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**REVISION #2**

**July 29, 2011**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **August 6, 2011 at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086** as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices via video teleconference or webcast viewing at [www.azgfd.gov](http://www.azgfd.gov). Members of the public attending in person or viewing via teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any matter, the Commission may discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

**Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Awards and Recognition.**

- 1. State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.
- 2. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Ranges Branch Chief.** The Commission may be given an update on current or urgent Department activities and events since the last regular Commission meeting related to shooting sports including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide.
- 3. Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director for Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation.** The Commission may be given an update on current or urgent Department activities and events since the last regular Commission meeting related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs.
- 4. Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission may be briefed on the latest developments since the last regular Commission meeting relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto.

5. **Monthly Update on Recreation Access Issues within Arizona. Presenter: Larry Riley, Acting Assistant Director, Wildlife Management.** The Department may provide the Commission with an update on recreation access issues and progress since the last regular Commission meeting.
6. **Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2012 Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (spring turkey, spring javelina, spring buffalo, and spring bear) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas.
7. **Consideration of Amendments to Commission Orders 2–10 (big game), 11–18 (small game), 23 (trapping), and 26 (population management seasons) for 2011–2012 Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and may approve amendments to Commission Orders 2–10 (big game), 11–18 (small game), 23 (trapping) and 26 (population management seasons) for 2011–2012 hunting seasons to incorporate changes to open areas as authorized by SB1334.

**\*NEW ITEM\***

- 7A. **Evaluation of access issues that may influence elk seasons for fall 2011 in Units 1 and 27. Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief.** The Commission may consider access issues in relation to the Wallow Fire that may influence elk seasons for fall 2011 in Units 1 and 27 and may consider amendments to Unit 1 and 27 elk hunts in Commission Order 4 for the 2011 hunting seasons to address these issues.
8. **Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 21–Waterfowl and Commission Order 22–Snipe for the 2011–2012 Hunting Season. Presenter: Mike Rabe, Small Game Program Supervisor.** The Commission will be asked to approve Commission Order 21 (Waterfowl) and Commission Order 22 (Snipe), establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas.
9. **Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for Spring 2012 Hunts. Presenter: Lizette Morgan, CFO, Business & Finance.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation related to the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for spring 2012 hunts.
10. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)**

11. **Law Enforcement Program Briefing. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission may be updated on the activities and developments since the last regular Commission meeting relating to the Department's Law Enforcement Program.

12. **Request to Approve the Notices of Docket Opening, Proposed Rulemaking and Economic Impact Statement amending R12-4-422 rules to ensure compliance with amendments made to federal sport falconry regulations. Presenter: Jennifer Stewart, Rules and Risk Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Notices of Docket Opening, Proposed Rulemaking and Economic Impact Statement addressing sport falconry license requirements.
13. **Department Sunset Review Briefing. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will receive an information briefing regarding the Department's upcoming Sunset Review under Title 41, Chapter 27. Commission action is not required.
14. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
15. **Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
  - a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Honie v. Knight Transportation, Inc., et al., CV2009-050859; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, et. al C2008905; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management, et al., CV 09-8011-PCT-GMS; Corbett v. State of Arizona, et al., CV 2009-016279; Sayer Notice of Claim; Mohave Valley Shooting Range Appeal; Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, C20111354; Lorta v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission, CV-11-134; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA.*
  - b. **Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A)(1).
16. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Honie v. Knight Transportation, Inc., et al., CV2009-050859; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, et. al C20089051; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management, et al., CV 09-8011-PCT-GMS; Corbett v. State of Arizona, et al., CV 2009-016279; Sayer Notice of Claim; Mohave Valley Shooting Range Appeal; Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, C20111354; Lorta v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission, CV-11-134.*
17. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from June 24-25, 2011.
18. **Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

19. **Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be for information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

20. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**



Larry D. Voyles  
Director

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*The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.*

*During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.*

*Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*

*The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.*

**"Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow"**