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## **Governor Bill Richardson Appoints New State Game Commissioner**

### *Reappoints Commissioner Dutch Salmon*

SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Oscar A. Simpson III of Albuquerque to the New Mexico State Game Commission.

“Oscar Simpson has fought hard to protect the state’s unique treasures, such as Otero Mesa and Valle Vidal,” Governor Richardson said. “I’m confident that he’ll bring that drive and dedication to the State Game Commission.”

Simpson is the Public Land Organizer for the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and has also served as the organization’s president. Through his many years of work with the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation, Simpson has been a champion for conservation and preservation of wildlife and habitat.

Since 2000, Simpson has been a board member of the New Mexico Chapter of Republicans for Environment Protection. He’s also served as the chair for the New Mexico Sportsmen, an organization he helped found to deal with sportsmen’s issues in New Mexico. Simpson is an avid equestrian trail rider, hunter and angler.

Governor Richardson also today announced the reappointment of Game Commissioner Dutch Salmon of Silver City. Salmon has been a leading voice for the reintroduction of several endangered species, including otters and Mexican gray wolves. He’s also worked to initiate new hunter access on State Trust lands.

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