

# Director's Authority to Accommodate Disability or Medical Impairment

Amending Hunting and Fishing—  
Manner and Method of Taking

19.31.10 NMAC



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# Lost Opportunities

Some Hunters and Anglers may have medical impairments or disabilities that prevent them from hunting or fishing because they cannot physically comply with Commission rules pertaining to the manner or method allowed for taking wildlife or fish.



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# Proposed Solution

- Authorize the Director to grant reasonable accommodations to individuals, waiving or modifying the requirements pertaining to manner and method of taking wildlife or fish.
- Add a section to the Manner and Method of Taking Rule [19.31.10 NMAC].



# Proposed Amendment

## **19.31.10.20 DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO ACCOMMODATE DISABILITY OR MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT:**

The Director may authorize reasonable modifications to the manner and method of take for any licensee who has a verifiable medical condition that, in the Director's sole discretion, necessitates such accommodation. In order to apply for such accommodation, the licensee shall complete and submit any form, information and records required by the Director. Any licensee granted an accommodation must adhere to all other rules as to manner and method of take that are not specifically waived by such accommodation; and shall adhere to any restrictions imposed by the Director.



# Commission Direction

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

*“Move to accept the Department’s recommendation and amend the hunting and Fishing—Manner and Method of Taking rule (19.31.10 NMAC) as presented.”*



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