

New Mexico State Game Commission New Mexico
Department of Game and Fish

April 11, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

09:06:43 AM (00:01:07)

Called to order by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

09:06:52 AM (00:01:16)

Present: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Excused: Vice Chairman Bates.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests

09:07:22 AM (00:01:45)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

09:11:52 AM (00:06:15)

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as written with the amendment of moving the executive session to the morning once the attorney presents himself to the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda (Action Item)

09:14:24 AM (00:08:47)

A. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 2022, Commission Meeting.

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda A and withhold item B for discussion.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Unanimously: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

B. Revocations

Motion: Move to approve consent agenda Item B, except for Mr. Flotte and Mr. Miller.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Motion: Move to modify revocations for Mr. Flotte and Mr. Miller from seven to ten years.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments

09:18:40 AM (00:13:03)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Director's Report

09:41:05 AM (00:35:28)

Director Sloane provided the Department's updates:

- The Department darted 14 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep in the Red River area to study disease spread in the population.
- The Department is seeking bids for an 800-acre wetland improvement project at the Bernardo Wildlife Management Area.
- Over the past few months, the hunter education program has enrolled 1,313 youth in hunter education and 151 youth in the Mentored-Youth program.
- During the draw period, the Information and Education Division hosted 15 Facebook Live videos with experts from the Department on wildlife issues holding Q&A sessions.
- The 2022 big game draw produced 121,451 customers, with 275,166 individual applications, which is slightly lower than the 2021 record numbers but well ahead of the 2020 final number.
- A new call system was implemented to support customers during and after the draw period.
- Chapter 17 article 6 authorizes the Commission to allow rules to be put into place with land management agents, to restrict OHV use in wildlife areas and their habitats and to support restoration efforts.
- Chapter 66 of the Motor Vehicle Act includes prohibiting OHVs from driving off-road and provides resources for enforcement and education. This will continue to be a focus for the Department.
- Species guidance assessment shows the round tail chub does not need to be listed.
- Six recruit conservation officers are completing their field training and will be sent to their new districts in June.
- Several officers and fisheries biologists have been helping with the walleye spawn at Conchas Lake.
- Bear hair and den studies were completed across the state with wildlife researchers from New Mexico State University.
- The Field Operation Division continues to work with the state personnel office to update job descriptions, reclassify conservation officer positions and increase officer pay and support. This will continue with looking at all employees.
- The Department will begin a statutory review of Chapter 17 to ensure statutes address the needs of wildlife and our citizens. The public process will start with an internal review mid-May and additional meetings made as necessary.

The Commission directed the Department to provide an update on the OHV program and the Department's new website, including the expected launch date, by June 30.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Director's Recommendations of Gould's Wild Turkey

09:59:02 AM (00:53:26)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the Department's recommendation to the Commission to delist Gould's turkey in accordance with procedures outlined in the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act (WCA; 17-2-40 NMSA 1978).

Motion: Move to approve proceeding with the delisting process for Gould's turkey in accordance with procedures specified in the WCA (17-2-40 NMSA).

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19: Executive Session (Action Item)

10:14:47 AM (01:09:10)

Motion: Move to adjourn into executive session, closed to the public, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss Property purchase, acquisition or disposal; Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, Attorney-Client Privilege, Litigation Update (Discussion) and Section 10-15 1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, Personnel Matters.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta.

Approved: Approve by Roll Call: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Initial Discussion of the Elk Rule

12:16:47 PM (00:01:05)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the Department's proposed changes to the Elk Rule (19.31.14 NMAC) based on survey information, management goals and public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Initial Discussion of the Deer Rule

01:32:14 PM (01:16:32)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the Department's proposed changes to the Deer Rule (19.31.13 NMAC) based on recent survey information, management goals and public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Initial Discussion of the Turkey Rule

01:54:00 PM (01:38:18)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the Department's proposed changes to the Turkey Rule (19.31.16 NMAC) based on recent survey information, management goals and public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Initial Discussion of the Barbary Sheep, Oryx, and Persian Ibex Rule

02:05:43 PM (01:50:02)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the Department's proposed changes to the Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex Rule (19.31.12 NMAC) based on survey information, management goals and public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Subsequent Discussion of the Javelina Rule

02:39:43 PM (02:15:36)

Chief Stewart Liley presented biological data and proposed amendments to the Javelina Rule (19.31.21 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Subsequent Discussion of the Pronghorn Rule

02:43:49 PM (02:19:42)

Chief Stewart Liley presented biological data and proposed amendments to the Pronghorn Rule (19.31.15 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Subsequent Discussion of the Migratory Bird Rule

02:57:33 PM (02:33:26)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the proposed changes to the Migratory Game Bird Rule (19.31.6 NMAC) based on public comment, the latest information from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), recent survey information and management goals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16: Subsequent Discussion of the Bighorn Sheep Rule

03:00:14 PM (02:36:07)

Chief Stewart Liley presented the proposed changes to the Bighorn Sheep Rule (19.31.17 NMAC) based on public comment, survey information and management goals.

Motion: Move to review the proposal to redraw or restructure hunt codes for bighorn sheep working with the AG office and interested parties to determine if a new proposal can be presented in June.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez.

Not approved: Roll Call Approve: Commissioner Archuleta, Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry. Against: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey. The motion was declared by the Secretary to the Commission and an attorney from the Attorney General's Office as a failed motion to pass because four (4) votes were not obtained.

Commissioner Salazar-Henry left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: General Public Comments

03:54:48 PM (03:30:41)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18: New Business (Action Item)

03:54:51 PM (03:30:44)

Commissioner Lopez requested a preview of the Department's FY23 budget, including projections for the upcoming year for the next meeting agenda on June 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Adjourn (Action Item)

03:57:28 PM (03:33:21)

Adjourned by Chairwoman Salazar-Hickey.

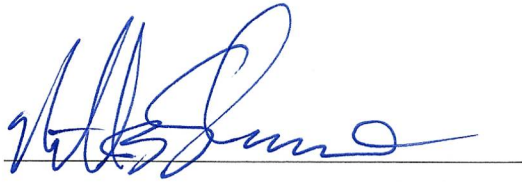
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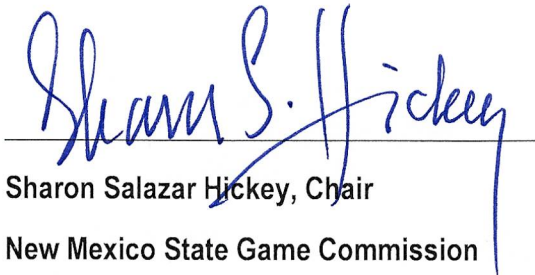
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Michael B. Sloane

5/9/2022

Date



Sharon Salazar Hickey, Chair

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