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STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission ("Commission") will be hosting a rule hearing on Friday, August 25, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Raton City Hall Commission Chambers located at 224 Savage Avenue, Raton, NM 87740. For instructions on how to attend this meeting either in person or virtually, visit the Department's website at http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/commission/webcast/. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on proposed changes for the Fisheries Rule.

Synopsis for the Fisheries Rule

The proposal is to amend the Fisheries Rule, 19.31.4 NMAC, which will include changes from the existing rule and will become effective September 12, 2023.

The proposed amendment to the Fisheries Rule will add the first Sunday of June and last Sunday of September as Free Fishing Days, per changes to 17-3-17 NMSA 1978 during the 2023 legislative session.

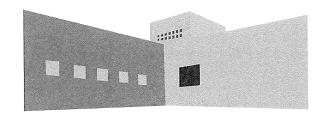
A full text of changes is available on the Department's website at: www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Fisheries Rule at: <u>DGF-FisheriesRule@state.nm.us</u>; or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2023. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a rule hearing on August 25, 2023. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing.

Full copies of the text of the proposed new rule, 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 https://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.

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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.



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Exhibit 2

This is an amendment to 19.31.10 NMAC, Section 16, effective 9/12/2023.

19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING [DAYS] WEEKENDS: The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing [days] weekends whereby anglers may fish public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation [, but] without [benefit of] a fishing license, stamps or [habitat improvement stamp] paying any license fees. Anglers must abide by all other fishing laws including but not limited to bag limits, tackle restrictions, age restrictions and hours during each free fishing weekend.

[19.31.4.16 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022; A, 9/12/2023]

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING

PART 4 FISHERIES

19.31.4.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

[19.31.4.1 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.2 SCOPE: Sportfishing. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 30 through 34 of Title 19 NMAC.

[19.31.4.2 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

- **19.31.4.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26, and 17-2-1 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 species. [19.31.4.3 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]
- **19.31.4.4 DURATION:** April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2026. [19.31.4.4 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]
- **19.31.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 2022, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section. [19.31.4.5 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]
- **19.31.4.6 OBJECTIVE:** Establishing open seasons, bag limits, and other rules pertaining to management and harvest of the fisheries resources of New Mexico. [19.31.4.6 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]
- **19.31.4.7 DEFINITIONS:** Specific terms as used in this regulation are defined.
- **A.** "**Angling**" shall mean taking or attempting to take fish by hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended. "Fishing" shall be synonymous to "angling".
- **B.** "Bait fish" is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.
- **C.** "Barbless lure or fly" shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials tied onto a hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.
 - D. Boundary descriptions
 - (1) "U.S.", as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean United States highway.
 - (2) "N.M.", as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean New Mexico state road.
 - (3) "I", as used in boundary descriptions herein, shall mean interstate highway.
- **E.** "**Chum**" as used herein, is organic material that is not injurious to aquatic life and is used to attract fish.
- **F.** "Daily bag limit" shall mean the number of fish that can be legally harvested within a calendar day.
 - **G.** "Daylight hours" shall mean from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- **H.** "Snagging" as used herein, is the intentional taking of fish with hooks, gang hooks, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.

 [19.31.4.7 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.8 [RESERVED]

[19.31.4.8 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.9 SEASON DATES:

- **A. General seasons:** All waters in New Mexico shall be open for the taking of game fish from April 1 through March 31 of the effective years, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Special waters
- (a) The following waters shall be open between 12 noon March 1 through 12 noon October 31: upper and lower Charette lakes, Maxwell lakes 13 and 14, and Clayton lake.
- **(b)** All waters in the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract of the Carson national forest) shall be open from July 1 through December 31.
- (c) Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery shall be open from May 1 through October 31.
 - (d) Red River city ponds shall be open from March 1 through November 15.
- (e) Black Canyon creek from the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters and Mogollon creek in Grant and Catron counties upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon shall be open from July 1 through October 31.
- (f) All waters on the Valles Caldera national preserve shall be open from May 1 to October 15.
- Waters on national wildlife refuges waters on U.S. national wildlife refuges shall be open for the taking of game fish in accordance with regulations of the U.S. fish and wildlife service; provided that season dates shall be from April 1 through March 31, on those national refuges for which the fish and wildlife service has not regulated season dates.

B. Special Kokanee salmon seasons, dates, and location:

- (1) The following waters shall be open October 1 through December 31 for the special Kokanee salmon season: Chama river from El Vado lake upstream to the west boundary of the Rio Chama wildlife and fishing area, Eagle Nest lake, El Vado lake, and Navajo lake including the Pine river except as otherwise specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.31.4.9 NMAC.
- (2) Heron lake shall be open for the special Kokanee salmon season from November 11 through December 31.
- (3) Heron lake, including the Willow creek tributary shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing between October 1 and November 10. The buoyed "no wake" areas, as posted by New Mexico State Parks, at the Pine boat ramp and Sims mesa boat ramp at Navajo lake, including the shoreline within the "no wake" areas, shall be closed to Kokanee salmon fishing October 1 through December 31. It shall be unlawful to fish for, snag, or possess Kokanee salmon in these areas during the closure period.

 [19.31.4.9 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]
- **19.31.4.10 HOURS OF FISHING:** Day and night fishing for all species of game fish shall be permitted in all waters during the open season, except it shall be unlawful to fish in any water outside of hours and dates posted by any local, state, or federal agency.

 [19.31.4.10 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.11 DAILY BAG, POSSESSION LIMITS AND REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS:

A. Trout:

- (1) Waters with reduced bag limit: No person shall fish waters regulated for reduced limits while having in excess of that limit in possession.
 - (2) Brown, rainbow, cutthroat, Gila, lake, brook trout and Kokanee salmon:
- (a) The daily bag limit shall be five trout and no more than 10 trout shall be in possession, unless otherwise specified in Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
- (b) The daily bag limit for cutthroat trout shall be two trout and no more than two cutthroat trout may in possession. Cutthroat trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.
- (c) The daily bag limit for lake trout shall be two trout and no more than four lake trout shall be in possession. Lake trout are included in the bag and possession limits for trout explained in Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

- (3) Special Kokanee salmon season: During the special Kokanee salmon season, the daily bag limit shall be 12 Kokanee salmon in addition to the daily bag limit for trout, and no more than 24 Kokanee salmon may be possessed in addition to the possession limit for trout. It shall be unlawful to possess Kokanee salmon at Heron lake during the closed Kokanee salmon season.
 - (4) On certain waters the following exceptions shall apply:
- (a) Special trout waters waters, hereafter referred to as "Special Trout Waters", the following exceptions shall apply:
 - (i) No fish may be kept or held in possession while fishing in the portions

of the following waters:

| Water name | Portion | County | Exception |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Tingley beach | Within the Albuquerque conservancy park | Bernalillo | |
| south pond | puni | | |
| Mogollon creek | Upstream from waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon | Catron and Grant | |
| Cimarron river | From the lower end of Tolby campground downstream approximately 1.4 miles to the first bridge of N.M. 64 | Colfax | |
| Leandro creek | Within the Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract- Carson national forest | Colfax | bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited |
| Any stream on the Valle Vidal | Vermejo tract-Carson national forest | Colfax and Taos | |
| Black canyon | From the forest road 150 (North Star Mesa road) crossing upstream to its headwaters | Grant | bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited |
| Pecos river | In the Pecos wilderness, above Pecos falls | Mora | |
| Rio Valdez | In the Pecos wilderness from the waterfall barrier 0.8 miles below FS trail 239 upstream to its headwaters | Mora | |
| Rito del Padre | From fish migration barrier located about 0.3 miles upstream of the confluence with the Rito Sebadilloses upstream to its headwaters including Rito de los Chimayosos | Mora | bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited |
| West fork Luna creek | From the Carson national forest property boundary upstream to its headwaters | Mora | bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited |
| Jack's creek | From the water falls located 0.25 mile downstream of NM highway 63 crossing upstream to its headwaters | Mora and San Miguel | |
| Canada Tio Grande | Within the Carson national forest excluding private land | Rio Arriba | bag and possession limits for rainbow trout, brown trout, and brook trout are unlimited |
| Nabor creek and Nabor lake | Within the Edward Sargent wildlife area | Rio Arriba | |
| Rio Chama | From the United States geological survey gaging station located 1.3 miles downstream of El Vado lake dam downstream approximately 3 miles to its confluence with the Rio Nutrias | Rio Arriba | |

| Rio de Las Vacas | From fish migration barrier located about | Rio Arriba | bag and possession limits for |
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| | 0.2 miles upstream of FS road 70 crossing | | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | to its headwaters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Tanques creek | From FS road 93 crossing upstream to its | Rio Arriba | bag and possession limits for |
| | headwaters | | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Rio Cebolla | From the Seven Springs day use area | Rio Arriba | bag and possession limits for |
| | upstream to the headwaters including | and Sandoval | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | McKinney pond | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Rio Santa Barbara | From the west fork and middle fork | Rio Arriba | bag and possession limits for |
| | confluence upstream to its headwaters | and Taos | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | including the east fork | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| San Juan river | From Navajo dam downstream | San Juan | |
| | approximately 3.75 miles to the Crusher | | |
| | Hole day use are (east side of section 16) | | |
| Capulin creek | From its confluence with the Rio Grande | Sandoval | |
| 1 | to its headwaters | | |
| Rio las Animas | Within the Gila national forest, Black | Sierra | |
| | range ranger district excluding private land | | |
| Cabresto creek | From Cabresto canyon upstream to its | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| | headwaters not including lake fork and | | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | Cabresto lake | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Columbine creek | From its confluence with the Red river | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| | upstream to its headwaters | 1405 | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | appercum to its nead waters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Frijoles creek | From its confluence with Rito de la Olla | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| | upstream to its headwaters | | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | appercum to its nead waters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Gavilan creek | From its confluence with the Rio Hondo | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| | upstream to its headwaters | 1405 | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | appercant to the near waters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Italianos creek | From its confluence with the Rio Hondo | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| Tununos creek | upstream its headwaters | 1405 | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | apstroum its nounwaters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Palociento creek | From its confluence with Rito de la Olla | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
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| | upstream to its neadwaters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Rio Costilla | From its confluence with Latir creek | Taos | and brook trout are unminited |
| Kio Costilia | upstream approximately 2.4 miles to the | 1 405 | |
| | Valle Vidal tract of the Carson national | | |
| | forest | | |
| South fork Rio | From its confluence with the Rio Hondo | Taos | bag and possession limits for |
| Hondo | | 1 405 | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| Holiuo | upstream to its headwaters | | and brook trout are unlimited |
| Yerba creek | From the its confluence with the Rio | Taos | |
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| | Hondo upstream to its headwaters | | rainbow trout, brown trout, |
| | | L | and brook trout are unlimited |

(ii) The daily bag limit shall be two trout and no more than two trout shall be in possession while fishing in the portions of the following waters. Anglers must stop fishing in those waters when the daily bag limit is reached.

| Water name Portion County Exception | Exception | | Portion | Water name |
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- **(b)** In Sandoval county; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery, the daily bag limit shall be five cutthroat trout and no more than 10 cutthroat may be in possession.
- (c) On the following waters the daily bag limit shall be three trout and no more than three trout shall be in possession; In Rio Arriba county: Laguna del Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery.
- **B.** Warm-water fishes: The daily bag limit for game fish other than trout shall be as listed below and the possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.
 - (1) striped bass one fish;
 - (2) largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass five fish;
 - (3) walleye five fish;
 - (4) crappie 20 fish;
 - (5) white bass and white bass x striped bass hybrid 25 fish;
 - (6) northern pike 10 fish;
 - (7) catfish (all species, except bullheads) 15 fish;
 - (8) yellow perch 30 fish;
 - (9) tiger muskie (*Esox lucius x E. masquinongy*) one fish
 - (10) all other warm-water game species 20 fish.

C. The following exception shall apply:

- (1) At Alto lake (Lincoln county); Alumni pond (Dona Ana county); Bataan lake (Eddy county); Blue Hole park pond (Guadalupe county); Bosque Redondo (De Baca county); Burn lake (Dona Ana county); Carrizozo lake (Lincoln county); Chaparral lake (Lea county); Conoco lake (Lea county); Conservancy park/Tingley beach (Bernalillo county); Corona lake (Lincoln county); Dennis Chavez pond (Curry county); Escondida lake (Socorro county); Estancia Park lake (Torrance county); Eunice lake (Lea county); Grants city pond (Cibola county); Green Meadow lake (Lea county); Greene Acres lake (Curry county); Harris Pond (San Miguel county); Jal lake (Lea county); lake Van (Chaves county); Liam Knight pond (Sandoval county); McGaffey lake (McKinley county); Ned Houk lakes (Curry county); Oasis state park (Roosevelt county); Pecos River within the Villanueva state park (San Miguel county); Perch lake (Guadalupe county); Rancho Grande ponds (Catron county); Roswell kids pond (Chavez county); Timberon ponds (Otero county); Trees lake (Luna county); and Young pond (Dona Ana county): the daily bag limit for channel catfish will be two fish and the possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.
- (2) In San Juan county, in the San Juan and Animas rivers, not including Navajo lake, there is no daily bag limit or possession limit for channel catfish and striped bass.
- (3) In Colfax county, Eagle Nest lake there is no bag or possession limit for northern pike. All northern pike caught at Eagle Nest lake must be kept in possession. No northern pike shall be intentionally returned to Eagle Nest lake.
- (4) In Union county: Clayton Lake; In Grant county: Bill Evans lake; In Grant county: lake Roberts the daily bag limit for largemouth bass shall be two fish and no more than two shall be in possession. [19.31.4.11 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.12 SIZE LIMITS:

A. Black basses

- (1) Any largemouth or spotted bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.
- (2) Any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 12 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water with the following exceptions:
- (a) In San Miguel and Quay counties: Ute and Conchas reservoirs, any smallmouth bass taken which is less than 14 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water.
- (b) In Rio Arriba and Taos counties: Rio Grande, there shall be no size limit on smallmouth bass.
- **B.** Tiger muskie (Esox lucius x E. masquinongy): Any tiger muskie taken which is less than 40 inches long shall be immediately returned to the water. [19.31.4.12 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.13 GILA TROUT PERMIT REQUIRED: Every person angling for fish on those sections of the following waters must be in possession of a Gila trout permit, issued in their name by the department or its designee. In Grant county: Black canyon upstream of its confluence with the East fork Gila River and Sapillo creek; In Catron county: West fork Gila river, Whitewater creek from Catwalk National Recreation Trail parking area upstream to headwaters including all tributaries, Mineral creek including all tributaries, and waters upstream from the confluence of Gilita creek and Snow creek including Gilita, Willow and Little Turkey creeks; In Grant and Catron counties: the area from the Middle fork Gila river and West fork Gila river confluence downstream to the East fork Gila river confluence and Mogollon creek upstream from the waterfall barrier near intersection of FS trail 153 to confluence of Trail canyon. A photocopy, duplicate copy or computer printout of this permit will suffice as evidence of receiving such permit.

[19.31.4.13 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.14 WATERS WITH AGE OR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES USE RESTRICTIONS:

- **A.** Only persons 11 years of age and younger may fish in the following waters: Harris Pond; brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery; Shuree kids' pond on Valle Vidal (Vermejo tract-Carson national forest); Spring river park pond in Roswell; Conservancy park/Tingley beach kids' pond; hatchery settling ponds located at the Rock Lake state fish hatchery; and Alto Kids' Pond.
- **B.** Only persons 11 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, and individuals with disabilities may fish in the following waters: Blue Hole park pond; posted small pond at Cowles; Harry McAdams park ponds; Red River city middle kids' pond; and Red River hatchery pond located at the Red River state fish hatchery.
- **C. Laguna del Campo:** Only persons 14 years of age and younger, those 65 years and older, individuals with disabilities, or up to two parents/guardians in direct supervision of a child or children 14 years of age and under who are fishing, may fish in Laguna del Campo located near Los Ojos trout hatchery. [19.31.4.14 NMAC N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.15 CLOSED WATERS:

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A. Waters closed to fishing:

- (1) In Catron county: Big Dry creek from Golden link cabin upstream through its
- (2) In Catron county: Little creek from the "barrier" upstream through all tributaries.
- (3) In Catron county: Spruce creek.
- (4) In Catron and Sierra counties: Main Diamond creek above the point of confluence with south Diamond creek.
 - (5) In Catron and Sierra counties: South Diamond creek drainage.
 - (6) In Colfax county: a posted area lying within 300 feet of Eagle Nest dam, which is closed
- (7) In Colfax county: a posted area of Stubblefield and Laguna Madre lakes lying within 150 feet of the outlet structures.
- (8) In Grant county: east fork of Mogollon creek upstream of Trail canyon including Woodrow canyon.
 - (9) In Grant county: Sheep Corral creek.
 - (10) In Lincoln county: posted areas of Alto reservoir and Bonito lake near the outlets.
- (11) In Catron county: All tributaries of the West fork of the Gila river above waterfalls between FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near White creek cabin and FS Trail No. 151 crossing of the West fork of the Gila river near Liley canyon. Mainstem of the West fork of the Gila river will be open to fishing.
- (12) In Catron county: Iron creek in the Gila wilderness upstream of the constructed waterfall barrier located in T12SR17WSec16NE.
- **B.** Taking fish from hatchery waters: It is unlawful to take or attempt to take fish from the waters of any fish hatchery or rearing ponds owned and operated by state or federal agencies. During open season, however, angling for trout shall be permitted in the Glenwood pond at the Glenwood state fish hatchery, Red River hatchery pond at the Red River state fish hatchery, Brood pond at Seven Springs state fish hatchery, and Laguna del

Campo at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, and settling ponds at Rock Lake state fish hatchery. Additionally, the director may expressly authorize other limited fishing at the state's fish hatcheries based on management needs.

C. Taking fish from or through the ice: Fish may be taken from or through the ice except it is unlawful to take fish from or through the ice on the following waters: Santa Cruz lake, Monastery lake, Bonito lake, and Springer lake.

[19.31.4.15 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022]

19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING WEEKENDS: The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing weekends whereby anglers may fish public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation without a fishing license, stamps or paying any license fees. Anglers must abide by all other fishing laws including by not limited to bag limits, tackle restrictions, age restrictions and hours during each free fishing weekend.

[19.31.4.16 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022; A, 9/12/2023]

HISTORY OF 19.31.4 NMAC:

The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the State Records Center & Archives under: Regulation No. 488, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of The Fisheries Resources of New Mexico 1968-1969 License Year, April 1, 1968 Through March 31, 1969, filed 12/15/1967; Regulation No. 500, Concerning Method & Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing & Transporting of Game Animals, Birds, Fish Or Bullfrogs, Or Parts Thereof, Taken In NM, filed 5/25/1967; Regulation No. 525, Concerning the Method And Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing And Transporting of Game Animals, Game Birds, Game Fish Or Bullfrogs, Or Parts Thereof, Taken In New Mexico, filed 8/21/1968; Regulation No. 499, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico 1969-1970 License Year, April 1, 1969 Through March 31, 1970, filed 12/10/1968; Regulation No. 509, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico 1970-1971 License Year, April 1, 1970 Through March 31, 1971, filed 12/8/1969; Regulation No. 518, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico 1971-1972 License Year, April 1, 1971 Through March 31, 1972, filed 1/14/1971; Regulation No. 530, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico, 1972-1973 License Year, April 1, 1972 Through March 31, 1973, filed 1/11/1972; Regulation No. 535, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1972 Through March 31, 1973, filed 5/31/1972; Regulation No. 550, Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting And Fishing, And Use of Department Lands, Filed 5/31/1972; Regulation No. 543, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1973 Through March 31, 1974, filed 12/11/1972; Regulation 552, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of Mexico For the Period April 1, 1974 Through March 31, 1975, filed 1/11/1974; Regulation No. 562, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1975 Through March 31, 1976, filed 1/3/1975; Regulation No. 571, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1976 Through March 31, 1977, filed 2/10/1976; Regulation No. 579, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1977, Through March 31, 1978, filed 9/21/1976; Regulation No. 581, Establishing Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of Commercial Fish Resources of New Mexico, filed 12/20/1976; Regulation No. 586, Establishing Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of Commercial Fish Resources of New Mexico, filed 5/24/1977; Regulation No. 589, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1978, Through March 31, 1979, filed 10/5/1977; Regulation No. 595, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1979, Through March 31, 1980, filed 10/3/1978; Regulation No.

602, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1980, Through March 31, 1981, filed 11/21/1979; Regulation No. 607, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1981, Through March 31, 1983, filed 10/22/1980; Regulation No. 612, Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Retention of Protected Species, Permits and Licenses Issued, and the Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement, filed 3/2/1982; Regulation No. 619. Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period April 1, 1983, Through March 31, 1985, filed 12/8/1982; Regulation No. 632, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1985, Through March 31, 1987, filed 11/28/1984; Regulation No. 647, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1987, Through March 31, 1989, filed 1/5/1987; Regulation No. 662, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1989, Through March 31, 1991, filed 12/19/1988; Regulation No. 677, Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Possession of Game, Permits and Licenses Issued, Retention and Importation of Protected Species, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Hunter Training Course Required, Hunting License Revocation, filed 6/25/1990; Regulation No. 681, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1991, Through March 31, 1993, filed 1/11/1991; Regulation No. 694, Establishing Open Seasons, Bag Limits, And Other Rules Pertaining To Management And Harvest of the Fisheries Resources of New Mexico For the Period of April 1, 1993, Through March 31, 1995, filed 3/11/1993

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History of Repealed Material: [RESERVED]

AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING; INCREASING THE TIME FOR FREE FISHING
DAYS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE GAME COMMISSION FROM SATURDAYS
TO WEEKENDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 17-3-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1964 (1st S.S.), Chapter 17, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-3-17. FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE--EXCEPTIONS.--

A. It is a misdemeanor for any person, except children who have not reached their twelfth birthday, to take or attempt to take any game fish from any public stream or water in this state without carrying a proper fishing license as provided by law. The presence of any person, except children who have not reached their twelfth birthday, along any public stream or water in this state with fishing rod, hook or line, without carrying a proper fishing license, is prima facie evidence of the violation of this section. The director of the department of game and fish or any conservation officer may require any person along any public stream or water in this state with fishing rod, hook or line to exhibit the person's license.

B. The director, with the approval of the state game commission, may designate no more than two

nonconsecutive two-day weekends in each year as free fishing days. During the free fishing days, residents and nonresidents may exercise the privileges of holders of proper fishing licenses without having proper fishing licenses and without payment of any license fees, subject to all limitations, restrictions, conditions, laws, rules and regulations applicable to holders of proper fishing licenses.

C. The director may designate, by special permit,

C. The director may designate, by special permit, fishing events during which the requirement for a fishing license or permit pursuant to Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 is waived exclusively for designated event participants. During the special permitted events, residents and nonresidents may exercise only the privileges as allowed by the director. The director's special permit shall substitute for the requirement of any license or permit pursuant to Chapter 17 NMSA 1978, and no payment of any license fee is required. The director's special permit shall be for a period of no longer than three days, and all other laws and rules shall apply."

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Exhibit 4

Proposed Changes to the Fisheries Rule 19.31.4.16 NMAC Establishing Free Fishing Days

The Department proposes amendments to the Fisheries Rule 19.31.4 NMAC regarding free fishing days. Subsection B of 17-3-17 NMSA (1978) currently empowers the Director to designate, with Game Commission approval, two non-consecutive free fishing days for resident and non-resident anglers. Game Commission rule (19.31.4.16 NMAC) identifies the first Saturday in June and the last Saturday in September as free fishing days. HB 197 was passed during the 2023 legislative session and expanded the number of free fishing days from two non-consecutive free fishing days to two nonconsecutive two-day weekends. Proposed changes will amend 19.31.4.16 NMAC to designate free fishing weekends, in accordance with HB197, on the first weekend in June and the last weekend in September.

Please send comments on the proposal to DGF-FisheriesRule@state.nm.us.

Exhibit 5

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] free fish days

Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00:58 PM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] free fish days

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Thnaks for the oppurinity to comment but what is there to comment on---free fishing days? How bout the dept upping its game on getting more responsive to natural disasters to the fisheries: like the huge toll that the floods landing on the Black fire took to the fishery of Caballo Lake. I have been checking anglers takes and for the few that are still hard at it—I have heard of 1 croppie and a couple whites. There are no largemouth in the lake now

What there is is SOME big walleye and numerous big blue cat
There are a couple of reports of wipers caught
How bout dealing with that?
(I live on the lake and was in the fishing business in NM for 50 years)
Taylor streit

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Kirk Patten Raton, NM August 25, 2023

Rule Making Hearing -Fisheries Rule 19.31.4.16 NMAC (Free Fishing Days)



- HB 197 Two Free Fishing Weekends
- Amend 19.31.4.16 NMAC
 - First consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June
 - Last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September
- One public comment received
- Effective for Free Fishing
 Weekend September 2023





Exhibit 7

| Attende | e Report 8.25.23 Commission Meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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- Reasons for adopting rule, including any findings otherwise required by law of the agency, and a summary of any independent analysis done by the agency;
- Reasons for any change between the published proposed rule and the final rule; and
- Reasons for not accepting substantive arguments made through public comment.

| HB 197 passed by the New Mexico Legislature and signed by Governor Michelle Lu April 5, 2023, granted the Director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fis designate two non-consecutive two-day weekends as free fishing days. The rule at the first Sunday in June and last Sunday in September as free fishing days. | h authority to |
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This is an amendment to 19.31.10 NMAC, Section 16, effective 9/12/2023.

19.31.4.16 ESTABLISHING FREE FISHING [DAYS] WEEKENDS: The first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June and the last consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September during the effective dates of this regulation, are established as free fishing [days] weekends whereby anglers may fish public waters in New Mexico as otherwise provided by regulation [, but] without [benefit of] a fishing license, stamps or [habitat-improvement stamp] paying any license fees. Anglers must abide by all other fishing laws including but not limited to bag limits, tackle restrictions, age restrictions and hours during each free fishing weekend.

[19.31.4.16 NMAC - N, 4/1/2022; A, 9/12/2023]