



## 2017 Legislative Session Update



New Mexico Department of Game & Fish



## 60-Day Session - Important Dates

January 17      Opening Day (noon)

March 18        Session ended (noon)

April 7           Legislation not acted upon by the Governor is  
pocket vetoed.

June 16          Effective date of Legislation  
unless otherwise specified.



# 2017 Legislative (By The Numbers)

- #4 Commission Supported Legislation Items
  - 2018 Fiscal Year Operating Budget
  - 2018 Capital Outlay
  - Trophy Poaching
  - Off-Road Vehicles
- #1473 – Legislative bills were introduced
- #49 – Bills directly related to Commission/Department
- #43 – Agency Bill Analysis Completed (FIRs)







# Operating Budget



- HB2 passed both chambers and is currently on the Governor's desk for signature
- \$41,101,700 (less than 1% decrease from current operating budget – FY 17)
- No change to Department FTE count – Remains 317 FTE
- No support from the State's General Fund for FY 2018. FY 2008 was the last year of State General Fund appropriations



# Budget Break Down FY 2018

Budget Category	Field Operations	Conservation Services	Nuisance Abatement	Program Support	Total
Personnel Services and Benefits	\$ 7,162.6	\$ 10,256.9	\$ 288.1	\$ 3,951.4	\$ 21,659.0
Contracts	\$ 128.7	\$ 3,582.8	\$ 125.7	\$ 443.0	\$ 4,280.2
Other Costs	\$ 1,822.9	\$ 7,788.3	\$ 606.8	\$ 2,762.2	\$ 12,980.2
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ 1,182.3	\$ -		\$ 1,182.3
<i>*in thousands</i> Total	\$ 9,114.2	\$ 22,810.3	\$ 1,020.6	\$ 7,156.6	\$ 40,101.7



# Capital Outlay

- SB462 passed both the House and Senate and is awaiting Governor's signature
- Includes projects related to Glenwood and Red River Hatcheries, San Juan Quality Waters, and State Game Commission owned properties



# FY18 Capital Budget Request

Priority Rank	Project Name	Descriptions/Notes	TOTAL	BIRF	HMF	GPF	BGE	Federal Funds
FY18 - 1	Glenwood and Red River Hatchery Renovations	To complete necessary renovations & improvements at the Glenwood and Red River hatcheries.	\$ 3,600.0	\$ 600.0		\$3,000.0		
FY18 - 2	Management of State Game Commission Properties	To improve, maintain, develop, and operated State Game Commission owned wildlife and waterfowl management areas, prevention of catastrophic wildfires, and improve watershed health.	\$ 4,000.0		\$1,000.0		\$1,000.0	\$ 2,000.0
FY18 - 3	San Juan River Quality Water Habitat Improvement	To complete necessary Wildlife, and Riparian Habitat Restoration on the San Juan Quality Waters.	\$ 2,000.0			\$500.0		\$ 1,500.0
		FY18 Subtotal:	\$ 9,600.0	\$ 600.0	\$1,000.0	\$3,500.0	\$1,000.0	\$ 3,500.0





# House of Representatives

- Bills
- Memorials
- Joint Memorials





# House Bill 92

## Stricter Game and Fish Penalties

- Sponsored by Rep. Alonzo Baldonado
  - Passed House unanimously (Y:64-N:0)
  - Passed Senate (Y:37-N:2)
    - Felony Waste of Game
    - Provides clarification to penalty section are full misdemeanors.
  - Awaiting Governor Signature



# House Bills Relating to Department

- **Background Checks on gun Transfers**

- HB 50 (rep. Garcia-Richard)
- Died in 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee – HJC
- HB 548 (Rep. Garcia-Richard)
- Died in 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee - HCPAC

- **Wild Animal Bites and Procedures**

- HB 109 (Rep. Garcia-Richards)
  - Tabled in 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee - HENRC

- **Big Game Depredation Fund Issues**

- HB 145 (Rep. Gomez)
  - Tabled in 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee - HENRC



# House Bills relating to Department (cont.)

- Game Commission Legislative Appointments
  - HB 254 (Rep. McQueen)
    - Tabled in 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee - HENRC
- Elk Hunting License and Grazing Allotment
  - HB 333 (Rep. Townsend, Gomez, et. al.)
    - Tabled in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - HENRC
- Wild Horses in Statute
  - HB 446 (Rep. Ferrary)
    - Tabled in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - HENRC





# House Memorials relating to Department

- Protection of Wild Horses
  - HJM 17 (Rep. Ferrary, Trujillo, Thompson)
  - Tabled in HSIVC Committee
- Protection of Wild Horses
  - HM 102 (Rep. Ferrary)
  - Died in HSIVC Committee
- Study Elk License Distribution & Increase
  - HM 94 (Rep. Small)
  - Died in HENRC Committee





# Senate

- Bills
- Memorials
- Joint Memorials



# SB 51

## Off-Road Vehicle Licenses & Plates

- Sponsored by Senator Steven Neville
  - Off-highway Vehicle Operation on paved streets
    - OHV License Plate
    - Helmet requirement
    - OHV License and Permit requirements
    - OHV operations on approved paved streets
  - Passed Senate (Y:36 N:0)
  - Passed House of Representatives (Y:59 N:0)
  - Awaiting Governor signature



# Senate Bills relating to Department

- Wildlife Trafficking Act

- SB 81 (Sen. Stewart)
- Passed Senate (Y:27 N:12)
- Passed House (Y:42 N:24)
- Awaiting Governors Signature

- Change Livestock & Animal Definitions

- SB 126 (Sen. Woods)
- Passed Senate (Y32 N:2)
- Died on House floor

- Game & Fish License Duration

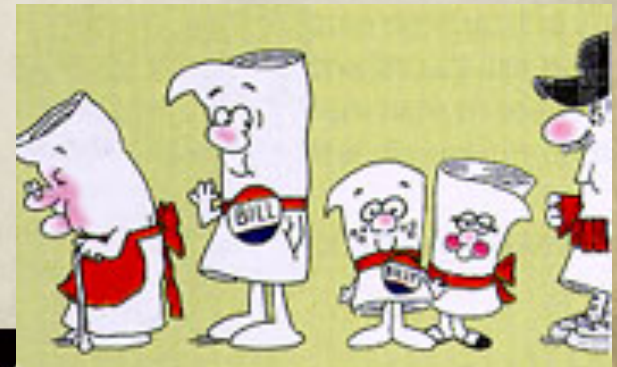
- SB 246 (Sen. Stefanics)
- Died in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - SCONC





# Senate Bills relating to Department

- State Game Commission Mission & Purpose
  - SB 266 (Sen. Steinborn)
    - Tabled in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - SCONC
- Protection of Furbearing Animals and Coyotes
  - SB 267 (Sen. Steinborn)
    - Tabled in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - SCONC
- Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests
  - SB 268 (Sen. Steinborn and Moores)
    - Passed Senate (Y:26 N:15)
    - Died on House Floor





# Senate Bills relating to Department

- NM Wildlife Protection and Public Safety
  - SB 286 (Sen. Campos)
  - Died in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - SCONC
- Endangered Species Coordination
  - SB 481 (Sen. Burt)
  - Died in 1<sup>st</sup> Committee - SCONC



# Next Year 30 Day Session

- NM Constitution restricts 30 Day sessions to: Budget and Fiscal Matters, Items on Governor's "call", Legislation vetoed in previous session.
  - NMDGF Will Make Requests to Commission for Legislative Initiatives by Aug/Sep 2017
  - *Pre-file* Legislation Dec 2017
  - January 16, 2018 Opening Day
  - February 15, 2018 Session Ends





# Questions, Comments?

