

STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING AND RULE MAKING NOTICE

The New Mexico State Game Commission (“Commission”) will be hosting a rule hearing on Friday, March 8, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Northwest Area Office, 7816 Alamo Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. For instructions on how to attend this meeting, either in-person or virtually, visit the Department’s website at <https://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 Hunter Education Rule.

Synopsis for the Hunter Education Rule

The proposal is to update the Hunter Education Rule, 19.36.3 NMAC, which will include changes to the existing rule and will become effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2028.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HUNTER EDUCATION RULE

The proposed changes to the Hunter Education Rule will restrict the acceptance of out-of-state Hunter Education certifications to ages 9 and above, due to some states having no minimum age restrictions on their online Hunter Education certifications. The proposed changes will be added to the existing Hunter Education Rule and will become effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2028.

A full text version 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 Hunter Education Rule at: DGF-HunterEducation-Rule@state.nm.us; or individuals may submit written comments to the physical address below. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2024. The final proposed rules will be voted on by the Commission during a rule hearing on March 8, 2024. 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 the 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.