

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearings on Friday June 3, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Eagle Nest Lake State Park Visitor Center, 42 Marina Way, Eagle Nest, NM 87718. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the following: presentation of proposed changes to the Bighorn Sheep, Pronghorn, and Javelina rules.

Synopsis:

The proposal is to amend the Bighorn Sheep Rule 19.31.17 NMAC, Pronghorn Rule 19.31.15 NMAC, and Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC, all of which will become effective April 1, 2023. The most recent version of each rule will expire on March 31, 2023.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BIGHORN SHEEP RULE: 1) opening the Jemez population for hunting Aug. 10-24 and Sept. 1-15, likely beginning in the 2024 season; 2) splitting the Hatchet Mountains hunt area into the Little Hatchets and Big Hatchets hunt areas and shifting hunt dates to September 15-30 and October 1-15; 3) creating 2 hunt windows in the Peloncillos (Nov. 1-15 & Nov. 16-30) and Ladrones (Dec. 1-15 & Dec. 16-31); 4) creating a 3rd hunt window in the Rio Grande Gorge population, Nov. 1-15; 5) including the Double E Wildlife Management Area as open to hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU; 6) making small adjustments to season dates in some areas.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PRONGHORN RULE: 1) modifying the definition of a muzzle-loader to include only those muzzle-loading firearms that do not have a scope (for all big game species); 2) shifting hunt structure slightly to begin later in August and have some hunts begin in September and October; 3) creating a pronghorn hunt on Melrose Air Force Range in GMU 32; 4) decreasing license numbers in the combined hunts in GMUs 2, 7, 9, 10 from 15 bow licenses to 10 and from 15 any sporting arm licenses to 5; 5) GMU 15: eliminate the 2nd any legal sporting arm hunt but reallocate the 5 licenses to the first any legal sporting arm hunt; 6) GMU 16: eliminate the 2nd any legal sporting arm hunt but reallocate the 10 licenses to the remaining hunts; 6) decreasing each hunt in GMU 57 by 5 licenses each and moving these licenses to adjacent GMU 58 that has more public access; 7) allowing pronghorn hunting on Prairie Chicken Areas in the SE part of the state; 9) adjusting licenses on McGregor Range from 5 MB non-military and 10 MB military to 7 MB of each.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JAVELINA RULE: 1) including a population management hunt option; 2) expanding the Wildlife Management Areas where javelina will be hunted, including the Double E, River Ranch, and Red Rock properties; 3) increasing the bootheel licenses by 10% and increasing the statewide licenses by 20%; 4) modifying season dates for both the bootheel and the statewide hunts: archery - January 1-31 annually; any legal sporting arm - February 1-March 31 annually; 5) removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at:
www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes as follows: Bighorn Sheep Rule DGF-Bighorn-Rule@state.nm.us; Pronghorn Rule DGF-Pronghorn-Rule@state.nm.us; Javelina Rule DGF-Javelina-Rule@state.nm.us. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 8:00 a.m. on June 3, 2022. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on June 3, 2022. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on June 3, 2022.

Full copies of text of the proposed new rules, technical information related to proposed rule changes, and the agenda can be obtained from the Office of the Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 1 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507, or from the Department's website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/proposals-under-consideration/. This agenda is subject to change up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Director's Office at (505) 476-8000, or the Department's website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us for updated information.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Department at (505) 476-8000 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Department at 505-476-8000 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in the General Powers and Duties of the State Game Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission's Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 21 JAVELINA

19.31.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico department of game and fish.
 [19.31.21.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.1 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.2 SCOPE: Sportspersons interested in javelina hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.
 [19.31.21.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.2 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds and fish.
 [19.31.21.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.3 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.4 DURATION: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2027.
 [19.31.21.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.4 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2023, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
 [19.31.21.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.5 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of javelina licenses by the department.
 [19.31.21.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.6 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- B. “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- C. “Either sex” or “ES”** shall mean any one javelina.
- D. “Game management unit” or “GMU”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.
- E. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs”** shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.7 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for javelina up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the area or GMU to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.
 [19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.8 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.21.9 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS: Javelina hunts for the 2023-24 through 2026-27 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. All WMAs shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except the prairie-chicken areas, Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only), and Socorro-Escondida WMAs are open to javelina hunting.

A. Draw hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	180	ES
	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	330	ES

GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-102	1100	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/30- 12/31	12/28- 12/29	12/27- 12/28	12/26- 12/27	JAV-1-105	5	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range	12/30- 12/31	12/28- 12/29	12/27- 12/28	12/26- 12/27	JAV-1-106	5	ES

B. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-103	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-104	1200	ES

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4/1/2023]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for javelina when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.
[19.31.21.10 NMAC - N, 4/1/2023]

HISTORY OF 19.31.21 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;

Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;

Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;

Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;

Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;

Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;

Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;

Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;

Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;

Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;

Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;

Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;

Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;

Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;

Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;

Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;

Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;

Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;

Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;

Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;

Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;

Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;

Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;

Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;

Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;

Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;

Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;

Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;

Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;

Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;

Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;

Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;

Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;

Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;

Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;

Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;

Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;

Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;

Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989;

Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;

Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;

Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991; Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992; Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/1/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 8/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 3/17/2015 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.

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- D. “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC;

Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

~~E. “Web sale” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address to initiate the process to purchase specific javelina hunting licenses as designated by the director annually.~~

~~EE.~~ “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.
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- A. DrawEntry hunts:

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Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	150	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	300	ES
	2/1-3/4	2/1-3/4	2/1-3/4	2/1-3/4	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/28- 12/29	1/2-1/3	1/1-1/2	12/31/2022- 1/1/2023	JAV-1-105	5	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range	12/28- 12/29	1/2-1/3	1/1-1/2	12/31/2022- 1/1/2023	JAV-1-106	5	ES

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Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-103	300	ES
	1/16-3/31	1/16-3/31	1/16-3/31	1/16-3/31	JAV-1-104	1000	ES

C. Properly licensed youth deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-1-100 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt. Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-2-103 and JAV-1-104 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt, except in GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Hunters must use the same weapon type listed on their respective deer or elk license.

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for javelina when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department. [19.31.21.10 NMAC – N, NMAC, 4/1/]

HISTORY OF 19.31.21 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center and Archives under:

Regulation No. 482, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 5/31/1967;
Regulation No. 487, Establishing 1967 Seasons On Javelina And Barbary Sheep, filed 12/15/1967;
Regulation No. 489, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1968, filed 3/1/1968;
Regulation No. 491, Establishing Big Game Seasons For 1968 For Jicarilla Reservation, filed 3/1/1968;
Regulation No. 492, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/6/1968;
Regulation No. 495, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 10/2/1968;
Regulation No. 496, Establishing An Elk Season In The Tres Piedras Area, Elk Area P-6, filed 12/11/1968;
Regulation No. 502, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1969, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation No. 503, Establishing 1969 Deer Seasons For Bowhunting Only And Big Game Seasons For The Jicarilla Indian Reservation, filed 3/5/1969;
Regulation 504, Establishing Seasons on Deer, Bear, Turkey, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, And Barbary Sheep, filed 6/4/1969;
Regulation No. 507, Establishing A Season On Bighorn Sheep, filed 8/26/1969;
Regulation No. 512, Establishing Turkey Season For The Spring Of 1970, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 513, Establishing Deer Season For Bowhunting Only In Sandia State Game Refuge, filed 2/20/1970;
Regulation No. 514, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, Elk, Antelope, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1970;
Regulation No 520, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1971, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 522, Establishing 1971 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/9/1971;
Regulation No. 523, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/9/1971;
Regulation No. 531, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/17/1971;
Regulation No. 532, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1972, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 534, Establishing 1972 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/20/1972;
Regulation No. 536, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, filed 6/26/1972;
Regulation No. 542, Establishing A Season On Javelina, filed 12/1/1972;
Regulation No. 545, Establishing Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1973, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 546, Establishing 1973 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 2/26/1973;
Regulation No. 547, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep And Bighorn Sheep, And Javelina, filed 5/31/1973;
Regulation No. 554, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring of 1974, filed 3/4/1974;
Regulation No. 556, Establishing 1974 Seasons On Deer, Bear, Turkey, And Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/14/1974;
Regulation No. 558, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex, filed 5/29/1974;
Regulation No. 565, Establishing Special Turkey Seasons For The Spring Of 1975, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 567, Establishing 1975 Seasons On Deer, Bear, And Turkey On The Jicarilla Apache And Navajo Indian Reservations And On Elk On The Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, filed 3/24/1975;
Regulation No. 568, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Chickaree And Tassel-Eared Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 6/25/1975;

Regulation No. 573, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Dusky Grouse, Tassel-Eared And Chickaree Squirrel, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1976;
 Regulation No. 583, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/11/1977;
 Regulation No. 590, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/15/1978;
 Regulation No. 596, Establishing Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex, filed 2/23/1979;
 Regulation No. 603, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1981, filed 2/22/1980;
 Regulation No. 609, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1981 through March 31, 1982, filed 3/17/1981;
 Regulation No. 614, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1982 through March 31, 1983, filed 3/10/1982;
 Regulation No. 622, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1983 through March 31, 1984, filed 3/9/1983;
 Regulation No. 628, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1984 through March 31, 1985, filed 4/2/1984;
 Regulation No. 634, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1985 Through March 31, 1986, filed 4/18/1985;
 Regulation No. 640, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, filed 3/25/1986;
 Regulation No. 645, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1987 through March 31, 1988, filed 2/12/1987;
 Regulation No. 653, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989, filed 12/18/1987;
 Regulation No. 663, Establishing Opening Spring Turkey For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/28/1989;
 Regulation No. 664, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990, filed 3/20/1989;
 Regulation No. 674, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1990 through March 31, 1991, filed 11/21/1989;
 Regulation No. 683, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1991 through March 31, 1992, filed 2/8/1991;
 Regulation No. 689, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, filed 3/4/1992;
 Regulation No. 700, Establishing Open Seasons On Deer, Turkey, Bear, Cougar, Elk, Antelope, Barbary Sheep, Bighorn Sheep, Javelina, Oryx, And Ibex For The Period April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993.

History of Repealed Material:

19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game, filed 3/1/2001 - duration expired 3/31/2003.
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 3/3/2003 - duration expired 3/31/2005.
 19.31.8 NMAC, Big Game and Turkey, filed 12/1/2004 - duration expired 3/31/2007.
 19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 12/1/2006 - duration expired 3/31/2009.
 19.31.15 NMAC, Pronghorn Antelope and Javelina, filed 3/13/2009 - duration expired 3/31/2011.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 8/15/2010 - duration expired 3/31/2015.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 3/17/2015 - duration expired 3/31/2019.
 19.31.21 NMAC, Javelina, filed 5/31/2018 - duration expired 3/31/2023.

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- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

The rulemaking was undertaken to adopt a new Javelina Rule, 19.31.21 NMAC, which will become effective April 1, 2023. The current Javelina Rule will expire on March 31, 2023.

The new rule will include:

- 1) a population management hunt option;
- 2) expanding the Wildlife Management Areas where javelina will be hunted, including the Double E, River Ranch, and Red Rock properties;
- 3) increasing the bootheel licenses by 10% and increasing the statewide licenses by 20%;
- 4) modifying season dates for both the bootheel and the statewide hunts: archery - January 1-31 annually; any legal sporting arm - February 1-March 31 annually;
- 5) removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt.

There have been no changes between the published proposed rule and the final rule. A wide array of public comments were submitted. To view public comments, please visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/meeting-agendas/ and click on the Hearing Archive tab. It was not possible to incorporate all of the comments into the final rule as many of the comments were mutually exclusive. The resulting rule was based on what was best for the resource and overall hunter satisfaction.

Issuing authority (If delegated, authority letter must be on file with ALD):

Name:

Michael B. Sloane

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Title:

Director, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Signature: (BLACK ink only OR Digital Signature)

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Javelina Rule 19.31.21 NMAC



June 3, 2022
State Game Commission Meeting

Public involvement

- Hosted 2 public meetings (virtual)
 - 118 signed up, 59 attended
- Received official 27 comments
 - Support for proposals
 - Opening WMAs (6), increasing licenses (5), increasing season length (5)
 - Removing ability to hunt during deer/elk
 - For (3), Against (5)
 - Price of license too high (5)
 - Should have to remove meat from field (5)
 - Against lengthening rifle season (2)
 - Other (6)



Proposed changes

- Add population management hunt option
- Expand WMAs where javelina can be hunted: River Ranch, Double E, Red Rock
- Remove ability to hunt javelina during deer/elk hunt
- Increase bootheel licenses by 10% and statewide licenses by 20%.
- Increases in length of season and standardize season dates
 - 1/1-1/31: archery
 - 2/1-3/31: rifle (youth & adult hunts)



Questions?



JAVELINA PROPOSED RULE CHANGES SUMMARY (4/11/2022)

PURPOSE

Maintain current javelina populations and offer hunting opportunity that does not significantly impact javelina across the state.

JAVELINA BIOLOGY & BACKGROUND

Javelina are concentrated in the southern part of New Mexico. They have a yearlong breeding season and can have up to 2 litters a year. This results in a high reproductive potential. Javelina in New Mexico are likely not significantly impacted by hunting at the level they are currently hunted. Javelina hunting appears to be more popular recently, with hunts that were previously going unfulfilled now being oversubscribed. Additionally, population indices suggest that javelina populations may be increasing numerically and geographically.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO JAVELINA HUNTING

- 1) The Department is proposing to include a population management hunt option in the javelina rule. The Department includes these population management hunts in other hunting rules and uses it as a management tool to address management goals in certain areas. Hunters would be able to select a 5th choice “population management” option on their application and be included on a list to be called if hunts are developed.
- 2) The Department proposes to expand the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) where javelina will be hunted. This includes, but is not limited to, the Double E, River Ranch, and Red Rock properties. These WMAs will be open for hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU.
- 3) Hunter success rates for javelina have been increasing through time, but success on the statewide hunt has increased at a higher rate. The Department recommends increasing the bootheel licenses by 10% and increasing the statewide licenses by 20%.
- 4) The Department recommends the following season dates to be implemented for both the bootheel and the statewide hunts:
 - a. Archery: January 1-31 annually
 - b. Any legal sporting arm: February 1-March 31 annually
- 5) The demand for javelina licenses appears to be increasing based on applications received, so the Department recommends removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Department continues to receive public comment. If you would like to comment on the proposals, please send an email to: DGF-Javelina-Rule@state.nm.us

TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR JAVELINA RULE DEVELOPMENT



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Figure: Javelina hunter success rates through time.

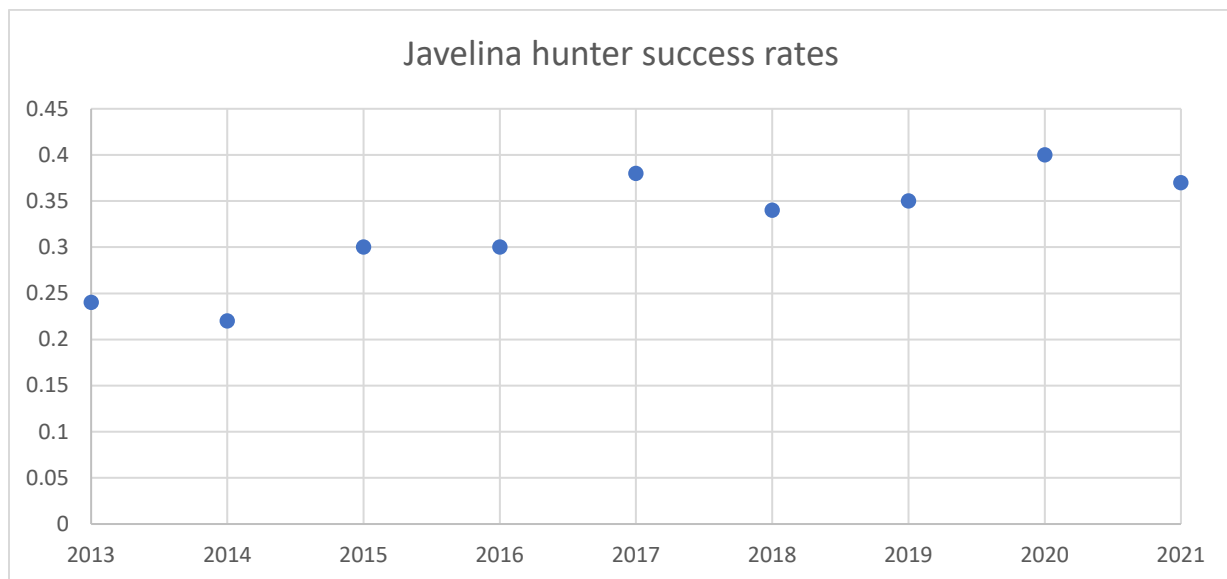


Figure: Javelina licenses and harvest through time.

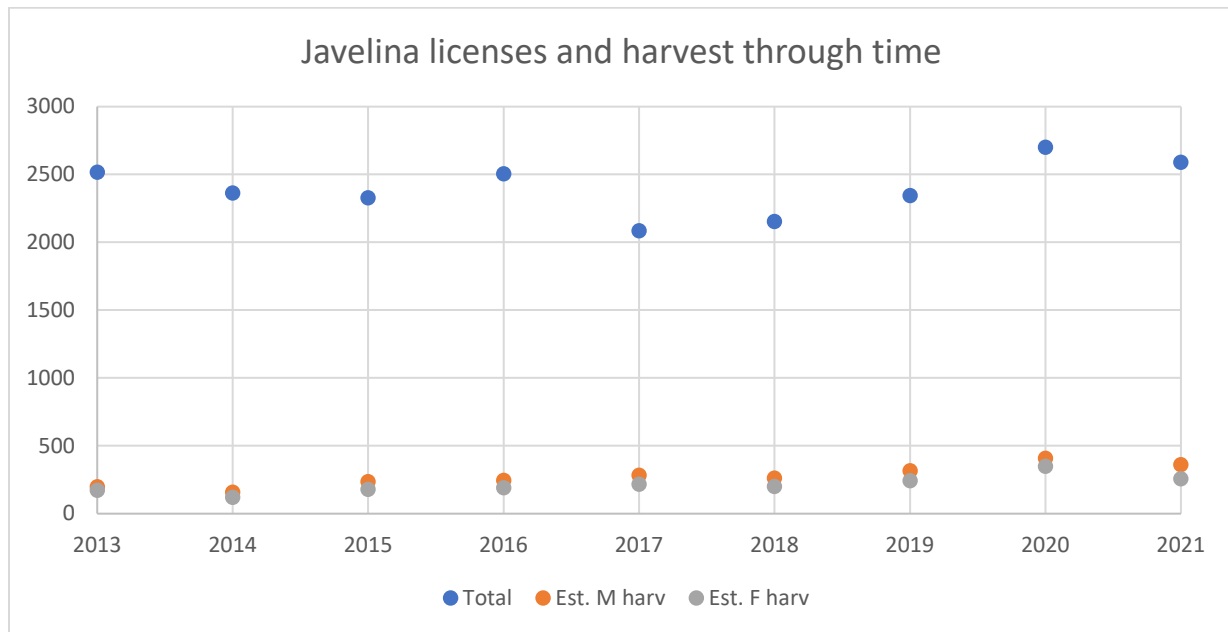


Figure: Javelina archery success rates separated by bootheel or statewide hunts, through time.

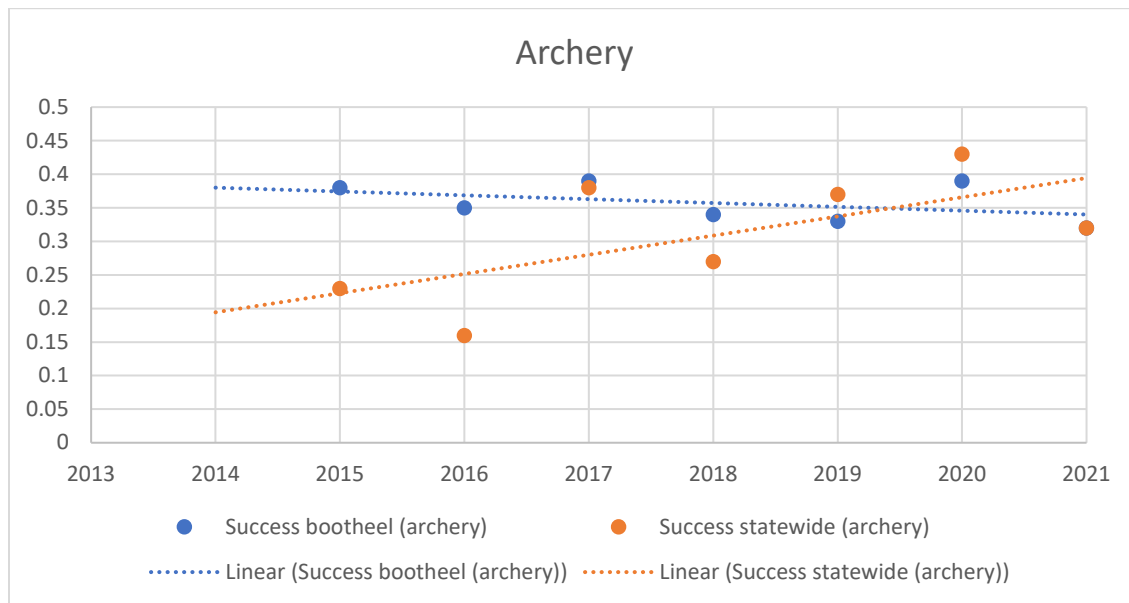
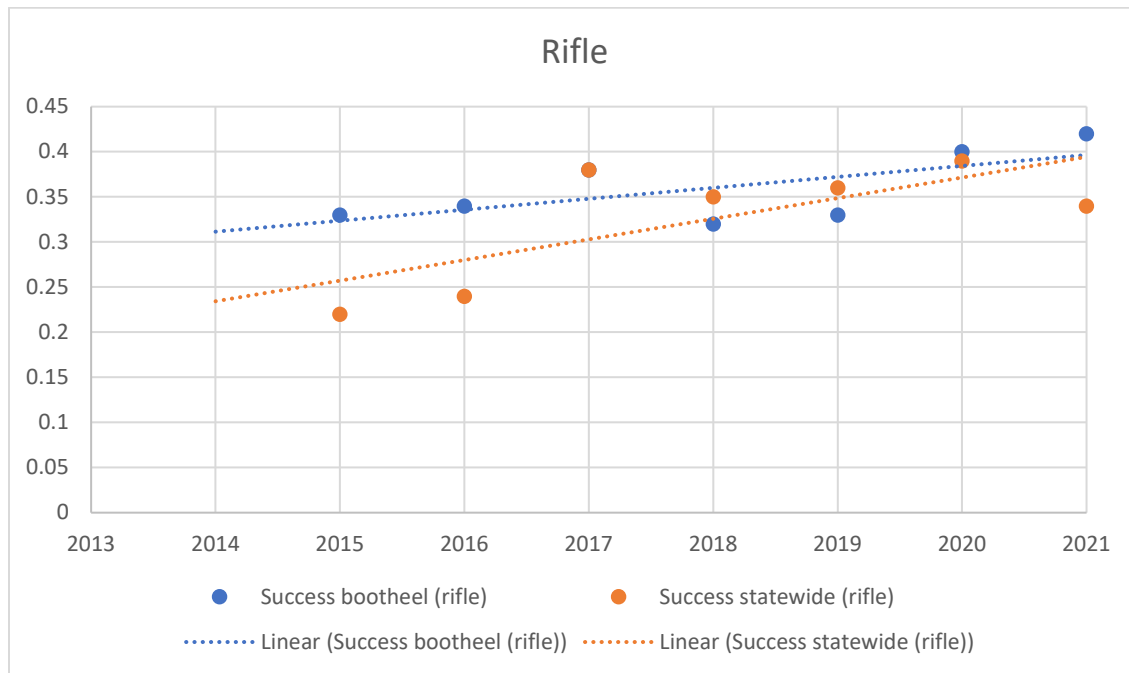


Figure: Javelina rifle success rates separated by bootheel or statewide hunts, through time.



Tables: Javelina harvest reports, license years 2016-2017 through 2021-2022.

2016-17 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish												
					Licenses Sold/Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	Success Rate	Number of Days Hunted	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating
AREA		Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates						Males	Females	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2017	100	ES	87	38	4.16	16	6	3.60
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2017	1000	ES	920	34	3.21	111	92	3.39
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2017	999	ES	895	24	4.53	85	58	3.07
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 26-27	5	ES	4	0	1.50	0	0	NA
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 26-27	5	ES	5	0	2.00	0	0	4.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2017	301	ES	281	35	3.78	29	33	3.35
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2017	96	ES	87	16	4.98	6	2	2.73
	Javelina Hunts Total				2506		2279	30%	3.87	246	192	3.36

2017-18 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish															
					Licenses		Bag	No. of		Number of	Estimated				
					Sold/Converted	Limit	Hunters	Success	Days	Males	Females	Satisfaction			
AREA					Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates	Rate	Hunted			Rating			
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only				JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2018	150	ES	133	35	4.73	19	12	3.29
	Units 19, 23-27				JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2018	1005	ES	931	38	3.00	136	80	3.58
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)				JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2018	590	ES	518	38	3.99	91	80	3.29
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only				JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 30-31	5	ES	5	33	2.00	0	1	3.00
	Unit 28 McGregor Range				JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 30-31	5	ES	5	0	0.00	0	0	NA
	Units 19, 23-27				JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2018	301	ES	278	39	3.59	24	39	3.50
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)				JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2018	61	ES	59	38	3.47	13	5	3.63
	Javelina Hunts Total							2117		1929	38%	3.87	284	217	3.38

2018-19 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish													
					Licenses Sold or Converted	Bag Limit	No. of Hunters Reported	% Reprtd	Success Rate	Number of Days Hunted	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction Rating
GMU					Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt Dates				Males	Females	
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31, 2019	150	ES	141	94%	42%	3.3	19	17	3.4
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2019	1002	ES	939	94%	32%	3.2	98	76	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2019	633	ES	558	88%	35%	4.2	108	76	3.4
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 29-30	5	ES	4	80%	50%	2.0	0	1	4.0
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 29-30	5	ES	5	100%	0%	2.0	0	0	1.0
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 -31, 2019	300	ES	293	98%	34%	3.8	31	26	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	59	ES	52	88%	27%	5.1	8	6	3.2
	Special Licenses	JAV-1-601	Any Legal	Apr. 1 - Mar. 31	1	ES	1	100%	0%	12.0	0	0	1.0
	Javelina Hunt Totals				2155		1993	92%	34%	3.7	264	201	3.4

2019-20 New Mexico Javelina Hunter Harvest Report, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

					Licenses	Bag	No. of	#	%	Success	Number of	Estimated		Satisfaction
					Sold/Converted	Limit	Hunters	reports	Reprtd	Rate	Days	Males	Females	Rating
AREA	Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates								Hunted			
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2019	150	ES	139	90	93	38%	3.1	22	15	3.5
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2019	1000	ES	905	542	91	33%	3.1	113	86	3.4
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2019	820	ES	749	622	91	36%	4.1	139	109	3.5
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Dec. 28-29	5	ES	4	2	80	50%	1.5	1	0	3.5
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Dec. 28-29	5	ES	3	0	60	0%	0.0	0	0	N/A
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	300	ES	282	153	94	33%	3.6	30	24	3.6
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2019	66	ES	63	49	95	37%	4.1	12	7	3.4
	Javelina Hunts Total				2346		2145	1458	91%	35%	3.9	316	243	3.5

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					Licenses	Bag	No. of	#	%	Success	Number of	Estimated		Satisfaction
					Sold/Converted	Limit	Hunters	reports	Reprtd	Rate	Days	Males	Females	Rating
AREA	Hunt code	Weapon	Hunt dates								Hunted			
All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2020	150	ES	141	100	94	39	3.58	18	23	3.53
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2020	1000	ES	940	543	94	41	3.12	128	106	3.61
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2020	1142	ES	1062	884	93	40	4.21	204	174	3.56
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, 2021	5	ES	4	3	80	67	1.33	3	0	2.66
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Jan. 2-3, 2021	5	ES	5	2	100	0	2.00	0	0	3.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2020	300	ES	296	165	99	39	4.25	32	33	3.65
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2020	99	ES	96	80	97	43	4.31	23	12	3.85
	Javelina Hunts Total				2701		2544	1777	94%	40%	3.87	408	350	3.41

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						Licenses	# Hunters	Percent	Estimated	Success	Estimated Harvest		Satisfaction	Days
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All Hunts	Statewide (excluding Unit 28 and WSMR) Youth Only	JAV-1-100	Any Legal	Jan.1 - Mar. 31, 2022	ES	150	128	85	90	40%	19	18	3.46	3.77
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-1-102	Any Legal	Feb. 1 - Mar. 1, 2022	ES	1000	890	89	536	42%	121	104	3.56	3.23
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-1-104	Any Legal	Jan. 16 - Mar. 31, 2022	ES	1001	828	83	803	34%	166	109	3.43	4.44
	Unit 28 McGregor Range - Military Only	JAV-1-105	Any Legal	Jan. 1-2, 2022	ES	5	4	80	3	0%	0	0	3.00	1.50
	Unit 28 McGregor Range	JAV-1-106	Any Legal	Jan. 1-2, 2022	ES	5	3	60	3	0%	0	0	2.00	2.00
	Units 19, 23-27	JAV-2-101	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2022	ES	300	280	93	163	32%	30	23	3.45	3.80
	Statewide (excluding Units 19, 23-28)	JAV-2-103	Bow	Jan. 1 - 31, 2022	ES	130	121	93	101	32%	27	5	3.46	4.38
	Javelina Hunts Total						2591	2254	87%	1699	37%	363	259	3.19

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

Meeting Date: June 3, 2022

Agenda Number: 15

Presenter: Stewart Liley

Corroborator: N/A

Agenda Title: Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes on the Javelina (19.31.21 NMAC) for the 2023 – 2026 hunting seasons.

1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department will present biological data and proposed amendments to the Javelina Rule (19.31.21 NMAC) based on public feedback, biological information, and management goals. We held 2 virtual public meetings and have also received comment on the Javelina Rule.

Proposed changes include:

- The Department is proposing to include a population management hunt option in the javelina rule. The Department includes these population management hunts in other hunting rules and uses it as a management tool to address management goals in certain areas. Hunters would be able to select a 5th choice “population management” option on their application and be included on a list to be called if hunts are developed.
- The Department proposes to expand the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) where javelina will be hunted. This includes the Double E, River Ranch, and Red Rock properties. These WMAs will be open for hunters that hold a valid license for that GMU.
- Hunter success rates for javelina have been increasing through time, but success on the statewide hunt has increased at a higher rate. The Department recommends increasing the bootheel licenses by 10% and increasing the statewide licenses by 20%.
- The Department recommends the following season dates to be implemented for both the bootheel and the statewide hunts:
 - o Archery: January 1-31 annually
 - o Any legal sporting arm: February 1-March 31 annually

The demand for javelina licenses is increasing based on applications received, so the Department recommends removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt.

2. Background Information

The javelina rule (19.31.21 NMAC) is re-evaluated every 4 years and changed based on public feedback, population indices, harvest data, and management goals. The Department held public meetings and has received public comment.

Javelina are concentrated in the southwestern part of the state. The Department strives to balance javelina hunting opportunity with population sustainability. Javelina appear to be expanding their range and are becoming more common in other areas outside of the far southwestern part of the state.

3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

The process as presented to the Commission meets the Conservation Services Program Objectives 1, 2 and 5 of the Department's Strategic Plan: FY 2019 – FY 2023

4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

The Department has held 2 virtual public meetings (118 people signed up, of those 59 attended). We have received 27 public comments to our javelina rule email account. Proposed changes to the Javelina rule have been posted on the Department's website.

6. Suggested Motion

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

"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."

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING

PART 21 JAVELINA

19.31.21.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico ~~d~~Department of ~~g~~Game and ~~f~~Fish.

[19.31.21.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.1 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.2 SCOPE: Sportspeople interested in javelina hunting and management. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17, NMSA 1978, and Chapters 30, 31, 32 and 33 of Title 19 NMAC.

[19.31.21.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.2 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Sections 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected mammals, birds, and fish.

[19.31.21.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.3 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.4 DURATION: April 1, ~~2023~~~~2019~~ through March 31, ~~2027~~~~2023~~.

[19.31.21.4 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.4 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, ~~2023~~~~2019~~, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[19.31.21.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.5 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.6 OBJECTIVE: Establishing open hunting seasons and regulations, rules, and procedures governing the distribution and issuance of javelina licenses by the department.

[19.31.21.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.6 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. “Department”** shall mean the New Mexico department of game and fish.
- B. “Director”** shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

C. “Either sex” or “ES” shall mean any one javelina animal of the species.

D. “Game management unit” or “GMU” shall mean those areas as described in 19.30.4 NMAC, Boundary Descriptions for Game Management Units.

E. “Web sale” shall refer to accessing the department’s internet address to initiate the process to purchase specific javelina hunting licenses as designated by the director annually.

EF. “Wildlife management areas” or “WMAs” shall mean those areas as described in 19.34.5 NMAC, Wildlife Management Areas.

[19.31.21.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.7 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.8 ADJUSTMENT OF LICENSES, AUTHORIZATIONS AND HARVEST LIMITS: The director, with the verbal concurrence of the chairperson of the New Mexico state game commission or their designee, may adjust the number of licenses for javelina up or down by no more than twenty percent of the total licenses available in the area or GMU to address significant changes in population levels or habitat availability. The director may consider requests from organizations or private landowners working with children suffering from terminal illness or disease to change season dates, weapon types or bag limits to provide for special hunting situations on a case by case basis. The director may change or cancel all hunts on military lands to accommodate closures on those lands; if changed, the season length and bag limit shall remain the same as assigned on the original hunt code.

[19.31.21.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.8 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.21.9 JAVELINA HUNTING SEASONS: Javelina hunts for the 2023-24 through 2026-27 2019-2020 through the 2022-2023 hunt seasons shall be as indicated below, listing the open GMUs or areas, eligibility requirements or restrictions, hunt dates, hunt codes, sporting arms, number of licenses, and bag limit. All WMAs shall remain closed to javelina hunting, except the prairie-chicken areas, Heart Bar, Double E, River Ranch, Red Rock (outside of the high-fence bighorn sheep enclosure only), and Socorro-Escondida WMAs are open to javelina hunting.

A. DrawEntry hunts:

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	180	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	330	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1-102	1100	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/30-12/31	12/28-12/29	12/27-12/28	12/26-12/27	JAV-1-105	5	ES

GMU 28 McGregor range	12/30- 12/31	12/28- 12/29	12/27- 12/28	12/26- 12/27	JAV-1-106	5	ES
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open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMU 28, youth only	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	1/1-3/31	JAV-1-100	150	ES
GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2-101	300	ES
	2/1-3/1	2/1-3/1	2/1-3/1	2/1-3/1	JAV-1-102	1000	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range, military only	12/28- 12/29	1/2-1/3	1/1-1/2	12/31/2022 -1/1/2023	JAV-1-105	5	ES
GMU 28 McGregor range	12/28- 12/29	1/2-1/3	1/1-1/2	12/31/2022 -1/1/2023	JAV-1-106	5	ES

B. Over-the-counter hunts: The hunt area shall be statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

open GMUs or areas	2023-2024 hunt dates	2024-2025 hunt dates	2025-2026 hunt dates	2026-2027 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2- 103	360	ES
	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	2/1-3/31	JAV-1- 104	1200	ES

open GMUs or areas	2019-2020 hunt dates	2020-2021 hunt dates	2021-2022 hunt dates	2022-2023 hunt dates	hunt code	licenses	bag limit
Statewide except GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	1/1-1/31	JAV-2- 103	300	ES
	1/16- 3/31	1/16-3/31	1/16-3/31	1/16-3/31	JAV-1- 104	1000	ES

C. Properly licensed youth deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-1-100 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt. Properly licensed deer or elk hunters that possess JAV-2-103 and JAV-1-104 may hunt javelina outside of the published javelina hunt dates but only during the same

dates and in the same area as their deer or elk hunt, except in GMUs 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. Hunters must use the same weapon type listed on their respective deer or elk license.

[19.31.21.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.21.9 NMAC, 4/1/]

19.31.12.10 POPULATION MANAGEMENT HUNTS:

A. The director or their designee may authorize population management hunts for javelina when justified in writing by department personnel.

B. The director or their designee shall designate the legal sporting arms, season dates, season lengths, bag limits, hunt boundaries, specific requirements or restrictions, and number of licenses to be issued.

C. In the event that an applicant is not able to hunt on the dates specified, the applicant's name shall be moved to the bottom of the list and another applicant may be contacted for the hunt.

D. In those instances where a population management hunt is warranted on deeded private lands, the landowner may suggest eligible hunters of their choice by submitting a list of prospective hunter's names to the department for licensing consideration. No more than one-half of the total number of licenses authorized shall be available to landowner identified hunters. The balance of prospective hunters shall be identified by the department.

[19.31.21.10 NMAC - N, NMAC, 4/1/]

From: [Tom Phillips](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Javelina Proposed Rule Changes
Date: Saturday, March 19, 2022 3:51:30 PM

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Please accept my comments as you proceed with updates to the Javelina Rules

I request that Javelina licenses continue to be available for hunting during deer and elk seasons. This opportunity adds to the quality of a hunting experience, especially in areas with lower deer success (as in many parts of Units 20 & 21). Prior to removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt, the department should present more detailed information regarding the numbers of javelina that are being harvested during those deer and elk hunts, as compared to during the regular Javelina hunt seasons. The department should explain their reasons for removing this opportunity, based on the last 3 years of data. The reasons presented during the Commission Meeting of March 4, 2022 do not fully justify this recommendation. For instance, how many Javelina licenses are sold for use by hunters in the northern part of the state? It is unlikely that the Department can parse out that data. But the argument made during the Commission Meeting was that if people buy the license (in case they might be able to see/shoot a Javelina in the more northern extensions of their range), there will be fewer licenses available to those hunting in the southern areas. The current price of \$65 probably limits that substantially anyway.

A few other comments I want to make, which may not be directly covered under the rule process, but should be addressed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1- <!--[endif]-->The price for Resident Javelina is too high, given prices for Resident licenses for other game animals. It is higher than the standard antlerless elk and antelope license, and substantially higher than all deer licenses). The Javelina price should either be reduced, or the hunting opportunities should be expanded (see my comments above about hunting Javelina during the elk or deer seasons).

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2- <!--[endif]-->The lack of any requirement for removal of consumable meat and/or head is a travesty. This makes the javelina equitable with varmints, and doesn't properly treat them as "game animals". I understand that this may be a legislative issue, but the department should pursue other means to help ensure that Javelina are harvested for worthy purposes and not left to rot in the field where they've been shot. I believe that ethical hunters do actually harvest the useable meat when they take a Javelina, but it paints a very bad image for us and the department that anti-hunters could easily use this lack of the requirement, to the detriment of all hunters.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Tom Phillips
Dona Ana County, NM

From: [Kuzmack, Michael S](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for Javelina hunting
Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:26:49 AM

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I have been Javelina hunting for many years and enjoy both the hunting and the consumption of a Javelina. I have several comments I would like to add for consideration to the new proposal(s) for Javelina hunting.

1. I would like to strongly recommend that all WMAs (current or future) in Javelina area be open to any legal weapon. In particular I would like the Red Rock WMA and the future EE and River Ranch WMAs be included on this list.
2. For these WMAs I would like the largest weapon type possible. If there is some reason that any legal weapon can't be used, I would like to allow for the highest weapon category to be considered including crossbow, muzzleloader, etc. (I know crossbow isn't a separate category, but I would like to allow for it if possible if muzzleloader or any legal weapon isn't allowed.) It is tricky enough finding public land where Javelina are located consistently.
3. I would like to increase the hunt duration for any legal weapon. This would allow the Javelina to potential "circle back" to public lands if they get bumped off by hunting pressure.
4. Since Javelina numbers don't seem to be affected by hunting, I encourage the allocation of additional tags as determined by NMDGF to allow for sustainable management.
5. I encourage removing the ability to hunt Javelina as an opportunity hunt during deer or any other season. Make Javelina hunting only for certain set aside season windows.

Mike Kuzmack
cell phone: 505-699-2014

From: [mossy horn](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed Javelina Rule
Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2022 11:47:11 AM

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Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Javelina rule changes.

I am opposed to proposed change #5:

The demand for javelina licenses appears to be increasing based on applications received, so the Department recommends removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt.

I disagree with removing the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt. It is a nice benefit to be able to hunt multiple species during a hunt. If Javelina numbers are not significantly impacted by hunting at the current level then why not continue to make this hunt available to deer and elk hunters.

If the final decision is to remove the ability to hunt javelina during a deer or elk hunt I would like to see youth hunters excluded from this change. Any additional hunting opportunities that you can provide to youth hunters should be acted on. I know that for my children they are as interested in hunting javelina during deer hunts that they drew as they are deer. Youth hunting javelina during a deer or elk season would have no measurable effects on the javelina population while achieving higher youth hunter satisfaction and interest.

Thank you for your consideration,

Craig Cathey

From: [Kevin Sanchez](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Proposed date changes
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 6:59:33 AM

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Good Morning... just a follow up to my previously submitted message... I mistakenly left out some important language. I meant to say "It is statistically proven that hunter success rates are substantially lower FOR ARCHERY HUNTERS than firearm hunters". Please accept my edits...and apology.

Thanks!

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From: **Kevin Sanchez** <vaquero4cristo@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 7:31 PM
Subject: Proposed date changes
To: <DGF-javelina-Rule@state.nm.us>

Good evening, I'd first like to thank you for allowing us to participate and submit suggestions for the proposed rule changes to our NM hunts. I'd like to submit a comment/ suggestion for consideration regarding the proposed date change to the javelina hunts. With the primary goal of maintaining a sustainable population of javelina while providing the most hunting opportunity, I feel very strongly that the proposed changes expressed during the public meeting should be re-assessed prior to implementation. My primary reason being that it is statistically proven that hunter success rates are substantially lower than firearm hunters; Simply stated, it's much harder to bag any game with a bow verses a firearm; which I know you already understand. I believe a more meaningful proposal would be to allow archery hunters 2 months to hunt from Jan 1 - Feb 28, and keep the firearms hunters to 1 month from March 1-31. This would maintain viable harvest rates across the board. Allowing firearms hunters 2 months to hunt would potentially double the number of animals harvested. I also feel the javelina population is strong enough to support an increase in the number of archery licenses, perhaps even open them to over-the-counter sales.

Again I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have. Thank You!

From: btallen67@gmail.com
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor
Date: Friday, April 8, 2022 10:13:58 AM

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I'm in favor of the new proposed javelina rule.

One thing I wish that was brought up is the license fee for Javelina. The fact that these little guys are more than deer and close to antelope is ridiculous. It really reinforces the argument a lot of people fee that the department is totally revenue driven... something to think about!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: tsfish@laplaza.org
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] javaloina
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:34:21 AM

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I think I have some ideas re the javs.

The tag is too expensive—I live where they do—below the Butte and mention it to people and they complain about the price of tag—more than a deer for a few pounds of meat

Then there is the “leave meat in the field: business. A wives tale that Makes the dept look really bad I think and it is just a dumb and unrespectable thing cause they are delicious and I am on the hunt for a young one now.

But they are hard to hunt and I just told a guy who wanted to come down here”well there are more then ever but u unlikely to see one, I just keep rifle in car and will run across one in a month or two”

This past year there is a big increase around here in their numbers

Taylor streit575 741 0202

From: [Joey Solis](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina changes
Date: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:04:05 PM

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Thanks,
Joey

From: [Kevin Patterson](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina chnages
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:06:25 AM

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I like hunting javelina with a bow and feel the season is long enough. I cannot speak for the rifle hunters in this regard.

As for expanding the range, I can support the idea. I would also suggest working with more landowners in the area to access the open gate program.

As for increasing the tags, I would like to know the reason for the increase. Are there people wanting to hunt limited entry units and cannot draw a tag. If this is the case then increase the tags. If it is because the consensus is there are too many javelina, then I might suggest allowing a hunter 2 javelina per season. Perhaps 1 OTC and 1 limited entry tag, 2 OTC tags, or even 2 limited entry tags if the area could support it. I feel this would help if this were the situation.

Kevin Paterson

Now take your quiver and bow, and go out into the open country and hunt wild game for me. - Genesis 27:3 NIV

From: [Chuck Harvell](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Hunting Rules Input
Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:45:16 AM

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New Mexico Department of Game and Fish:

Your email to me dated 2/09/22 stated in part, "For javelina, the Department is seeking input on possible increases in total licenses and season lengths, and expanding the areas javelina can be hunted to include some Wildlife Management Areas." Following is my input with regard to javelina hunting:

If your intention is to increase total javelina licenses, then I highly recommend that you significantly decrease the cost of javelina licenses. In my opinion the current fee of \$65 for a javelina license is highly excessive. What I am recommending here is a primary rule of economics:

The Mises Institute, Economics 101, 1. Demand and Supply, Consumer Goods, Prices and Exchange states in part, "The Law of Diminishing Marginal Utility states that as a person increases consumption of a product, while keeping consumption of other products constant, there is a decline in the marginal utility that a person derives from consuming each additional unit of that product. **The lower the price the more will be purchased. The higher the price the less will be purchased.**" [emphasis mine] <https://mises.org/library/1-demand-and-supply-consumer-goods-prices-and-exchange>

I expound: First of all, in my opinion very few New Mexico residents are interested in trophy hunting so they can hang a javelina head on their wall.

Secondly, in my opinion very few New Mexico residents who are meat hunters are interested in paying \$65 dollars for a chance to be rewarded with about 25 to 30 pounds of javelina meat that is so mediocre it does not even fall under your Wasted Game rules. I believe they would rather pay \$44 for a chance to bag about 40 to 50 pounds of fine venison, or pay \$60 for a chance to bag about 100 to 150 pounds of prime antlerless elk!

If the fee for javelina hunting was significantly reduced, I am confident that the purchase of javelina licenses would increase proportionally.

So I repeat the quote from The Mises Institute: **The lower the price the more will be purchased. The higher the price the less will be purchased.**"

Respectfully submitted,
Charles A Harvell

From: [GERARD AGUILAR](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina input
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:37:23 AM

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increase the tag limit to two Javelina for Bow Hunting
increase the number of units now that Javelina have populated up the middle Rio Grande valley

From: [Tyson Achen](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina license limit and depredation issues
Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:55:54 PM

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My name is Tyson Achen and I farm over 700 acres in the Mesilla Valley. I have lots of problems with the Javelina population not only eating my crop but also creating lots of extra expense by rooting in the ground and walking in recently irrigated ground. They are so numerous that I have seen herds of up to 20 running through a field that was freshly irrigated. When I harvest it is almost impossible for the machines to get the pecans out of their tracks.

I recently applied for a Javelina permit and could not get one because the license limit of 1,000 had already been met.

My main questions that i wish to be addressed are:

1. Since they are so numerous and destructive, Why have a license limit?
2. Why cant land owners receive free permits just like they do for Elk.?
3. Why can't private land owners get a depredation permit?

From: [Mary and Ken Hendricks](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] javelina rule changes
Date: Friday, March 4, 2022 5:03:53 PM

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[increasing tags and lengthening seasons is a good idea.](#)

From: dsheft82@pvtm.net
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rule
Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022 1:46:27 PM

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I would like to voice my full support for the Department's proposed changes to the javelina rule as updated on March 22, 2022.

Thank you,

David Heft
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Mayhill, NM 88339

From: [Brad Jones](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Rules
Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:02:46 PM

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I oppose the proposal to eliminate javelina hunts during elk and deer season. Rather than increase tag numbers by 20%, keep these seasons broader. Consider adding or including OTC opportunities to special draw hunt codes to be consistent with other OTC species like barbary. Why should someone with a draw tag not be allowed hunt a OTC unit?

Thank you,
Brad

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Pickering](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina rules
Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 8:40:07 AM

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Your rule changes look like good ideas. However, I suggest making Javelina subject to the same waste of game rules as our other big game animals. There is no reason to allow javelina to be shot and left to rot in the field. It is disrespectful to the animal and sends the wrong message to the non hunting public. I salvage every bit of my Javelina meat and there is nothing wrong with it. The bad reputation Javelina meat has is due to hunter ignorance as opposed to reality. If hunters knew how to take care of the meat , they would not be so quick to write it off as inedible. Mainly it has to do with immediately removing the scent gland located on top of the back and above the hips. This prevents a person from spreading the pungent secretion all over the meat and into the meat as they process the animal.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Kevin Angeles](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina Season - Recommended Changes
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:02:36 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

Here are my proposed changes to the Javelina hunting seasons in which I feel could have a positive impact on the management of the species, increased interest in hunting javelina, and those interested in hunting opportunities in New Mexico.

1. All archery seasons to be from January 1 - March 31.
2. Javelina archery tag for units 19, 23 - 27 to become statewide tag to include all units and WMAs within the state. Statewide tag that does not include 19, 23 - 27 to remain as is.
3. Line 2. above to be added to extended javelina season.
4. Hunters licensed for any javelina hunt to be given extended season to include hunts for all deer, elk, barbary, bighorn, pronghorn, turkey, and oryx.

Through my 30 plus years of hunting experience I have seen that through the years javelina have been expanding and live in many different landscapes from the rocks & mesquites to the juniper & pinions. I have been javelina hunting every year for some time now and in my experiences have found them to be very nomadic and random. Being licensed to hunt javelina during other hunts has helped me be able to teach my son and other hunters to do the same. This opportunity enhances the experience of any hunt. I strongly believe that hunting javelina has contributed to me becoming a better hunter and mentor. Although I am very serious about hunting javelina it is not a high stress hunt such as an archery elk tag. This allows hunters to spend more time afield giving them more exposure and helping them become more proficient in using their gear and honing their skills. Expanding the javelina hunt seasons is an opportunity to grow better hunters and the hunting community all while managing the species.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin Angeles
(915) 525-5155

From: [Scott Bustos](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Javelina
Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 7:01:20 PM

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I enjoy hunting Javelina. It is a slow time of the year and allows me to get out. And, the meat is descent.

My comments:

All WMAs in Javelina area should be open to any legal weapon. Specifically, the Red Rock WMA and the future EE and River Ranch WMAs. For me, Javelina are difficult to find, so opening up these areas would really help.

From: [Tyler Wright](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Muzzle loader proposal
Date: Friday, April 22, 2022 9:26:04 PM

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Against- I personally think regarding the elimination of scopes on muzzle loaders, that a fair stop gap would be a reduction of magnification to say 4x at most with no exposed turret systems. Combined with a reduction of over all tags for the mz seasons to bring harvest/success rates to a more sustainable level. I think an argument could be made that making muzzle loader less lethal is just as bad as too lethal!

From: [Kevin Sanchez](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed date changes
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 7:31:27 PM

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Good evening, I'd first like to thank you for allowing us to participate and submit suggestions for the proposed rule changes to our NM hunts. I'd like to submit a comment/ suggestion for consideration regarding the proposed date change to the javelina hunts. With the primary goal of maintaining a sustainable population of javelina while providing the most hunting opportunity, I feel very strongly that the proposed changes expressed during the public meeting should be re-assessed prior to implementation. My primary reason being that it is statistically proven that hunter success rates are substantially lower than firearm hunters; Simply stated, it's much harder to bag any game with a bow verses a firearm; which I know you already understand. I believe a more meaningful proposal would be to allow archery hunters 2 months to hunt from Jan 1 - Feb 28, and keep the firearms hunters to 1 month from March 1-31. This would maintain viable harvest rates across the board. Allowing firearms hunters 2 months to hunt would potentially double the number of animals harvested. I also feel the javelina population is strong enough to support an increase in the number of archery licenses, perhaps even open them to over-the-counter sales. Again I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have. Thank You!

From: [Brown, Mike- FS](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Javelina Rule
Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:01:11 AM

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Good morning,

I want to say that I think longer seasons and more tags for ANY WEAPON hunts are a big mistake. If you want to do that with the archery seasons , then I think that would be a great way to increase hunter participation without overly increasing the harvest. I'm sure your numbers indicate much lower success rates for archers. I fear overharvest if the ANY WEAPON hunt is expanded to the level you have proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.
-Michael Brown

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From: [corey sexton](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed rule change
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:50:52 AM

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Please consider letting private land javelina hunters purchase tags for private land only in the draw only units for javelina.

Thank You!

From: [Robert Barber](#)
To: [Bickford, Tristanna, DGE](#); [DGF-Pronghorn-Rule](#); [DGF-Bighorn-Rule](#); [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed Rule Changes
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 12:47:16 PM

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Please send me (email) copies of the proposed rule changes for Pronghorn, Bighorn and Javelina. Thank you

Robert Barber, KG5MHM
Lincoln County Land and Natural Resource Advisory Committee
C: 575-808-9814

From: [Travis](#)
To: [DGF-Pronghorn-Rule](#); [DGF-Bighorn-Rule](#); [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on changes
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 1:18:48 PM

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Hello,

I just received the email about proposals for Pronghorn, Bighorn and Javelina and wanted to give my comment.

For bighorn sheep, the Department is seeking input on several management considerations across the state including: opening the Jemez population to ram hunting; separating the Hatchets hunt to spread hunters across the mountain range; splitting the Ladron and Peloncillo hunts into two hunt periods to distribute hunters; and adding a third hunt window for rams in the Rio Grande Gorge.

I'm in favor of these sheep proposals. Anything that will give more tags and new places to hunt I'm in favor for Bighorns.

For javelina, the Department is seeking input on possible increases in total licenses and season lengths, and expanding the areas javelina can be hunted to include some Wildlife Management Areas.

I'm NOT in favor of giving more tags. Seems to me right now that tags are pretty easy to draw and there is a huge OTC area, so opportunity isn't a problem. I haven't seen any clear population evidence from the department to warrant more tags given, I'd like to see that. Javelina don't reproduce at high levels, so I think overharvest could be a problem. I don't know what WMA's are being considered to be open, but I'm in favor for more access anywhere we can.

Not listed in your Javelina proposals is making them part of the Waste of Games Laws. I know that has to go through the legislature, but I really think the Department should be pushing that. It's a moral travesty that hunters are allowed to shoot a Javelina, punch their tag and then just leave that Javelina laying there without taking any part of the animal out of the field. It's not like Javelina are a predator species that need to be controlled. Again, I know this is legislative but I feel more could be done here. The MeatEater guy even had a facebook post about this, so it's not like it's an unknown issue.

For pronghorn, the Department is seeking input on moving hunt dates later in the season based on public feedback that the current season (August, annually) is quite hot and not ideal for hunting pronghorn. The Department also anticipates proposing small adjustments to license numbers.

Yes! I'm definitely in favor of this. August is just a rough time to hunt because of the heat. I'm sure there are lots of Pronghorn meat spoiling on these hunts and also capes are just not as pretty. Also makes it tough to do long stalks or hikes in the heat. I would like to see the seasons in mid to late September or very early October. Would be nice if they are before the Muzzleloader or Rifle elk hunts, just incase you drew both and there was a conflict in having available time to hunt both animals. I know the elk and deer bow hunts are in September, but usually those seasons are pretty long. So if you got lucky and drew a Pronghorn and a Bow elk tag, you should be able to squeeze that Pronghorn hunt in. Lastly, I know Game Warden availability is also a consideration. I would think between the end of Bow season to the beginning of Muzzy Elk season would be a good time for that.

Thanks so much for taking my comments! Look forward to hearing presentations on these.

Travis

From: [Travis](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] public comment
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022 8:54:01 AM

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Hello,

I wanted to comment on the proposed Javelina changes.

I would like to keep with the current rule of allowing Javelina to be harvested during your Deer & Elk season. That combination type hunt is really cool and enjoyable. In fact, I would like to see the OTC areas put back into the draw to decrease "non serious" Javelina hunter demand and then expand the ability to hunt Javelina during your Deer & Elk tag to all Javelina hunts, including the bootheel draw.

Thanks,
Travis

From: [wxCrazyxw 96](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revision of cost
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:58:28 AM

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I think the cost of the tags should be reviewed and adjusted down especially if the number of tags is increased. Personally unless there's a reason that I'm not aware of I don't think it should be more expensive to put in for a javelina whose meat your not even required to take out of th field than it is for a Pronghorn

From: [Tom Mattusch](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Increasing Licenses and Season Length
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:35:07 AM

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I am an out of state hunter, hunting in New Mexico for the first time this year. I support increasing the total number of Javelina licenses available and I also support increasing the season length and expanding the areas where Javelina can be hunted to include some wildlife management areas.

Thank you

Tom Mattusch
El Granada, CA
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kyle Lipke](#)
To: [DGF-Javelina-Rule](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Today's Commission Meeting Thoughts
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:23:17 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As long as the javelina herd numbers can healthily support increased licenses each year, I am in favor.

I also think that it would be great to increase season lengths for javelina as they can often be hard to find but it doesn't seem like timing of the year would matter too much as far as hunting them.

I think adding javelina hunting into certain WMA's is a good idea as well.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Kyle Lipke