2011 Legislative Session Update
Odd Numbered Years are 60-Day or “Long” Sessions

- The New Mexico Constitution restricts matters discussed during 30-day sessions to:
  - Budget and fiscal matters
  - Items on the Governor’s “call”
  - Legislation vetoed in the previous session

- During a long session, legislators may introduce bills without restrictions.
2011 Commission
Approved Legislation

- Operating Budget Request (HB5/2)
- Capital Projects Requests
Operating Budget

- The budget begins as HB 5 and rolls into HB 2
- The amounts in the bill reflect the Executive recommendation, plus a 4.0 FTE increase for OHV and AIS
- No support from the state general fund for FY 2012. FY 2008 was the last year of GF appropriations (around $330,000).
Capital Outlay

The Department requested $4.71 million for 9 projects, and the 3 top priorities in the request were:

- Dam Safety Rules Compliance
- Water Pipeline at Red River Hatchery
- WMA Facility Improvements (Pecos)

No capital bill passed
House of Representatives

- Bills
- Memorials
- Joint Memorials
HB 180
Military Discount
Temporary Licenses

- Sponsored by Rep. George Dodge
- Do Pass in House Health & Government and Business & Industry Committees
- Passed House unanimously
- Do Pass in Senate Conservation Committee
- Passed Senate unanimously
- Signed into law by Governor Martinez
HB 362
Certain Military Hunting License Discounts

- Sponsored by Rep. Tomas Garcia
- Do Pass in Energy & Natural Resources and Business & Industry Committees
- Passed House unanimously
- Do Pass in Senate Conservation Committee
- Passed Senate unanimously
- Signed into law by Governor Martinez
Other House Bills Impacting the Department

- **HB 12** – Owner duties for Recreational Use of Land (Trujillo) **Passed & Signed**

- **HB 149** – Game & Fish Licenses Fee Changes (Rehm) **Tabled**

- **HB 206** – Merge Game & Fish with EMNRD (Hall) **Tabled**

- **HB 270** – Increase License Vendor Fee (Baldonado) **Withdrawn**
Other House Legislation Impacting the Department

- **HJM 10** – Large Animal Traffic Study Pilot Project (Stewart) Passed
- **HJM 38** – Maintain San Juan River Trout Fishery (Taylor) Passed
- **HM 46** – Endangered Species Act Enforcement Study (Wooley) Passed
- **HM 48** – Employment in Natural Resources Study (Cook) Passed
• Bills
• Memorials
• Joint Memorials
SB 196
Hunting Licenses for Residents and Nonresidents

- Sponsored by Sen. George Muñoz
- Do Pass in Senate Conservation and Finance Committees
- Passed Senate 38-3
- Do Pass in House Consumer & Public Affairs and Taxation and Revenue Committees
- Passed House 45-21
- Signed into law by Governor Martinez
SB 298
Big Game Hunting License Plate

- Sponsored by Sen. John Sapien
- Do Pass in Senate Conservation and Finance & Public Affairs Committees
- Passed Senate 35-2
- Do Pass in House Transportation & Public Works and Taxation and Revenue Committees
- Passed House 65-2
- Died by “pocket veto” at signing deadline
Other Senate Legislation Impacting the Department

- **SM 21** – Limited entry bow hunts in Bandelier (Eichenberg) **Passed**
Important Dates

- March 19, 2011 - Session Ends
- April 8, 2011 - Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed
- June 19, 2011 - Effective date of legislation not carrying an emergency clause or other specified date
- Special Session Dates - TBD?
Questions, Comments?