

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

June 3, 2022

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order

09:04:23 AM (00:00:28)

Called to order by Chairwoman Salazar Hickey.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call

09:05:09 AM (00:01:14)

Present in person: Commissioner Lopez and Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Present virtually: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey and Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Introduction of Guests

09:05:36 AM (00:01:41)

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

09:08:55 AM (00:05:00)

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar Henry

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

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

09:19:52 AM (00:15:56)

Motion: Move to approve the minutes as amended from the May 9 Commission meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Archuleta

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

Motion: Move to approve everyone on the revocations, except two individuals (Barker and Lucero) that will be discussed separately.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez

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

Motion: Move to increase wildlife revocation for Mr. Barker from five years to ten years.

Motion: Commissioner Lopez

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

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

Motion: Move to reduce wildlife revocation for Mr. Lucero from a year and a half to six months.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez

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

Motion: Move to approve the Open Meeting Act Resolution as amended.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

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

Motion: Move to approve administrative numbering system of executive session matters for IPRA purposes and transparency.

Motion by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments

09:33:11 AM (00:29:15)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Subsequent Discussion of the Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex Rule 19.31.12 NMAC

09:45:11 AM (00:41:16)

The Department presented biological data and proposed amendments to the Barbary Sheep, Oryx and Persian Ibex Rule (19.31.12 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals. The Department held four hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings and have also received comments on the rule.

Commissioner Salazar-Henry requested that the Department add a provision to the current proposal to create 20 once-in-a-lifetime on-range and 20 off-range oryx licenses for hunters age 70 and older. These licenses will be pulled from other existing hunts to create this new hunt category restricted to applicants age 70 and older.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Subsequent Discussion of the Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC

10:34:51 AM (01:22:54)

The Department presented information on the special meeting that occurred with interest groups and individuals who had engaged on the topic of how bighorn draw licenses are allocated prior to the June 3, 2022 meeting. The meeting was scheduled to discuss the potential for compromise and possible options forward. Despite considerable dialogue, no consensus was reached at the meeting.

Commissioner Salazar-Henry presented a proposal as a possible compromise on how bighorn draw licenses are allocated.

Motion: Move to lump up to 13 Rocky Mountain and 13 desert bighorn sheep ram licenses – no more than 50% of what is offered right now. Anything that is left over rolls to individual hunt codes. Make youth ewe hunts resident only. This rule would be in effect for two years only.

Motion by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

Seconded by: Commissioner Lopez

Approved: Commissioner Salazar-Henry and Commissioner Lopez

Disapproved: Chairwoman Salazar Hickey and Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

Motion fails on a tie.

Motion: Move to change the rule to a two-year rule only. Commissioner Salazar-Henry will meet with Department staff and other interested persons from the public to discuss the current proposal under a formal mediated process.

Motion by: Chair Salazar Hickey

Seconded by: Vice Chair Archuleta

Approved: Chairwoman Salazar-Hickey and Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

Disapproved: Commissioner Salazar Henry and Commissioner Lopez

Motion fails on a tie.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Rule Hearing for the Pronghorn Rule 19.31.15 NMAC (Action Item)

12:18:52 PM (02:59:04)

The Department presented biological data and proposed amendments to the Pronghorn Rule (19.31.15 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals. The Department held two virtual public meetings and received public comments on the Pronghorn Rule.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed rule changes to 19.31.15 NMAC as presented by the Department with amendments presented by Commissioner Lopez and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez

Seconded by: Commissioner Salazar-Henry

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Rule Hearing for Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC (Action Item)

12:40:56 PM (03:21:08)

The Department presented biological data and proposed amendments to the Javelina Rule (19.31.21 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information and management goals. Two virtual public meetings were held and comments were received on the Javelina Rule.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed changes to 19.31.21 NMAC as presented by the Department and allow the Department to make minor corrections to comply with filing this rule with State Records and Archives.

Motion by: Commissioner Lopez

Seconded by: Vice-chairwoman Archuleta

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Budget Overview and Capital Plan (Action Item)

12:48:14 PM (03:28:26)

The Department presented financial and license sales data for discussion purposes. The presentation included revenue data related to license sales, federal revenue and other revenue

generated by the Department. In addition, the Department sought Commission guidance on priorities, areas of emphasis and desired changes in the Capital Project Plan.

No vote was held for lack of a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14: Initial Discussion for Applications for Landowner Certification of Non-Navigable Waters Rule 10.31.22 NMAC

01:17:37 PM (03:57:49)

Pursuant to a State Supreme Court ruling, the State Game Commission repealed the Landowner Certification of Non-navigable Water Rule 19.31.22 NMAC on an emergency basis in accordance with emergency rule provisions in 14-4-5.6 NMSA (1978). The 180-day limit on emergency rules is set to expire in August 2022 and therefore, the Department is initiating a discussion to formally repeal the rule as provided in the statute.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15: Initial Discussion of the Wildlife Management Area Rule 19.34.4 NMAC

01:27:59 PM (04:08:11)

The Department presented amendments to the Wildlife Management Areas Rule (19.34.5 NMAC), to include descriptions of properties acquired by the Commission since the rule was last amended in 2013.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: Director Report

01:35:02 PM (04:15:14)

- Fire update – Southeast area fire forced Department officers to evacuate. Special thanks to our Conservation Officers. During the Hermits Peak and Calf Creek Fires, Conservation Officers dedicated over 4,500 hours of time helping with evacuations.
- Red River Fish Hatchery helped with Gila trout that needed to be moved due to the evacuation of the Mora Hatchery due to fire. Lisboa Fish Hatchery was evacuated but will return soon. Fish salvage activity to move Rio Grande cutthroat trout from fire threat. Working on fish salvage plans to collect Gila trout. Shuffling stocking schedule to adjust with forest closures and places to stock fish.
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act – continue to see positive momentum on the bill. Senate amendments allowed for 100% of funding to be provided within a four-year period. Other amendments concerning the State of Alaska and funding provided to Alaska. AFWA is confident the bill will pass through Congress.
- The Off-Highway Vehicle Program has increased officer patrols. Funded seven OHV recreation grants and money for additional signs and public outreach (via radio broadcast and social media).
- Property acquisition – completed the purchase of the Upper L Bar Ranch and have management of the Lower L Bar Ranch — through a partnership with Trust for Public Land, State of New Mexico. The next step will be hiring a permanent position for L Bar.
- Goulds turkey survey ongoing. Proposing to delist. Ongoing work on pintail ducks on Bernardo and Huey.
- Submitting Operating Budget to Department of Finance and Administration.
- Rock Lake largemouth bass spawn has begun.
- In southeast NM, five rabies cases have been identified in bobcats and foxes.
- Dan Trujillo received recognition from the USFWS for his spring snail recovery work.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17: General Public Comments

01:55:10 PM (04:35:21)

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

02:05:03 PM (04:45:15)

The Commission discussed scheduling a special meeting to complete business that was not able to be finished at this current meeting. This half day meeting is scheduled for the morning of June 17.

Commissioner Salazar-Henry requested that the Bighorn Rule provisions 19.31.17.9 A, 19.31.17.9 B and 19.31.17.12 B 1 be brought back up for discussion at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20: Adjourn (Action Item)

02:10:04 PM (04:50:16)

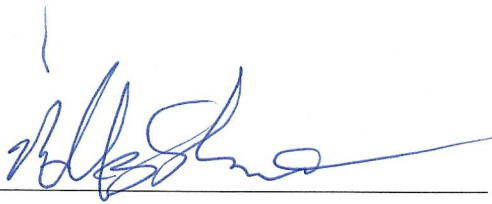
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Friday June 3, 2022

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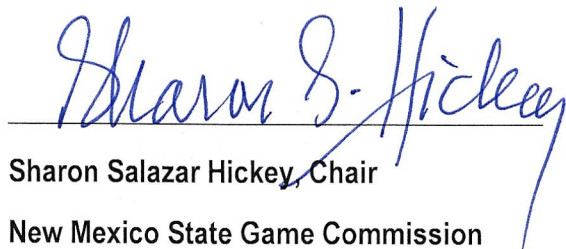
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Michael B. Sloane

6/17/2022

Date



Sharon Salazar Hickey, Chair
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