

STATE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Wildlife Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearing on Friday November 13, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Red River Convention Center, 101 West River St, Red River, NM 87558. Please check the Department’s website for any updates at <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/commission/meeting-agendas/>. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the proposed changes to the Manner and Method Rule.

Synopsis:

Manner and Method Rule

The proposal is to amend the Manner and Method Rule 19.31.10 NMAC to conform with changes made in other NMAC rules or to codify changes that were agreed upon during those rule development processes. The Manner and Method Rule will become effective April 1, 2027. This rule does not expire. Proposed changes include:

- 1) Changes to license purchase requirements regarding when licenses must be purchased.
- 2) Changes to the definition of “sporting arm types” to reflect changes in denotations in the hunt codes to conform to the new hunt code format.
- 3) Changes to the definition of “protected species” to reflect changes in statutory authority.
- 4) Changes to the definition of “written permission” to reflect changes to private land licenses and ranch registration.

A full text of changes for all rules will be available on the Department’s website at: <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/>. Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes for the Manner and Method Rule to DGF-Manner-and-Method-Rule@dgf.nm.gov. Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 1:00 p.m. on November 11, 2026. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on November 13, 2026. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on November 13, 2026.

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 <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/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 <https://wildlife.dgf.nm.gov/> 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 Wildlife Commission 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.