

**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 Section 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](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed changes to the Fisheries Rule at: DGF-FisheriesRule@state.nm.us; 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](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) for updated information.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs 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, Sections 17-1-14, et seq. NMSA 1978; Commission’s Power to establish rules and regulations Sections 17-1-26, et seq. NMSA 1978.