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REVISION #2

August 25, 2011

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **August 26-27, 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.** 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:

Friday, August 26, 2011, 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 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. Federal Land Designation. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be provided a presentation on federal land designations and wildlife management issues. The Commission may 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.
- 3. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Ranges Branch Chief.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting sports including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the last Commission meeting, including a proposed rifle sight-in fee, new facility use-related fees and a corporate fee structure proposal on the Ben Avery Main Range facilities.
- 4. Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred

since the last regular Commission meeting including progress on Director's Goal and Objective #12.

5. **Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will 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.
6. **Request for the Commission to Approve the Agreement for Permit with Bryson Ranch for the Purpose of Constructing and Operating an Equestrian Trail through a small portion of the page Springs Fish Hatchery, Yavapai county, Arizona. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Agreement for Permit with Bryson Ranch for the purpose of constructing and operating an equestrian trail through a small portion of the Page Springs Fish Hatchery, Yavapai County, Arizona.
7. **Monthly Update on Recreation Access Issues within Arizona. Presenter: Larry Riley, Acting Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Department will provide the Commission with an update on recreation access issues and progress since the last regular Commission meeting.
8. **Nongame Subprogram Activities Briefing; April 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011. Presenter: Eric Gardner, Chief, Nongame Branch.** The Commission will be briefed regarding activities under the Nongame Subprogram; April 1, 2011 through July 31, 2011.
9. **Consideration of Amendments to Commission Order 43 Reptiles. Presenter: Eric Gardner, Chief, Nongame Branch.** The Commission will consider amendments to Commission Order 43 for 2011-2012 hunting season to incorporate changes to open areas as authorized by SB1334.
10. **Consent Agenda:** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
 - a. **Renewal of a Road Closure on State Trust Land Approximately Ten Miles South of Winslow, Arizona. Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve a request by Duane Coleman to renew a road closure on State Trust Land located approximately ten miles south of Winslow, Arizona.
 - b. **Renewal of a Road Closure on State Trust Land Approximately Thirty Miles Southwest of Tucson, Arizona. Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve a request by John King to renew a road closure on State Trust Land located approximately thirty miles southwest of Tucson, Arizona.
11. **Request for a Temporary Access Restriction on Several Sections of State Trust Land to Authorize Hunting with Archery Equipment Only on the Perrin Ranch Located Approximately Eight Miles North of Williams, Arizona within Game Management Unit 10. Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief.** The Department will ask

the Commission to approve a request by Michael Macauley and NextEra Energy Resources to temporarily restrict access on several sections of state trust lands on the Perrin Ranch for the purpose of hunting with archery equipment only for the period of August through December 2011.

12. **Petition from Gary and John White to relinquish their Unit 1, 2B, and 2C Bull Elk tags in exchange for receiving bonus points instead because they put in for the wrong hunt. Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Special Services Division.** Petition from Gary and John White to relinquish their Unit 1, 2B, and 2C Bull Elk tags in exchange for receiving bonus points instead because they put in for the wrong hunt.
13. **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.)

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

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

15. **Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

Name	Docket #	Count	Conviction
Kirk Carpenter	2011-0052	Count A:	Littering While Hunting
Hugh Campbell	2011-0053	Count A:	Littering While Hunting
Alfredo A. Negrete, Sr.	2011-0055	Count A:	Obtain Resident License by Misrepresentation (2009)
Alfredo A. Negrete, Jr.	2011-0056	Count A:	Obtain Resident License by Misrepresentation (2009)
Cody W. Reidhead	2011-0057	Count A:	Take Wildlife Closed Area
Matthew R. LaRue	2011-0061	Count C:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife
Anthony Josefowicz	2011-0062	Count A:	Take Over Bag Limit
Jason E. Herrick	2011-0063	Count A:	Obtain License by Misrepresentation (2011)
		Count B:	Obtain Tag by Misrepresentation (2011)
Gary J. Murray	2011-0064		Civil Assessment Only

16. **Informational Update on House Rock Bison Herd Management. Presenter: Ron Sieg, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be provided an informational briefing on the House Rock bison herd including history, past and current management, hunting seasons and ongoing discussions with Grand Canyon National Park.

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18. **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; Hollister v. State of Arizona C20104510; 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).
19. **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; Hollister v. State of Arizona C20104510.*
20. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from June 24-25, 2011.
21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Saturday, August 27, 2011

The Commission Workshop begins at 8:00 a.m. The workshop will be held in the Eagle Room and will be open to the public, but will not be webcast on the Internet. *This is a work session only and no action will be taken on the following matters:*

- 1. Financial Status Presentation. Presenter: Lizette Morgan, Chief Financial Officer, Business & Finance.** The Commission will be updated on the current financial situation of the Department.

Regular Open Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition.

- 2. Presentation of the Proposed Hunt Guidelines for fall 2012 through spring 2015 for Commission Approval. Presenter: Brian Wakeling, Game Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve proposed hunt guidelines for fall 2012 through spring 2015. The Commission may choose to consider this agenda item through separate actions on the individual guidelines that address each Commission Order. The Commission may direct the Department to consider changes and/or new opportunities in the hunting and/or trapping guidelines
- 3. 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.

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Larry D. Voyles
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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.

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