

## **Proposed Changes Summary to the Hunting and Fishing Licenses Application Rule 19.31.3 NMAC**

The proposal is to amend the Hunting and Fishing Licenses Application Rule 19.31.3 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2024. The New Mexico Legislature passed an amendment to 32A-3A-12 during the 2023 Legislative Session. The new law creates a free fishing license for foster parents and children in the custody of foster parents, young adults enrolled in the fostering connections program and children who are in the custody of the children, youth and family department or in tribal custody. The new law further establishes that eligibility shall be contingent on demonstration of proof of identity, residency and status as a foster parent, child in the custody of a foster parent, young adult enrolled in the fostering connections program or child in the custody of the children, youth and families department or in tribal custody in accordance with rules of the state game commission. The Commission is therefore required by law to amend 19.31.3 NMAC in order to establish the documentation required to demonstrate eligibility for the new free license.

Please send comments on the proposal to [special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov](mailto:special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov).