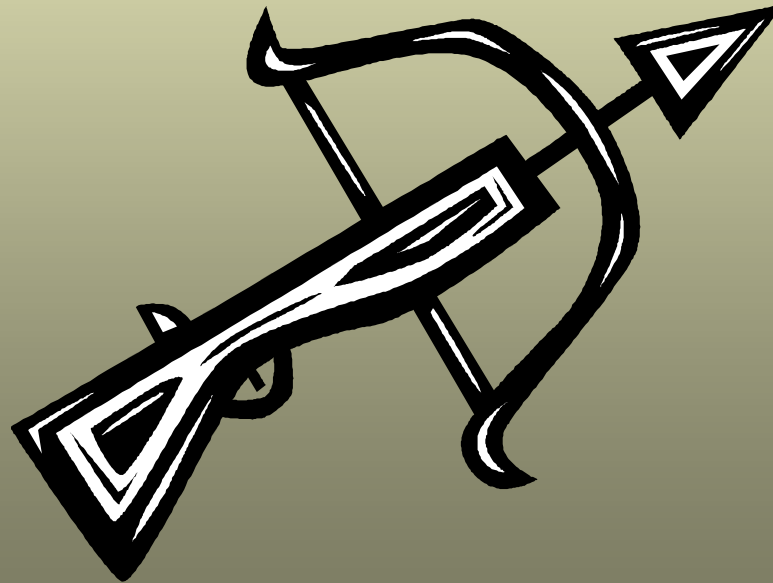


Agenda No. 14

Use of Crossbows
for Hunting



Problem – Some crossbow use deleted from previous rules

- ❑ Previously allowed in 2004 by Rule
- ❑ Mobility Impaired (MI) Hunters
- ❑ Used for protected Species
- ❑ Including bow, muzzleloader, legal sporting arms hunts
- ❑ Allowed & extremely popular with bow hunters with limited abilities to pull a bow

Amendment Considerations

- ❑ Allow MI hunters – to hunt protected species (game animals, game birds & furbearers)
- ❑ Allow if established by specific rule
- ❑ New - allow scopes during muzzleloader and legal sporting arms
- ❑ New - allow a person temporary injury (reasonable accommodations – approved by the Director)

Initiate Draft Rule Proposal

- 19.31.10.7 DEFINITIONS:
- T. “Crossbow” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights **or lights** on crossbows shall not project light [~~nor magnify~~].

Draft - Rule Proposal Continued

- 19.31.10.19 TAKING GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARER, GAME BIRDS BY CROSSBOW:
- A. Crossbows may be used to take or kill any game animal, furbearer or game bird by a licensed hunter in possession of a valid Department Mobility Impaired (MI) card or in possession of a reasonable accommodation issued by the Director, or as otherwise allowed by rule.
- B. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow without a hunter possessing a MI Card or reasonable accommodation from the Director, or contrary to rule or hunt code.
- C. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow that has a scope, telescopic sight or magnification device during any bow only hunt for big game.

Timeline for Rule

- ❑ Commission Comment/Concerns – today
- ❑ Post on NMDGF Website April 9, 2012
- ❑ Take public comments
- ❑ Finalize & post draft rule amendments May 29, 2012
- ❑ Seek Commission approval June 21, 2012

Implementation prior to fall hunting season - 2012

