

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Friday, May 6, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7, 2016, 8:00 a.m.
James 4-H Camp at Mingus Springs
5200 South Forest Service Road 105
Prescott Valley, Arizona 86315

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Chairman Kurt R. Davis
Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden
Commissioner James R. Ammons
Commissioner James S. Zieler
Commissioner Eric S. Sparks

Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Ty E. Gray
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Special Assistant to the Director Kent
Komadina

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated April 27, 2016. This meeting was an informal roundtable setting for discussion and informational purposes. The Commission took no action at this meeting.

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1. North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Ethics and Fair Chase Discussion.

Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director

The Commission participated in an informal discussion with Department staff regarding the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Ethics and Fair Chase as it relates to new and evolving technologies and practices. Attendees broke out into four groups for discussion on topics including smart weapons, electronically enhanced targeting, electronic communications, drones and live-action trail cameras. Discussions centered on ethos, preferences and aesthetics versus Fair Chase issues as defined in the Commission's Fair Chase Policy (A2.23). The policy states that an improper advantage includes conditions such as:

1. A technology or practice that allows a hunter or angler to locate or take wildlife without acquiring necessary hunting and angling skills or competency.
2. A technology or practice that allows a hunter or angler to pursue or take wildlife without being physically present and pursuing wildlife in the field.
3. A technology or practice that makes harvesting wildlife almost certain when the technology or practice prevents wildlife from eluding take.

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Meeting recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.
Meeting reconvened Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

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2. North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Ethics and Fair Chase Discussion.

Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director

Discussion continued regarding the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Ethics and Fair Chase as it relates to new and continuously improving modern and electronic technologies.

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2. Meeting Wrap up and Future Agenda Items

Department staff in attendance at this workshop will develop sub-groups and participate in further discussion of items as discussed in this workshop.

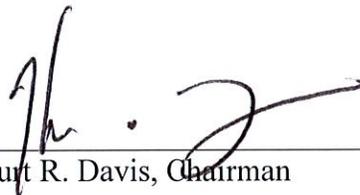
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Chairman Davis adjourned this meeting.

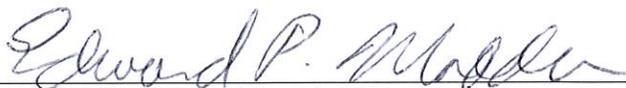
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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

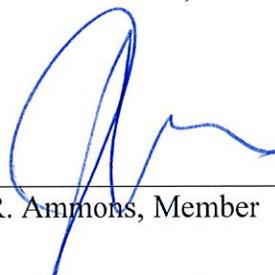
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Kurt R. Davis, Chairman



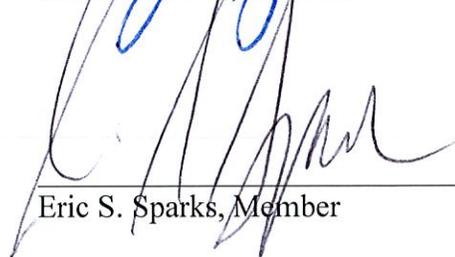
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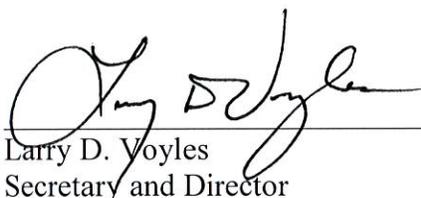


James S. Zieles, Member



Eric S. Sparks, Member

ATTEST:



Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director