

**NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing has been scheduled for February 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rio Costilla Cooperative Livestock Association headquarters, House 72, State Road 196, Costilla, New Mexico 87571. The hearing will consider the petition by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) seeking approval to use piscicides in a surface water of the state pursuant to NMAC 20.6.4.16, to eradicate non-native fishes in the Rio Costilla watershed, Taos, New Mexico. The petition is available for review at New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, One Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with NMAC 20.1.3 – Adjudicatory Procedures – Water Quality Control Commission, the New Mexico Water Quality Act, NMSA 1978 §74-6-4, and other specific statutory procedures that may apply.

All interested persons will be given a reasonable opportunity at the hearing to submit relevant evidence and arguments, orally or in writing, to introduce exhibits, and to examine witnesses. Persons desiring to present technical testimony must file with the Water Quality Control Commission, on or before February 10, 2006, a written statement of intent to do so. The notice of intent shall include:

- the name of the person filing the statement;
- indicate whether the person filing the statement supports or opposes the petition at issue;
- the name of each witness;
- an estimate of the length of direct testimony of each witness;
- a list of exhibits, if any, to be offered into evidence at the hearing; and
- a summary or outline of the anticipated direct testimony of each witness.

Any person who wishes to be treated as an interested participant and to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing shall file and serve upon all parties an entry of appearance at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. The entry of appearance shall identify the person wishing to be treated as an interested participant and any individual who may appear on behalf of the person.

Any person who has not filed a timely entry of appearance or a statement of intent to present evidence may submit a general non-technical statement, either oral or written, at or before the hearing. Written statements may be sent to:

Sally Worthington  
Water Quality Control Commission  
1190 St. Francis Drive, N-2150  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid, e.g., Sign Language Interpreter, to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Judy Bentley, Personnel Services Bureau, NMED, 1190 St. Francis Drive. P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502, (505) 827-9872 by February 8, 2006. TDY users please access her number via the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-8331