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CHAPTER 20

AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING; AMENDING A SECTION OF CHAPTER 17 NMSA 1978 TO ADD TILAPIA AND STRIPED BASS TO GAME FISH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 17-2-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 8, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-2-3. PROTECTED WILDLIFE SPECIES AND GAME FISH DEFINED.--

A. The following mammals are game mammals:

(1) all of the family Tayassuidae (javelina);

(2) within the family Bovidae:
   (a) all of the genus Bison (American bison) except where raised in captivity for domestic or commercial meat production;
   (b) all of the genus Capra (ibex) except for the domestic species of goats;
   (c) all of the genus Ovis (bighorn sheep) except for the domestic species of sheep;
   (d) all of the genus Ammotragus (aoudad);
   (e) all of the genus Tragelaphus (kudu); and
   (f) all of the genus Oryx (oryx);"
(3) all of the family Antilocapridae (American pronghorn);
(4) all of the family Cervidae (elk and deer);
(5) all of the family Ochotonidae (pikas);
(6) all of the genus Sciurus (squirrels);
(7) all of the genus Tamiasciurus (red squirrels);
(8) all of the genus Marmota (marmots) of the family Sciuridae;
(9) all of the family Ursidae (bear); and
(10) all of the species concolor (cougar) of the genus Felis and family Felidae.

B. The following birds are game birds:
(1) all of the family Anatidae (waterfowl);
(2) all of the family Tetraonidae (grouse and ptarmigans);
(3) all of the family Phasianidae (quail, partridges and pheasants);
(4) all of the family Meleagridae (wild turkeys) except for the domestic strains of turkeys;
(5) all of the family Perdicidae (francolins);
(6) all of the family Gruidae (cranes);
(7) all of the family Rallidae (rails, coots)
and gallinules);

(8) all of the family Charadriidae (plovers, turnstones and surfbirds);

(9) all of the family Scolopacidae (shorebirds, snipe, sandpipers and curlews);

(10) all of the family Recurvirostridae (avocets and stilts);

(11) all of the family Phalaropodidae (phalaropes); and

(12) all of the family Columbidae (wild pigeons and doves) except for the domestic strains of pigeons.

C. The following fish are game fish:

(1) all of the family Salmonidae (trout);

(2) all of the family Esocidae (pike);

(3) all of the family Ictaluridae (catfish);

(4) all introduced species of the family Serranidae (sea bass and white bass);

(5) all of the family Centrarchidae (sunfish, crappie and bass);

(6) all of the family Percidae (walleye pike and perch);

(7) all introduced species of the family Pomadasyidae (sargo);

(8) all introduced species of the family Sciaenidae (corvina, bairdiella and redfish);
(9) all of the genus Oreochromis (tilapia); 
and
(10) all of the family Moronidae (striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass and others).
Approved by me this 3rd day of April, 2015

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO