

**MINUTES - NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2019**  
**New Mexico State Capitol**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order**

Called to order by Chairwoman Prukop at 9:07 AM

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call**

All present: Chairwoman Prukop, Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to add an additional General Public Comment session after the Closed Executive Session and to move the Introduction of Guests to after Closed Executive Session.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda – July 24, 2019, Minutes and License Revocations**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Salazar-Henry moved to approve the consent agendas.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Closed Executive Session**

Motion: The State Game Commission voted to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public; pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline; pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property acquisition; and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege relating to threatened or pending litigation.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Roll Call Vote** – Chairwoman Prukop, Vice-chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Bates, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach

This Commission adjourned into executive session, closed to the public. During the executive session, the Commission discussed only those matters specified in its Motion to Adjourn, and it took no action as to any matter.

Update from the Attorney General's office – Recommendation to not enforce the moratorium until the AG's office has the opportunity to review authority to enact a moratorium.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: General Public Comments**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.7: Update on Laguna del Campo property transfer**

Fisheries Chief Kirk Patten provided an informational presentation on the progress of the Laguna del

Campo property transfer.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Request to Recognize Holy Pursuits Dream Foundation as a Qualified Non-profit Organization to receive donated licenses or permits and as a Qualified Non-profit Wish Granting organization to receive elk licenses pursuant to 17-3-13.5 NMSA 1978**

Licensing Operation Manager Chad Nelson presented the Department's request to recognize Holy Pursuits Dream Foundation as a qualified non-profit organization to receive donated hunting licenses or permits and also as a wish granting organization to receive one of the two elk licenses reserved in state law for persons under the age of 21 with life-threatening illnesses.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Salazar-Henry – I move to approve Holy Pursuit's Dream Foundation as a qualified non-profit organization to receive donated hunting licenses or permits and as qualified non-profit wish-granting organizations to receive elk licenses pursuant to 17-3-13.5 NMSA 1978.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: La Joya Farms Game Preserve Shooting Preserve Application.**

Northwest Area Captain Tim Cimbale presented Edward H. Taliaferro's application for a shooting preserve permit for the La Joya Farms Game Shooting Preserve in accordance with 17-3-35 through 17-3-42, NMSA 1978 Compilation (Regulated Shooting Preserve Act (and 19.35.3 NMAC, Shooting Preserves. The property manager intends to release legally propagated game birds onto the preserve. Conservation Officers inspected the property and determined that the application meets the requirements established by law and rule.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez – I move to approve to approve a shooting preserve on 227.2 acres of the La Joya Farms property located in Socorro County, as presented by the Department.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Presentation for Approval of Department's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.**

Administrative Services Division Chief Paul Varela presented the Department's proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget Request for Commission review, approval and certification.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Salazar-Henry – I move to approve the Department's Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget and allow Department staff to make technical adjustments and changes necessary to incorporate assessment rate changes provided to the Department and other executive agencies after this meeting, and prior to the statutory deadline.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Subsequent Discussion on the Bear and Cougar Rule for 2020 – 2024 Hunting Seasons**

Wildlife Division Chief Stewart Liley presented an updated on proposed changes to the Bear and Cougar Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest data and biological data collected from research in New Mexico and recent literature.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Initial Discussion on the Fair Chase Rule**

Wildlife Division Chief Stewart Liley presented the Departments perspectives on development of a rule that would prohibit the use of wildlife location data collected by the Department or its contractors by others.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Initial Discussion on the Trapping and Furbearer Rule**

Wildlife Division Chief Stewart Liley presented the initial proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearer rule (19.32.2 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest and biological data collected and found in recent literature.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.14: Presentation of the Department's E-tagging Mobile Application**

Deferred to the next meeting.

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**PUBLIC RULE HEARING OPEN**

**HEARING ITEM NO. 1a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on the Final Migratory Game Bird Rule – 19.31.6 NMAC for 2019-2020 Hunting Season.**

Wildlife Division Chief Stewart Liley presented the final proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, information from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), recent survey information, and management goals. Season selections and bag limits are determined in conjunction with the USFWS working through the Central and Pacific Flyway Councils.

**Action Item No. 1b:** *The Commission voted on the Final Migratory Game Bird Rule 19.31.6 NMAC after closing of the hearing.*

**Motion by:** Commissioner Salazar-Henry moved to adopt 19.31.6 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.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

**PUBLIC RULE HEARING CLOSED AT 5:37**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: General Public Comments**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Adjourn.**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously