

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a meeting and rule hearing on Friday March 20, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, 7816 Alamo Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and consider action as appropriate on the presentation of proposed changes to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule 19.30.9.

Synopsis

The proposal is to amend the Game and Fish License/Permits Rule 19.30.9 NMAC which will become effective April 1, 2026.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENCES APPLICATION RULE

The New Mexico Legislature passed Senate Bill 5 during the 2025 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 5 provides that a license collector may collect and retain a vendor fee for each license or permit issued; provided that the fee shall be just and reasonable; as determined by regulation of the State Wildlife Commission. The Department conducted a survey of all vendors in New Mexico and the majority of vendors preferred an increase in the vendor fee as well as an additional fee for the issuance of a carcass tag. The Department will present proposed changes to the Game and Fish License/Permits Rule 19.30.9 NMAC to increase the vendor fee from \$1.00 per transaction to \$2.00 per transaction and \$1.00 per carcass tag issued.

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 for the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule to: special.hunts@dgf.nm.gov.

Individuals may also submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 1:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a public meeting on January 9, 2026. Interested persons may also provide data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, at the public rule hearings to be held on March 20, 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 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.