

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 31 HUNTING AND FISHING
PART 10 HUNTING AND FISHING - MANNER AND METHOD OF TAKING

19.31.10.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.
[19.31.10.1 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.1 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.2 SCOPE: Hunters, anglers, trappers and the general public. Additional requirements may be found in Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and Chapters 31, 32, and 33 of Title 19.
[19.31.10.2 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.2 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide that the New Mexico state game commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species.
[19.31.10.3 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.3 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.4 DURATION: Permanent.
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19.31.10.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2007, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[19.31.10.5 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.5 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.6 OBJECTIVE: To establish general rules, restrictions, requirements, definitions, and regulations governing lawful hunting, fishing, or trapping and the lawful taking or killing of game animals, furbearers, game birds, and game fish, water pollution, possession of wildlife, permits and licenses issued, importation, intrastate transportation, release of wildlife, restrictive devices for fish, manner and methods of hunting and fishing and use of department lands.
[19.31.10.6 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.6 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 4-1-2009]

19.31.10.7 DEFINITIONS:

A. "Big game species" shall mean deer, bear, cougar, elk, pronghorn antelope (American pronghorn), Barbary sheep, bighorn sheep, javelina, oryx, and Persian ibex.

B. "Modern firearms" shall mean center-fire firearms, not to include any fully automatic firearms. Legal shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

C. "Muzzle-loader or muzzle-loading firearms" shall mean those rifles and shotguns in which the charge and projectile are loaded through the muzzle. Only blackpowder, Pyrodex or equivalent blackpowder substitute may be used. Use of smokeless powder is prohibited. Legal muzzle-loader shotguns shall be only those shotguns capable of being fired from the shoulder.

D. "Restricted muzzle-loading rifle" shall mean any muzzle-loading rifle using open sights, black powder or equivalent and firing a traditional lead bullet. The use of in-line ignition, scopes, pelleted powder, smokeless powder and sabots, including powerbelt-type projectiles, are prohibited.

E. "Bow" shall mean compound, recurve, or long bow. Sights on bows shall not project light nor magnify.

F. "Arrows" shall mean only those arrows or bolts having broadheads with steel cutting edges.

G. "Trotline" shall be synonymous with "set line" or "throw line" or "jug", and shall mean a fishing line that is used without rod or reel and that need not be held in the hand or closely attended.

H. "Angling" shall mean taking or attempting to take fish by angling hook and line, with the line held in the hand or attached to a pole or rod or other device that is held in the hand or closely attended.

I. "Spear fishing" shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged under the surface of the water.

J. "Bait fish" is defined as those nongame fish which are not otherwise protected by statute or regulation.

K. "Chumming" is defined as a means of attracting fish by placing organic materials, non-injurious to aquatic life, into the water.

L. "Protected species" shall mean any of the following animals:

(1) all animals defined as protected wildlife species and game fish under Section 17-2-3 New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 Compilation;

(2) all animals defined as furbearing animals under Section 17-5-2 New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978 Compilation;

(3) all animals listed as endangered species or subspecies as stated in regulation(s) set by the state game commission.

M. “**Retention**” or “**retain**” shall mean the holding of in captivity.

N. “**Established road**” is defined as follows:

(1) a road, built or maintained by equipment, which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures;

(2) a two-track road which shows use prior to hunting seasons for other purposes such as recreation, mining, logging, and ranching and which shows no evidence of ever being closed to vehicular traffic by such means as berms, ripping, scarification, reseeding, fencing, gates, barricades or posted closures.

O. “**Non-toxic shot**” shall mean shot approved for use by the U. S. fish and wildlife service.

P. “**Director**” shall mean the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish.

Q. “**Baiting**” shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of any salt, grain, scent or other feed on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take protected game mammals or game birds.

R. “**Nets**” shall mean cast nets, dip nets, and seines which shall not be longer than 20 feet and shall not have a mesh larger than three-eighths of an inch.

S. “**Barbless lure or fly**” shall mean an artificial lure made of wood, metal, or hard plastic or an artificial fly made from fur, feathers, other animal or man-made materials tied onto an angling hook to resemble or simulate insects, bait fish, or other foods. A barbless fly or lure may only bear a single hook, from which any or all barbs must be removed or bent completely closed, or which are manufactured without barbs. Living or dead arthropods and annelids, or rubber or plastic moldings of these or other foods are not included.

T. “**Crossbow**” shall mean a device with a bow limb or band of flexible material that is attached horizontally to a stock and has a mechanism to hold the string in a cocked position. Sights or lights on crossbows shall not project light. This definition shall apply to hunting for all species and be effective 9-1-2012.

U. “**Angling hook**” shall mean a single, double, or treble (triple) point attached to a single shank.

V. “**Sporting arms or weapon types**” shall be designated as follows:

(1) all hunt codes denoted with -1- shall authorize use of any legal weapon;

(2) all hunt codes denoted with -2- shall authorize use of bows only;

(3) all hunt codes denoted with -3- shall authorize use of bows, crossbows and muzzle-loading firearms, except that bows and crossbows shall not be allowed during restricted muzzle-loading hunts.

W. “**Bag limit**” shall mean the protected animal, qualified by species, sex, age, antler requirement, or size allowed by rule that a legally licensed hunter may attempt to take or harvest.

X. “**Written permission**” shall mean a document (which may include a valid hunting, trapper, or fishing license) that asserts the holder has permission from the private land owner or his designee to hunt, fish, or trap on the landowner’s property. The information on the document must be verifiable and include the name, date, and phone number of the person granting the permission.

Y. “**Bow fishing**” shall mean taking or attempting to take game fish with arrows with barbs that are discharged above the surface of the water by a bow. Arrows must be attached by string, line, or rope to facilitate fish retrieval.

Z. “**Drone**” is defined as any device used or designed for navigation or flight in the air that is unmanned and guided remotely or by an onboard computer or onboard control system. Drones may also be referred to as “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)” or “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems (UAVS)”

[19.31.10.7 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.7 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 6-30-2008; A, 4-1-2009; A/E, 9-1-2012; A, 12-13-2013; A, 09-15-2014]

19.31.10.8 UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCE IN PUBLIC WATERS: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or municipality to introduce, directly or indirectly, into any public water of this state any substance that may stupefy, injure, destroy, or drive away from such water any protected species or may be detrimental to the growth and reproduction of those protected species except as exempted in 17-2-20 NMSA 1978.

[19.31.10.8 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.8 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.9 POSSESSION OR SALE OF PROTECTED SPECIES: It shall be unlawful to possess, sell, or offer for sale all or part of any protected species except as provided below:

A. License or permit: A person may possess protected species or parts thereof that they have lawfully taken (killed) under a license or permit.

B. Game taken by another: Any person may have in their possession or under their control any protected species or parts thereof that have been lawfully taken by another person, if they possess a written statement which shall be provided by the donor of the protected species, or parts thereof, and which shall contain the following:

- (1) the kind and number of game or furbearer parts donated;
- (2) the date and county where the game or furbearer was lawfully taken;
- (3) the donor's name, address, and the number of the hunting or fishing or trapping license under which the game or furbearer was lawfully taken;
- (4) the date and place of the donation.

C. Retention of live animals: It shall be unlawful to retain protected species in a live condition except under permit or license issued by the director for the following purposes:

- (1) zoos open for public display;
- (2) in class A parks;
- (3) in projects for scientific research and propagation;
- (4) a rehabilitation permit;
- (5) under a falconry permit, only those birds listed on the permit;
- (6) under a protected mammal permit, only those mammals listed on the permit;
- (7) under a scientific collection permit, one may collect and possess only those species listed

on the permit;

(8) in transit through New Mexico when the transporter can demonstrate proof of legal possession of the protected animal being transported.

D. Sale of game animal parts: Only skins, heads, antlers, horns, or claws of legally taken protected species and feathers from non-migratory game birds may be bartered or sold. (Internal organs of protected species may not be sold). The disposer must supply to the recipient a written statement which shall contain the following:

- (1) description of the skin, head, antlers, horns or claws, or feathers involved;
- (2) the date and county where the game was taken;
- (3) the disposer's name, address and hunting license number under which the game was

taken;

- (4) the date and place of the transaction.

E. Possession of game animal parts found in the field: It shall be unlawful to possess heads, horns, or antlers of protected species found in the field without invoice or permit from the department of game and fish, with the exception of obviously shed antlers.

F. Big game and turkey: For licensed hunters of any big game species or turkey, the licensee killing the animal shall immediately punch or completely fill in (black out) the area designated for the appropriate species on the license. Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or a place of storage, the licensee must permanently fill in the proper date and time of kill on their license.

(1) The properly punched or blacked-out license shall be attached or accompany the carcass while the carcass is left unattended in any vehicle, field, or while it is in camp or at a residence or other place of storage. The punched or blacked-out license may be removed from the carcass while the carcass is being removed from the field to a camp or vehicle. In situations where numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the punched or blacked-out license shall remain attached to that portion of the carcass left unattended in a camp or vehicle.

(2) Once removed from the field, the licensee must ensure the carcass or parts thereof are accompanied by a properly filled out and punched or blacked-out license or other license information as determined by the director.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any licensee to fail to properly punch or completely black out the area designated by appropriate species on the license immediately upon killing any big game species or turkey.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any licensee for any big game or turkey to fail to properly fill in the date and time of kill on their license as required by rule.

(5) It shall be unlawful to possess any big game species or turkey that are unaccompanied by a properly punched, blacked-out or filled out license or unaccompanied by the other license information as determined by the director.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport or possess the carcass of any big game animal or turkey without proof of sex until the carcass arrives at a residence, taxidermist, meat processing facility, place of final storage or if required, is inspected and documented or pelt tagged by a department official.

G. Possession and sale of live wild turkey prohibited: It shall be unlawful to sell, attempt to sell or possess wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo* ssp.) in New Mexico, including captive raised birds, except as by permit issued by the director for verifiable scientific, education, and temporary purposes or for commercial sales to entities outside of the state of New Mexico.

H. Seizure: Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce game laws and regulations shall seize the carcass of any protected species that is possessed contrary to this section. [19.31.10.9 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.9 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 10-31-2013]

19.31.10.10 PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED: Permits and licenses may only be issued by the director or his designee as follows:

A. Uses of wildlife:

- (1) importation
- (2) depredation
- (3) scientific collection
- (4) possession
- (5) propagation
- (6) sale
- (7) commercial hunting or fishing
- (8) release
- (9) falconry
- (10) rehabilitation
- (11) zoo

B. Permit or license provisions: Specific provisions for applications, conditions, reporting, and other stipulations for permits or licenses will be provided by the department of game and fish with each permit and license.

C. Violation of permit or license provisions: It is unlawful for any person receiving any permit or license provided in Subsection A of 19.31.1.10 NMAC to violate any provision of this section or any provision listed on the permit or license. If such an invalidated permit or license authorized possession of wildlife, the wildlife shall be subject to seizure by any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978. It shall be unlawful to purchase, possess, barter, transfer, transport, sell, or offer to sell any imported wildlife contrary to the provisions of any import permit.

[19.31.10.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.10 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.11 RELEASE OF WILDLIFE: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to release, intentionally or otherwise, or cause to be released in this state any mammal, bird, fish, reptile or amphibian, except domestic mammals, domestic fowl, or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish.

[19.31.10.11 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.13 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.12 RESTRICTIVE DEVICES FOR FISH: The director may require that a screen, paddle wheel, or other device to prevent passage of fish be installed by the owner of any canal or ditch into which waters containing protected fish are diverted. The director may also require that the owner maintain the device during periods when waters are being diverted.

[19.31.10.12 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.14 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.13 USE OF VEHICLES AND ROADS IN HUNTING:

A. Roads: It shall be unlawful to shoot at, wound, take, attempt to take, or kill any protected species on, from, or across any graded paved, or maintained public road and including the areas lying within right-of-way fences or 40 feet from the edge of the pavement or maintained surface, in absence of right-of-way fences.

B. Vehicles, boats, aircraft: It shall be unlawful to shoot at any protected species from within a motor vehicle, power boat, sailboat, or aircraft. EXCEPTION - Migratory birds may be taken from a motor-driven boat (or other craft with attached motor) or sailboat when resting at anchor or fastened within or immediately alongside a fixed hunting blind or is used solely as a means of picking up dead birds.

C. Harassing protected wildlife: It shall be unlawful, at any time, to pursue, harass, harry, drive, or rally any protected species by use of or from a motor-driven vehicle, powerboat, sailboat, drone, or aircraft.

D. Hunting after air travel: It shall be unlawful for anyone to hunt for or take any protected species until after the start of legal hunting hours on the day following any air travel except by regularly scheduled commercial airline flights or legitimate direct flight to the final destination.

E. Use of aircraft for spotting game: It shall be unlawful to use aircraft or drone to spot or locate and relay the location of any protected species to anyone on the ground by any means of communication or signaling device or action.

F. Using information gained from air flight:

(1) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any aircraft until 48 hours after such aircraft use.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt for or to take, or assist in the hunting for or taking of, any protected species with the use of information regarding location of any protected species gained from the use of any drone at any time.

G. Vehicle off of established road: During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to drive or ride in a motor vehicle which is driven off an established road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, fisherman or trapper. EXCEPTION: 1) Snowmobiles; 2) To retrieve lawfully taken game not in an area closed to vehicular traffic. 3) All landowners, lessees or their employees, while on their owned or leased lands in connection with legitimate agricultural activities.

H. Closed roads: During the seasons established for any protected species, it shall be unlawful to knowingly occupy, drive, or cause to be driven any motor vehicle on a closed road when the vehicle bears a licensed hunter, angler or trapper.

I. Handicapped license:

(1) Shooting from a vehicle: The holder of a handicap license is authorized to shoot at and kill protected species during their respective open seasons from a stationary motor-driven vehicle that is not on a public road or highway. The director may issue permits to shoot from a stationary vehicle to applicants who provide certification that the applicant is permanently disabled in accordance with the American Disability Act. Such certification shall be signed by an M.D. or O.D. licensed to practice in the applicant's state of residence.

(2) Driving off established roads: Holders of a handicap license may, with permission of the landowner, lessee, or land management agency, drive off established roads to hunt for or take squirrels or game birds, excluding turkey, during open seasons.

(3) Assistance for handicapped hunter: The holder of a handicapped license may be accompanied by another person to assist in reducing to possession any big game animal which has clearly been wounded by the licensed handicapped hunter.

J. Aircraft, drone and vehicle exemptions to this rule: The Director may exempt a person from the prohibition of utilizing an aircraft, drone or vehicle for management purposes.

[19.31.10.13 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.17 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 09-15-2014]

19.31.10.14 FISHING:

A. Angling: Game fish may be taken by angling in all waters that are open for fishing.

B. Trotlines:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to set more than one trotline at a time. It is unlawful to tie or join together trotlines belonging to two or more persons.

(2) It is unlawful for trotlines to have more than 25 angling hooks.

(3) A person fishing with a trotline shall personally visit and inspect the trotline at least once every 24 hours. Failure to check a trotline every 24 hours is a violation of this paragraph.

(4) It is unlawful for anyone to tamper with another's trotline.

(5) A person fishing with a trotline shall attach to it an identification tag that is visible above the water line. The identification tag shall bear the fisherman's name, address, fishing license number, and the date the trotline was set. An unlicensed fisherman under 12 years of age shall also list his date of birth.

(6) It is unlawful to set or use a trotline in trout waters, with the following exceptions: Abiquiu lake, Chama river downstream from the northern boundary of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork, Navajo lake and the Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river.

(7) Any conservation officer or other officer authorized to enforce the game laws may seize and confiscate any trotlines not set in accordance with this subsection.

C. Illegal device or substance: It is unlawful to use any device or substance capable of catching, stupefying, or killing fish except as permitted by regulation.

D. Bait: It is unlawful to use protected fish, live bullfrogs, or live bullfrog tadpoles as bait in any waters containing protected species. EXCEPTION: the genus *Lepomis* taken by legal means of angling may be used as live bait in the water from which they were taken only in the following waters: Abiquiu reservoir, Cochiti lake, Elephant Butte reservoir, Caballo reservoir, Stubblefield lake, Maxwell lakes, Clayton lake, Conchas lake, Ute lake, Santa Rosa lake, Lake Sumner, Brantley reservoir, and Navajo reservoir. *Lepomis* may be used as dead bait; roe, viscera, and eyes of legally taken game fish may be used as bait; and bullfrogs and bullfrog tadpoles may be used as dead bait. Live bullfrogs or live bullfrog tadpoles may not be in possession while fishing.

E. Use of bait fish:

(1) It is unlawful to use gar (*Lepisosteus* spp.) and goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) as bait in all waters.

(2) It is unlawful to use live common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), river carpsucker (*Carpoides carpio*), and smallmouth buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*) in all waters. However, these species may be used as dead bait in any water where bait may be used.

(3) It is unlawful to use bait fish in all trout waters except fathead minnows and red shiners may be used in the following trout waters: Abiquiu, Clayton lake, Jackson lake, Lake 13 (Maxwell refuge), Navajo lake, Caballo lake, the Rio Grande downstream of the Taos junction bridge (excluding the special trout water described in 19.31.4.11 NMAC), Power Dam lake, and the Animas river.

(4) It is unlawful to use any bait fish in Bitter lake national wildlife refuge and Bottomless lakes state park.

(5) Bait fish may be used in all other waters with the following restrictions:

(a) In the Gila river and San Francisco river drainages only fathead minnows may be used.

(b) In the Pecos river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(c) In the Rio Grande drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used except in Elephant Butte and Caballo where golden shiners are also allowed

(d) In the Canadian river drainage only fathead minnows, red shiners, and shad may be used.

(e) In the San Juan river drainage only fathead minnows and red shiners may be used.

(f) In Eagle Nest and Heron lakes only dead bait fish may be used. No live bait fish may be in possession.

F. Release of bait fish: It is unlawful to release any bait fish into any water containing game fish.

G. Eradication of fish: In waters where fish are being eradicated or where water shortage warrants reduction of fish numbers, the director may permit licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age to take and possess game fish in numbers exceeding current bag and possession limits. In granting such permission, the director may specify bag and possession limits and manner and method of taking for such waters.

H. Methods for taking bait fish for personal use: Licensed fishermen and unlicensed persons under 12 years of age may take bait fish for personal use only in waters containing game fish by angling, nets, traps, spears, arrows, and seines. All protected species of fish taken in seines, nets, and traps shall be immediately returned to the water.

I. Illegal taking of bait fish: It is unlawful for licensed minnow dealers to take bait fish for sale from waters not specified on their licenses. They may take these fish only by use of traps, seines, or cast nets, as specified on their licenses. All protected species of fish taken in such traps, seines, or nets shall be immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

J. Permits for taking bait fish: The director may issue permits for the use of nets, seines, traps, or cast nets in taking bait fish in waters containing protected species of fish. The permit shall specify methods of taking, places for taking, and duration of the permit. The permittee shall report monthly the species, numbers and poundage of bait fish taken during the preceding month.

K. Limit on angling hooks: It is unlawful to angle with more than two (2) barbless lures or flies with single point angling hooks on a single line when fishing the special trout water on the San Juan river designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

L. [Reserved]

M. Number of fishing poles: It is unlawful to angle with more than one pole without having a current two rod validation or stamp affixed on the current license. It is unlawful under any circumstance to angle with more than two poles.

N. Exceeding daily bag limit: It is unlawful to exceed the daily bag limit or possession limit of any protected fish species, as specified in 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

O. Snagging game fish: It is unlawful to snag game fish except during the special Kokanee salmon season as specified in 19.31.4.9 NMAC.

P. Chumming: It is unlawful to "CHUM" except in the following waters: All waters designated as warm waters; Gila river downstream from its junction with its east fork; Rio Grande downstream from its junction with the Chama river, excluding the special trout water below Elephant Butte dam described in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

Q. Special trout waters: Only barbless lures or flies may be used in the special trout waters designated in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, except in the special trout water on the Rio Grande below Elephant Butte dam in which soft plastic lures may also be used, and in the following waters any legal angling gear and legal bait for trout waters may be used: Conservancy Park lake/Tingley beach the Kids' pond and Central pond, the Vermejo river system within Vermejo Park ranch boundaries, Gilita and Willow creeks, and those waters designated in Subparagraph (e) of Paragraph (4) of Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC.

R. Attracting or concentrating fish:

(1) **Artificial lights:** Use of artificial lights is permitted for attracting game fish.

(2) **Disturbing the bottom:** It is unlawful in all special trout waters defined in Subsection A. of 19.31.4.11 NMAC, to disturb or dislodge aquatic plant growth, sediment, or rocks for the purpose of attracting or concentrating fish. It shall also be unlawful to angle in the immediate vicinity where such disturbance has occurred.

S. Spearfishing and bow fishing:

(1) Game fish may be taken by spearfishing and bow fishing only in lakes and reservoirs open to fishing.

(2) In addition, during the season established by Subsection B. of 19.31.4.9 NMAC, Kokanee salmon may be taken by the use of spears, gigs, and arrows with barbs that are discharged above or below the water and not driven by explosives, gas, air, or crossbow, except in the Pine river where spears, gigs, and arrows are prohibited.

[19.31.10.14 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.18 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 6-30-2008; A, 4-1-2010; A, 7-16-2012; A, 12-13-2013]

19.31.10.15 LANDS AND WATERS OWNED, ADMINISTERED, CONTROLLED, OR MANAGED BY THE STATE GAME COMMISSION:

A. Posting of signs: The state game commission may prohibit, modify, condition, or otherwise control the use of areas under its control by posting of signs as may be required in any particular area.

B. Violating provisions of posted signs: It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of posted signs on areas under the control of the state game commission.

C. Trespass on state game commission owned lands: It shall be unlawful to hunt, fish, camp, or trespass upon state game commission owned lands unless allowed under regulation or provided for under Subsection A.

[19.31.10.15 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.19 NMAC, 4-1-2007]

19.31.10.16 AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING: The following areas shall remain closed to hunting, fishing, and trapping, except as permitted by regulation.

A. Sugarite canyon state park.

B. Portion of the Wild Rivers recreation area: an area bounded on the north by the power line from Bear Crossing to Red River hatchery, south along the Red River to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and north along the Rio Grande to the power lines at Bear Crossing is closed to all hunting; Taos valley overlook.

C. All wildlife management areas (except non-game hunting shall be allowed on the Water canyon WMA January 1 through March 31 annually).

D. Valle Vidal area.

E. Sub-Unit 6B (Valles Caldera national preserve)

[19.31.10.16 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.20 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 3-15-2011]

19.31.10.17 REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, OTHER FLOATING DEVICES, AND MOTORS:

A. Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes: On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, boats and other floating devices with or without electric or gas motors shall be permitted only during the season and hours when fishing is permitted. Boats or floating devices on these lakes shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed: Charette, Clayton, and McAllister lakes

B. On Springer lake, boats and other floating devices with or without motors shall be permitted; provided, however, that boats or floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed when water storage is less than 1,000 acre feet.

C. On Ramah lake, boats and floating devices shall not be operated at greater than normal trolling speed.

D. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using electric motors or with motors that are not in use shall be permitted: Bear canyon, Bill Evans, Green Meadow, Fenton, Hopewell, Jackson, lake Roberts, Maddox, Morphy, Quemado, Snow, Wall, Conoco lake, and waters located on the Ladd S. Gordon wildlife area.

E. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, only boats and other floating devices using no motors shall be permitted: Bernardo waterfowl management area, La Joya waterfowl management area, McGaffey, San Gregorio, Shuree ponds.

F. On the following lakes controlled by the department of game and fish, no boats or other floating devices shall be permitted: Bonito, Laguna del Campo lake at Los Ojos state fish hatchery, Monastery lake, Power dam, and Red River hatchery pond.

G. Department of game and fish personnel or persons authorized by the director of the department of game and fish may use gasoline powered outboard motors on all lakes mentioned in this chapter while performing official duties.

[19.31.10.17 NMAC - Rp, 19.31.10.21 NMAC, 4-1-2007; A, 7-16-2012]

19.31.10.18 UNLAWFUL TAKING OR KILLING OF GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS, OR GAME FISH ON PRIVATE LAND:

A. It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on any private property that is in compliance with 30-14-1 and 30-14-6 NMSA 1978 posting requirements without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

B. It shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish on private property if the consent to enter or remain has been denied or withdrawn by the owner or person in control of the land or trespass rights, per 30-14-1 NMSA 1978, unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

C. It shall be unlawful to knowingly enter upon any private property to hunt, capture, take, attempt to take, or kill any game animal, furbearer, game bird, or game fish without possessing written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land or trespass rights unless otherwise permitted in rule or statute.

D. Any game animals, furbearers, game birds, or game fish taken in violation of this section shall be subject to seizure.

[19.31.10.18 NMAC - N, 4-1-2009]

19.31.10.19 TAKING GAME ANIMALS, FURBEARERS, GAME BIRDS BY CROSSBOW:

A. Crossbows may be used to take or kill any game animal, furbearer or game bird by a licensed hunter in possession of a valid department mobility impaired (MI) card or in possession of a reasonable accommodation issued by the director, or as otherwise allowed by rule.

B. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow without a hunter possessing a MI card or reasonable accommodation from the director, or contrary to rule or hunt code.

C. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a crossbow that has a scope, telescopic sight or magnification device during any bow only hunt for big game.

[19.31.10.19 NMAC - A/E, 9-1-2012]

19.31.10.20 DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO ACCOMMODATE DISABILITY OR MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT: The director may authorize reasonable modifications to the manner and method of take for any licensee who has a verifiable medical condition that, in the director's sole discretion, necessitates such

accommodation. In order to apply for such accommodation, the licensee shall complete and submit any form, information and records required by the director. Any licensee granted an accommodation must adhere to all other rules as to manner and method of take that are not specifically waived by such accommodation; and shall adhere to any restrictions imposed by the director.

[19.31.10.20 NMAC - N, 10-31-2013]

HISTORY OF 19.31.10 NMAC:

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DFR 67-5 Basic Regulation No. 500, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Birds, Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 5-25-67.

DGF 68-11 Basic Regulation No. 525, Concerning Method and Manner of Hunting, Taking, Possessing, Disposing, and Transporting of Game Animals, Game Birds, Game Fish or Bullfrogs, or parts thereof, Taken in New Mexico, the Use and Occupancy of Lands and Waters Administered, Owned, Controlled or Managed by the State Game Commission, 8-21-68.

DGF 72-6 Basic Regulation 550 Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, and Use of Department Lands, 5-31-72.

Regulation No. 612 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Water Diversion, Animal Releases, Possession of Game, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Retention of Protected Species, Permits and Licenses Issued, and the Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement, 3-2-82.

Regulation No. 677 Basic Regulation Governing Water Pollution, Possession of Game, Permits and Licenses Issued, Retention and Importation of Protected Species, Manner of Hunting and Fishing, Use of Department Lands, Hunter Training Course Required, Hunting License Revocation, Camping Near a Water Hole, 6-25-90.

Order No. 5-91 Requiring that Live-Firing Courses by Taught only by Department of Game and Fish and Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Certified in Live-Firing Instruction, 10-3-91.

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