

Scientific Collection and Educational Use of Wildlife

Chapter 17 requires a person to have a permit or license to take or possess protected wildlife species.



Currently, two rules govern these permit processes.

- 19.35.6 Educational Use of Wildlife—last revised in 1994
- 19.36.2 Taking and Possessing Protected Wildlife for Scientific and Educational Purposes—last revised in 1996



- These two rules partially overlap, generating confusion
- The outdated permit process is not in line with the other Special Use of Wildlife Permits that the Department issues, and places an undue burden on permittees and on the Department.



Proposal

- Repeal both rules
- Replace them with a single rule: a new version of 19.35.6 NMAC



What will this do?

- Establish a more efficient process for applying for a permit.
- Establish a more efficient process for issuing for a permit.
- Ensure that rules and procedures are in line with current statutes



WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- A draft amendment was posted and presented at the March Meeting
- Internal review continued, to date, no public comments have been received
- After review, a revised amendment has been prepared, and will be posted within 30 days for further public comment



WHAT'S NEXT?

- We will continue to seek public input on the proposed draft
- Present the draft amendment to the Commission for recommendation and/or approval at a future Commission meeting



Discussion



Field Operations Division