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TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 12 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX

19.31.12.1 **ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.
[19.31.12.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.1 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.2 **SCOPE:** Sportspersons interested in Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex management and hunting. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Title 19 NMAC.
[19.31.12.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.2 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.
[19.31.12.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.3 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.4 **DURATION:** April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2023.
[19.31.12.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.4 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2019, unless a later date is cited at the end of an individual section.
[19.31.12.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.5 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.6 **OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex licenses by the department.
[19.31.12.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.6 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.7 **DEFINITIONS:**

A. **“Broken-horned oryx” or “BHO”** shall mean an oryx of either sex that possesses at least one horn missing at least twenty-five percent of its normal growth. This may be determined by comparing the broken horn’s length to the remaining horn or where it is readily apparent the terminal end would not taper to a point for another twenty-five percent of growth.

B. **“Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.

C. **“Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

D. **“Either sex” or “ES”** shall mean any one animal of the species.

E. **“Female or immature Persian ibex” or “F-IM”** shall mean any female Persian ibex, or a male Persian ibex with horns less than 15 inches long.

F. **“Game management units” or “GMUs”** shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

G. **“Iraq/Afghanistan veterans” or “I/A vets”** shall refer to only New Mexico residents returning from military service in Iraq or Afghanistan as eligible to apply for designated oryx hunts.

H. **“Unlimited”** shall mean there is no set limit on the number of licenses established for the described hunt areas.

I. **“White Sands missile range” or “WSMR”** shall mean that portion of GMU 19 controlled by the Department of Defense.

J. **“Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in state game commission rule 19.34.5 NMAC Wildlife Management Areas.
[19.31.12.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.7 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.8 **ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES:** The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex up or down to address significant changes in population levels or to address critical department management needs. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
[19.31.12.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.8 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.9 BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunts:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran’s oryx license, except as allowed by 19.31.3 NMAC.
- B. Persian ibex once-in-a-lifetime:** It shall be unlawful for anyone to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime Persian ibex license if he or she has held a once in a lifetime license to hunt Persian ibex. Persian ibex hunts for population management, incentive hunts, youth, muzzle-loading rifles, bows, year-round off-mountain hunts, and hunts for female or immature (F-IM) Persian ibex, are not considered once-in-a-lifetime and anyone may apply for these hunts or hold these licenses even if they have held a once-in -a-lifetime Persian ibex license.
- C. Oryx once-in-a-lifetime:** It shall be unlawful, beginning April 1, 1993, for anyone to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime oryx license if he or she has held a once-in-a-lifetime license to hunt oryx. Oryx hunts for population management, broken-horned, youth, and incentive hunts are not considered once-in-a-lifetime and anyone may apply for these hunts or hold these licenses even if they have held a once-in-a-lifetime license.
[19.31.12.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.9 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

- A.** The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for oryx, Barbary sheep, or Persian ibex when justified in writing by department personnel.
- B.** The director or their designee shall designate the sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.
- C.** In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunters’ names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.
[19.31.12.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.11 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.11 BARBARY SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS: Barbary sheep hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. Public draw Barbary sheep licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, portions of 34, 36, and 37 are available only through application in the special entry draw. Private land-only licenses for GMUs 29, 30, 32, portions of 34, 36, and 37 shall not be issued through the public draw and shall only be valid on deeded private lands. All Barbary sheep licenses listed in Subsections A and B of Section 19.31.12.11 NMAC (with the exception of hunts on McGregor range when the license holder claimed residency as allowed by 17-3-4.A.5 NMSA 1978) shall also be valid for over-the-counter hunt areas with any legal sporting arm. The department shall issue military-only Barbary sheep hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss.

A. Public draw hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
32, 34, 36, 37	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	BBY-2-100	75	ES
32, 34, 36, 37	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	BBY-1-101	75	ES
32, 34, 36, 37	12/7-12/20	12/5-12/18	12/4-12/17	12/3-12/16	BBY-1-102	225	ES
32, 34, 36, 37	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	BBY-1-103	225	ES
32, 34, 36, 37	2/15-2/28	2/13-2/26	2/12-2/25	2/11-2/24	BBY-1-104	225	ES
29, 30	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	1/1-1/15	BBY-2-105	75	ES
29, 30	10/12-10/16	10/10-10/14	10/9-10/13	10/8-10/12	BBY-1-106	100	ES
29, 30	12/7-12/20	12/5-12/18	12/4-12/17	12/3-12/16	BBY-1-107	250	ES
29, 30	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	1/20-2/2	BBY-1-108	250	ES
29, 30	2/15-2/28	2/13-2/26	2/12-2/25	2/11-2/24	BBY-1-109	250	ES
28 McGregor range	12/26-12/27	12/31/2020-1/1/2021	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-110	20	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	12/26-12/27	12/31/2020-1/1/2021	12/30-12/31	12/29-12/30	BBY-1-111	20	ES

B. Private land-only hunts: Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses shall be restricted to the hunt dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the draw hunt code listed in Subsection A of Section 19.31.12.11 NMAC for the GMU where the private landowner's property lies. Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses shall be unlimited and available from any license vendor and the department's web site. Private land-only Barbary sheep licenses are valid only on deeded private property where the licensee has written permission to hunt.

C. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide (including Water canyon WMA in GMU 9) except GMUs 8, 13, 14, 16, WSMR and Fort Bliss portions of GMU 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and the draw areas of GMUs 28, 29, 30, 32, portions of 34, 36 and 37. The western portion of GMU 34 shall be open to over-the-counter licenses. The eastern portion of GMU 34 shall be closed to any license holder of a BBY-1-300 license. The boundary dividing the western portion of GMU 34 is the line beginning at the junction of NM Hwy 244 and the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and traveling south to US Hwy 82. Hwy 82 to NM Hwy 130 south to NM Hwy 6563 continuing south as it transitions to County Road E12 (Sacramento River Road). County Road E 12 south to the Unit 34/GMU 28 boundary.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, restrictions listed above	4/1/2019-3/31/2020	4/1/2020-3/31/2021	4/1/2021-3/31/2022	4/1/2022-3/31/2023	BBY-1-300	unlimited	ES

D. Special management properties: For private lands within GMUs 29, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 37, the department may work with interested landowners to develop appropriate bag limits, weapon types, season dates and authorization numbers for private land hunting needed to achieve the proper harvest on the deeded private land of the participating ranches.

[19.31.12.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.12NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.12 ORYX HUNTING SEASONS:

A. Oryx once-in-a-lifetime hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
19 WSMR	9/13-9/15	9/11-9/13	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	ORX-1-100	65	ES
19 WSMR	9/27-9/29	9/25-9/27	9/24-9/26	9/23-9/25	ORX-1-101	65	ES
19 WSMR	10/25-10/27	10/23-10/25	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	ORX-1-102	65	ES
19 WSMR	11/8-11/10	11/6-11/8	11/5-11/7	11/4-11/6	ORX-1-103	65	ES
19 WSMR	12/6-12/8	12/4-12/6	12/3-12/5	12/2-12/4	ORX-1-104	65	ES
19 WSMR	1/3-1/5	1/15-1/17	1/14-1/16	1/13-1/15	ORX-1-105	65	ES
19 WSMR	1/17-1/19	1/29-1/31	1/28-1/30	1/27-1/29	ORX-1-106	65	ES
19 WSMR	2/14-2/16	2/12-2/14	2/11-2/13	2/10-2/12	ORX-1-107	65	ES
19 WSMR	2/28-3/1	2/26-2/28	2/25-2/27	2/24-2/26	ORX-1-108	65	ES
19 WSMR, mobility impaired	10/11-10/13	10/9-10/11	10/8-10/10	10/7-10/9	ORX-1-109	20	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	9/13-9/15	9/11-9/13	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	ORX-1-110	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	9/27-9/29	9/25-9/27	9/24-9/26	9/23-9/25	ORX-1-111	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	10/25-10/27	10/23-10/25	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	ORX-1-112	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	11/8-11/10	11/6-11/8	11/5-11/7	11/4-11/6	ORX-1-113	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	12/6-12/8	12/4-12/6	12/3-12/5	12/2-12/4	ORX-1-114	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	1/3-1/5	1/15-1/17	1/14-1/16	1/13-1/15	ORX-1-115	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	1/17-1/19	1/29-1/31	1/28-1/30	1/27-1/29	ORX-1-116	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	2/14-2/16	2/12-2/14	2/11-2/13	2/10-2/12	ORX-1-117	5	ES
19 WSMR, I/A vets	2/28-3/1	2/26-2/28	2/25-2/27	2/24-2/26	ORX-1-118	5	ES

B. WSMR youth-only hunt for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
19 WSMR, youth only	10/11-10/13	10/9-10/11	10/8-10/10	10/7-10/9	ORX-1-119	40	ES

C. Oryx broken-horned on-range hunts for any legal weapon shall be as indicated below, listing the hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
19 WSMR	9/13-9/15	9/11-9/13	9/10-9/12	9/9-9/11	ORX-1-120	15	BHO
19 WSMR	9/27-9/29	9/25-9/27	9/24-9/26	9/23-9/25	ORX-1-121	15	BHO
19 WSMR	10/25-10/27	10/23-10/25	10/22-10/24	10/21-10/23	ORX-1-122	15	BHO
19 WSMR	11/8-11/10	11/6-11/8	11/5-11/7	11/4-11/6	ORX-1-123	15	BHO
19 WSMR	12/6-12/8	12/4-12/6	12/3-12/5	12/2-12/4	ORX-1-124	15	BHO
19 WSMR	1/3-1/5	1/15-1/17	1/14-1/16	1/13-1/15	ORX-1-125	15	BHO
19 WSMR	1/17-1/19	1/29-1/31	1/28-1/30	1/27-1/29	ORX-1-126	15	BHO
19 WSMR	2/14-2/16	2/12-2/14	2/11-2/13	2/10-2/12	ORX-1-127	15	BHO
19 WSMR	2/28-3/1	2/26-2/28	2/25-2/27	2/24-2/26	ORX-1-128	15	BHO

D. Oryx hunts off of White Sands missile range shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit. The department shall issue military only oryx hunting licenses for McGregor range to full time military personnel providing a valid access authorization issued by Fort Bliss (McGregor range, military only).

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
statewide, off-range	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-204	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	6/1-6/30	ORX-1-205	20	ES
statewide, off-range	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-206	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	7/1-7/31	ORX-1-207	20	ES
statewide, off-range	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-208	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	8/1-8/31	ORX-1-209	20	ES
statewide, off-range	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-210	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	9/1-9/30	ORX-1-211	20	ES
statewide, off-range	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-212	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	10/1-10/31	ORX-1-213	20	ES
statewide, off-range	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-214	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	11/1-11/30	ORX-1-215	20	ES
statewide, off-range	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-216	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	12/1-12/31	ORX-1-217	20	ES
statewide, off-range	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-218	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	ORX-1-219	20	ES
statewide, off-range	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-220	80	ES
statewide, off-range, youth only	2/1-2/29	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	2/1-2/28	ORX-1-221	20	ES
statewide, off-range	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-222	80	ES
statewide, off-range,	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	3/1-3/31	ORX-1-223	20	ES

youth only							
28 McGregor range	12/21-12/22	12/19-12/20	12/18-12/19	12/17-12/18	ORX-1-224	25	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	12/21-12/22	12/19-12/20	12/18-12/19	12/17-12/18	ORX-1-225	25	ES
28 McGregor range	1/11-1/12	1/9-1/10	1/8-1/9	1/7-1/8	ORX-1-226	25	ES
28 McGregor range, military only	1/11-1/12	1/9-1/10	1/8-1/9	1/7-1/8	ORX-1-227	25	ES

E. Private land-only oryx hunts: Private land-only oryx licenses shall be valid only on deeded private land and restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the statewide public draw hunt codes listed in Subsection D of Section 19.31.12.12 NMAC above. Hunts on private land for April and May are restricted to the season dates, eligibility requirements or restrictions, sporting arms type, and bag limit that corresponds to the hunt codes listed below. The number of private land-only oryx licenses shall be unlimited.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	bag limit
statewide, private land	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	4/1-4/30	ORX-1-2000	ES
	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	5/1-5/31	ORX-1-2020	ES

F. Oryx incentive authorizations: The director may annually allow up to two oryx authorizations to be issued by drawing for deer and elk hunters submitting their legally harvested animal for CWD testing. Authorizations to purchase the license may be used either by the applicant or any individual of the selected applicant's choice and may be transferred through sale, barter, or gift. Oryx incentive hunts shall be any one hunt selected from Subsection A of Section 19.31.12.12 NMAC. Bag limit shall be either sex with any legal sporting arms and hunt area of the selected hunt.

G. Oryx hunt for injured service men and women: The department shall annually issue up to 10 authorizations for hunting by injured service men and women on White Sands missile range. The director shall determine the procedures for issuing the authorizations, and the dates for each hunt.
[19.31.12.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.12.13 NMAC, 4-1-19]

19.31.12.13 PERSIAN IBEX HUNTING SEASONS: Persian ibex hunts shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, number of licenses and bag limit. The IBX-1-525 hunt is restricted to only those who have never held an ibex once-in-a-lifetime license. The IBX-1-526 hunt is restricted to applicants who were successful harvesting one F-IM ibex during the IBX-1-520, IBX-1-521, IBX-1-522, IBX-1-523 hunts, or a population management hunt from the previous year and have presented the head within five days of harvest to a department office or department official for confirmation that they are eligible to enter a drawing for this hunt. Holders of the off-mountain license (IBX-1-528) may apply for any Florida mountains ibex hunt unless otherwise restricted by rule. Any valid Persian ibex license shall be valid during the off-mountain (IBX-1-528) hunts. Holders of a valid ibex license may take an unlimited number of ibex for the year-long off-mountain hunt. The Florida mountain hunt area is that portion of GMU 25 bounded by interstate 10 on the north, U.S.-Mexico border on the south, NM 11 on the west and the Dona Ana-Luna county line on the east. The year-long off-mountain hunt area is any public land open for hunting and private lands with written permission outside the Florida mountain hunt area.

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
25 Florida mountains, youth only	12/27/2019-1/10/2020	12/27/2020-1/10/2021	12/27/2021-1/10/2022	12/27/2022-1/10/2023	IBX-1-500	15	ES
25 Florida mountains, restricted eligibility	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	IBX-1-526	5	ES
25 Florida mountains, once-in-a-lifetime	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	11/15-11/29	IBX-1-525	25	ES
25 Florida mountains	2/1-2/9	1/30-2/7	2/5-2/13	2/4-2/12	IBX-1-520	75	F-IM
	2/15-2/23	2/13-2/21	2/19-2/27	2/18-2/26	IBX-1-521	75	F-IM
	2/29-3/8	2/27-3/7	3/5-3/13	3/4-3/12	IBX-1-522	75	F-IM
	3/14-3/22	3/13-3/21	3/19-3/27	3/18-3/26	IBX-1-523	75	F-IM

	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	10/1-10/15	IBX-2-535	100	ES
	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	1/15-1/29	IBX-2-536	100	ES
	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	12/6-12/20	IBX-3-540	25	ES
Statewide, off- mountain, over-the- counter	4/1/2019- 3/31/2020	4/1/2020- 3/31/2021	4/1/2021- 3/31/2022	4/1/2022- 3/31/2023	IBX-1-528	unlimited	ES

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 Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/68;
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 Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/68;
 Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/68;
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 Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/69;
 Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/69;
 Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/69;
 Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/69;
 Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/70;
 Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/70;
 Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/70;
 Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/71;
 Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/71;
 Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/71;
 Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/71;
 Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/72;
 Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/72;
 Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/72;
 Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/72;
 Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/73;
 Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/73;
 Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/73;
 Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/74;
 Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/74;
 Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/74;
 Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/75;
 Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/75;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/75;
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 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/77;
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 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/80;
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/81;
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/82;
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/83;
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/84;
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/85;
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/86;
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/87;
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/87;
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/89;
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/89;
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/89;
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/91;
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/92;
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/93.

History of Repealed Material:

- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3-1-2001 - duration expired 3-31-2003.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3-3-2003 - duration expired 3-31-2005.
- 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12-15-2004 - duration expired 3-31-2007.
- 19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12-1-2006 - duration expired 3-31-2009.
- 19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3-13-2009 - duration expired 3-31-2011.
- 19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 12-16-2013 - duration expired 3-31-2015.
- 19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 3-17-2015, repealed 3-31-2016.
- 19.31.12 NMAC, Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex, filed 2-29-2016, duration expired 3-31-2019.

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The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex rule, 19.31.12 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2019. The current Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex rule is set to expire on March 31, 2019.

The new rule includes adjusting seasons for calendar dates for all species. Oryx population data indicates that populations both on and off of the White Sands Missile Range are increasing. Therefore, we added 4 new hunts on-Range, and increased the number of once-in-a-lifetime, Iraq/Afghanistan veteran, and injured veteran licenses. Off-range, we increased both statewide and statewide youth licenses. In order to maintain current ibex population numbers, and reduce the need for population management hunts, we added female/immature hunts, and combined the season dates for the once-in-a-lifetime and incentive hunts.

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Finally, Barbary sheep population data suggests that populations are expanding both numerically and geographically. To slightly reduce population numbers and distribution, we increased the number of draw licenses both on and off of McGregor Range, and created several shorter hunts to prevent too many hunters from being on the ground at once.

There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view these comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

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