sheep, oryx and ibex between residents and non-residents of the State of New Mexico solely on the basis of residency. In 1997, the Commission and the Department sought judicial relief from the injunction. Such efforts proved unsuccessful, and Defendants were ordered to pay attorney's fees to Terk. Three legal principles were utilized to lift the injunction. 1) *Baldwin v. Montana Fish and Game Comm'n*, 436 U.S. 371 (1978), established recreational hunting is not a privilege under the Constitution's Privileges and Immunities Clause. 2) The Reaffirmation of State Regulation of Resident and Nonresident Hunting and Fishing Act of 2005 became law in the U.S. which served to foreclose a dormant Commerce Clause barrier to state regulation of fish and wildlife. 3) *Schultz v. Thome*, 415 F.3d 1128 (10th Cir. 2005) rejected an equal protection argument and noted "residential preferences are commonly considered a benefit of state citizenship for finite resources such as wildlife...." The defendants' arguments as follows: The law has changed (Statutory (17-3-16) v. Policy), the Department frustrates the will of the Legislature by complying with the injunction, Terk is now deceased, a hearing on standing which argued time is of the essence as the draw was fast approaching, and the Department did not want to violate state law again this year. Judge Armijo delivered an order lifting the injunction within the time parameters we asked for, in order to comply with state law for this year's draw. In her order, Judge Armijo identified the three legal principles supporting the state's regulation of wildlife. Importantly, she noted: "The injunction entered by the Court prohibits State officials from carrying out State law. There is no established basis in current federal law for enjoining the State of New Mexico from applying preference for resident hunters provided by State law. Judge Armijo concluded her order stating: "Defendants have established that *prospective* enforcement of the Judgment and Order of the Court is *no longer equitable* and that their motion for relief is timely." As the Department had argued time was of the essence, the Court had noted we were frustrating the will of the Legislature and preventing State officials from complying with State law, and continuing to enforce the injunction was no longer equitable, the Department moved swiftly to comply with State law and quickly took the following actions: issued press releases, allowed applicants to register with an outfitter, allowed applicants to delete their applications. The Department worked carefully to adhere with the license distribution rule 17-3-16 and implement the draw based upon those requirements. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Chairman Kienzle: Asked to see the slide that shows the law regarding license distribution.

Director Sandoval: Stated the Department applies the 84-10-6 percentage.

Commissioner Ramos: Asked if the percentage was applied statewide or by unit.

Director Sandoval: Stated the percentage is applied by hunt code.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked what is most favorable to residents.

Director Sandoval: Stated the Department has made the best effort to make it favorable to residents.

Chairman Kienzle: Thanked Allison Marks for working on this and he also thanked the Department staff who helped roll this decision out. He stated the Department made their best good faith effort to implement this on the fly. He added there is still work to do regarding this quota and his preference to favor residents. He stated the effort was made to do what the law requires and that is our goal.

Bob Wynn: Raised concerns regarding the mathematics applied to the current algorithm for license distribution. He encourages the Commission to develop a rule regarding this issue and gather public input. He stated that based on his recent analysis of license distribution there is not preference for residents.

Chairman Kienzle: Stated the Commission will keep looking at this rule and whether it is a legislative fix or a rule change. He thanked everyone again who worked on this.

Joel Gay: Thanked the Department and Allison Marks for prevailing on this case. He stated this is a great victory for sportsmen in New Mexico. Moreover, he said we need to go back to the law and it says the residents shall receive a minimum of 84%. Any fractional remainders should go to the resident.

Oscar Simpson: Stated a lot of sportsmen thank the Commission for all the effort and the legal aspects that allowed us to appeal this injunction. In regards to the draw, the department needs to change the rule. If there are any fractional remainders it should go to the resident pool.

Commissioner Arvas: Introduced NRA member David Bennet.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Bighorn Sheep Rule Development - 19.31.17 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department presented an update on changes to the Bighorn Sheep rule (19.31.17NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data, population status, and management goals.

The Department proposed to amend current season for Culebras hunt from 8/15/14 to 9/30/14 to 8/15/14 to 1/31/15. The Department received 42 comments as of May 12 regarding the draw and quota. Proposed amendments for Bighorn sheep, include: adjust seasons for calendar dates, extending length of all rocky hunts, split Latir ram hunts and create new Latir archery ewe hunts. Opening up Rio Grande gorge and new ram hunt in dry Cimarron and reopen Turkey Creek San Francisco big horn sheep herd. The Department would like to change boundary descriptors to GMU's not mountain range.

Commissioner Salopek: Asked if this applies to people who drew this year.

Brandon Wynn: Stated he would like to see the sheep seasons longer.

Bill Beauvrez: Stated the department is making a wise decision.

Brenda McKenna: Stated she recently attended Cibola National forest staff presentations to share assessment findings. They illustrated potential species of concern. She questioned how these findings effect the Department's determination for developing this rule.

Stewart Liley: Stated the report describes species that inhabit their grasslands. Part of the reason we are not hunting at high levels is because they have low populations. They are susceptible to disease and we take this into account.

MOTION: Commissioner Ramos moved to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.17 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

SECOND: Vice Chairman Montoya.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Initiation of Deer Rule Development - 19.31.13 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department initiated rule development for the deer rule (19.31.13 NMAC) which has a 4 year cycle and is expiring March 31, 2015. This is a three phase approach for rule development. In 2013 hunt year 38,301 licenses for deer were sold. There was a 25% success rate and a 3.0 hunter satisfaction rating. Trends are slightly decreasing licenses moving from OTC to more restricted. Success rate has also declined, indicative of the deer population. The satisfaction rating also decreased, as a species, deer has one of the lowest ratings. Currently,

the Department has observed 35 bucks for every 100 does for GMU's. The fawn to doe ratio is roughly at 50 to 100 and is fairly healthy. This is indicative of a good monsoon season. The Department received 178 public comments, focused on reducing deer harvest and permit numbers across the state, request to implement more predator control measures, including more hunter harvest, implementing antler restrictions, and increasing doe harvest. Proposed amendments include: deer license reductions in select GMU's, considering allowing archery hunters to select either a September or January hunt, and adjusting hunt dates to address calendar shifts. The Department is currently analyzing the data and it should be available within the next two months, and allowing archery license holders to select from either a September 1-22 or January 1-14. The average success rates are 22% for September and 33% for January. The following is a summary of the Commission's comments:

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the number of public comments that were in favor of a reduction.

Stewart Liley: Over 100 comments received were in favor of a reduction.

Commissioner Arvas: Asked if private land hunts influence the data.

Stewart Liley: Stated the Department does keep track of that data and current observations include a high buck to doe ratio in private land areas.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21: Initiation of Elk Rule Development - 19.31.14 NMAC for the 2015-2019 Seasons.

Presented by Cal Baca and Nicole Quintana – The Department initiated rule development for the elk rule (19.31.14 NMAC) which has a 4 year cycle and is expiring March 31, 2015. Statewide there were 35,982 licenses sold, there was a 40% harvest success rate. The estimated statewide harvest includes: 7,881 bulls and 6,238 cows with a 3.62 satisfaction rating. The Department received 173 public comments specific to elk. Comments include: decrease the licenses in GMU 9, increase nonresident opportunity (specifically A), restructure overlapping hunts, consider a point system for the draw structure, allow more youth opportunity, allow seniors to hunt with crossbow, reduce GMU 15 licenses, and reduce private elk licenses. Also, request to redefine "resident" to include people with a second home in New Mexico or active duty military who are stationed out of NM (but claim NM residence), restructure archery hunts, post notice of population management hunts online, develop point restrictions for bulls, and make special drawing for people who turn in game violators. Proposed amendments include: adjust seasons for calendar dates, standardize archery hunts offer two periods (Sept. 1-15 & Sept. 16-22 [24] statewide) and exclude GMU's that currently have one hunt, reduce licenses in GMU 9, make all hunts primitive weapons, redistribute antlerless licenses to account for elk distribution across north central landscape, add new mature bull and antlerless hunts in 5B and equally distribute licenses across four hunt periods (2 hunts in October, 1 hunt in November and 1 hunt in December), in GMU 53 develop new late (December/January) hunt in portions of GMU 53 to address elk movement and use, GMU 55 (Valle Vidal) increase mature bull licenses slightly resulting from increased recruitment in Valle Vidal, GMU 34 increase in antlerless licenses, and slightly increase mature bull licenses in GMU 36. Proposed amendments also include various changes regarding hunts in the Valles Caldera, reductions in GMU 6C, and creating new antlerless hunts in 21 and 23 as well as analyzing COER boundaries. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Ramos: Mentioned giving a better option to land owners in the unit they own property.

Chairman Kienzle: encouraged Commissioners to attend the public meetings if possible.

Commissioner Ramos: Commended the Department for an excellent job facilitating the public meetings.

Brandon Wynn: Stated he is in favor of the two archery seasons only.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked for a ten minute break.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22: Fiscal Year 2016 Initiation of Budget Development.

Presented by Alexa Sandoval – The Department sought Commission input on operating budget and capital project development for Fiscal Year 2016. The following is a timeline regarding the Fiscal Year 2016 budget process: May 2014 initiate the development and preparation of the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget and 5-year capital outlay proposal, June 2014 present the FY 2016 capital project outlay proposal to State Game Commission (SGC) for approval and meet July 1, 2014, deadline. June – July 2014 prepare FY 2016 operating budget based on guidance

from the Governor's Office, State Game Commission, and defined Departmental needs, August 2014 meet with SGC to review the proposed FY 2016 operating budget for approval, and September 1, 2014, deadline to submit FY 2016 operating budget. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

John Crenshaw: He supported the 2014 Department budget for the Legislative session. Stated our game wardens have the lowest starting pay in the west, it is not competitive with other states or law enforcement agencies and the same is true for our biologists. He would like to assist the Department in its effort to increase salaries for wardens and biologists and would like to see a full staff at the Department.

Chairman Kienzle: Thanked Mr. Crenshaw for his support and understand his concerns.

Director Sandoval: Stated the Department would be meeting with the Officer's Association and are going to recommend changes in compensation schedule.

Oscar Simpson: Stated his organization is also willing to help with the Legislative piece to ensure the Department has the necessary budget.

Elisabeth DeCherie (Los Lunas): Congratulated Director Alexandra Sandoval. Asked about the Commission's stance in regards to supporting a change in the statutes that require any one including New Mexico residents must be in possession of a hunting license if any wildlife is to be hunted or possessed including nongame and unprotected species.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23: Fee Review for Special Drawings.

Presented by Alexa Sandoval – The Department initiated a review of the administrative fee charged for Special Drawing. The current application fee is \$8.00 for NM resident and \$20.00 for non-resident. These costs are related largely in part to the Information Technology piece and labor for those services. The application will most likely be decreased and final recommendations for the application fee will be brought to the Commission. The following is a summary of the Commission's:

Commissioner Arvas: Asked about the Department's budgeting strategy for administrative fees.

Director Sandoval: The Department uses a three year analysis to develop an accurate estimate.

AGENDA ITEM NO.24: Shooting Sports Programs.

Presented by Anthony Chavez – The Department presented a summary of its current shooting sports programs and future goals for these programs. The vision for the shooting program is to provide professionally managed shooting facilities which provide a series of quality programs and events designed to recruit, develop and retain hunters and recreational shooters at various levels. To be recognized and respected as the leader in shooting ranges and shooting sports opportunities in New Mexico. The future goals include: Acquire Properties for Range Development, the Department has begun working with the Federal Land Management Agencies to identify properties for shooting ranges. Several locations statewide have been identified to acquire Land Patents through the BLM in Santa Fe and Roswell. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Espinoza: Asked about the status of the grants for these projects.

Anthony Chavez: Stated the application is in draft form and the dates are being finalized. The application should be ready for submittal in August.

Commissioner Espinoza: Extended his support for this effort.

Anthony Chavez: Announced Jessica Fisher, the shoot sports coordinator and is working closely on this project.

Commissioner Arvas: Also endorsed the program and his support.

Chairman Kienzle: Also endorsed the project and commended the efforts.

Member of the Public: Thanked the Department for the rabbit machine (sporting clays) at the Northern Rio Grande Sportsmen Club and would like to receive any available funds for their current program.

Dave Bennett: He recommended the Department keep construction and range design simple.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26: Lease of State Game Commission Property located at 1085 Richards Ave, Santa Fe, NM.

Presented by Cal Baca – The Department received a request from State Forestry to lease Commission owned property in Santa Fe for a veteran's firefighter training program. The Department is requesting the ability to take on leasing, transferring, trading or selling. The following is a summary of the Commission's comments:

Dan Brooks: Stated if the Commission would like to approve a lease at this time, the Department could come back with more information.

Cal Baca: Stated the State Forestry would like to acquire the property.

Chairman Kienzle: Stated more information is needed before a decision can be made.

MOTION: Commissioner Arvas moved to enter into discussions with EMNRD for a short-term lease of the Richards Avenue property and bring the proposal back to the State Game Commission for approval.

SECOND: Commissioner Salopek.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27: Lesser Prairie Chicken Legal Update.

Presented by Peter Robertson – The Department presented an update on pending litigation in the federal case of Oklahoma et al. v. Department of the Interior et al., US District Court Case No. 4:14-CV-00123 and its potential impact on NM Department of Game and Fish in achieving its mandate with respect to the Endangered Species Act. There are two candidate species listed in the suit that are present in New Mexico, Lesser Prairie Chicken, and Sprague's Pipit. The following is a summary of the Commission's and public comments:

Commissioner Arvas: Asked what the Department's proposition is regarding the suit.

Peter Robertson: Proposed the Department join the suit.

Chairman Kienzle: Asked about the timeline in terms of intervention.

Peter Robertson: There is not set deadline we have to meet in terms of the rule.

Allison Marks: Stated it would be advantageous for the Department and to the Commission to intervene in the suit and at minimum file an amicus brief.

Peter Robertson: Stated under the endangered species act for a candidate species to be listed or reviewed there are three considerations.

Chairman Keinzle: Asked about the recent Terk case litigation, and recalled it to be an action item where the Commission advised the Department to challenge the injunction. Asked if an action item is needed for the Commission to direct the Department to get involved in this litigation or is it something the Department becomes involved in without Commission blessing.

Peter Robertson: Stated the Department is typically the defendant and asked for this to be an action item in June.

Allison Marks: Stated there is nothing that requires the Commission blessing, but it is a consideration to the public to allow them to comment on this item.

Chairman Kienzle: Suggested the Department provide a PowerPoint for the June meeting regarding this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28: General Public Comments (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes).

John Crenshaw: Congratulated Alexandra Sandoval on her promotion and welcomed Commissioner Ricklefs.

Brandon Wynn: Expressed his appreciation for the excellent and friendly customer service he receives when he visits the Department of Game and Fish and acknowledges Game and Fish as a world class Department.

Kayla Witt (NM Cattle Grower's): Congratulated Alexandra Sandoval on behalf of NM Cattle Grower's.

Brenda McKenna: Expressed her concern for the health of the prairie dog population and its role as a keystone species which equates to healthy grassland. She requested the prohibition of lead shot bullets for hunting.

Dr. Thompson: Asked if the department was going to consider enforcing trespassing on private land.

Linear Heartagle: Stated the Attorney General's opinions could be detrimental and could economically impact businesses which depend on fishing private waters, fishing license sales could drop, and jobs of these business will decrease. He also stated his concern for the environmental impact, trash, and degradation to riparian areas, and liability and safety to property owners. He is interested in knowing the commission's opinion on this issue.

Leanne Rivera: Would like to request the Commission to change the name of Mora campground.

Roland Rivera: Stated his family had homestead the Mora campground area for 137 years and his family sustained a healthy eco system.

Greg Gonzales: Asked the Commission to change the name of the Mora campground to honor an individual that was caring and supportive of the community. He asked to be on the agenda at a more localized meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29: Adjourn.

MOTION: Commissioner Salopek moved to adjourn at 5:11pm.

SECOND: Commissioner Arvas.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Commissioner Arvas, Commissioner Salopek, Vice Chairman Montoya, Commissioner Espinoza, Commissioner Ramos and Commissioner Ricklefs
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion UNANIMOUS. PASSED.

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Alexandra Sandoval, Director and Secretary



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