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January 28, 2013

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **February 1-2, 2013 at the Yuma City Hall Council Chambers, One City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona** 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, with the exception of Region IV, Yuma, which is currently under construction and unavailable, or webcast viewing at www.azgfd.gov. The Department's Headquarters will be available for viewing this meetings via video teleconference since the meeting will be held in Yuma. 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 item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, February 1, 2013, Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M. – Agenda item #1 will not be webcast or available via video teleconference at the Regional Offices.

1. Yuma Community Forum. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor. This item will be an informal roundtable forum. Department staff will provide a State of the Region update and overview of ongoing collaborative work with community leaders and member of the public.

Topics may include the following:

- Community and Regional Wildlife Strategies
- Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club Collaboration
- Sonoran Pronghorn Project
- Kofa Project
- Agricultural Issues/Partnerships/Opportunities
- Sportfish/Urban Lake Program
- Agua Viva Project
- Marketing/Business Partnerships
- Dove Hunt Structure

The presentation will be followed with open discussion with the Commission, community leaders and members of the public on current and potential future collaborative efforts. The Commission will not take any legal action on this item but may provide the Department guidance or direction on matters covered in this open discussion for future action by the Commission.

Regular Commission Meeting begins at 10:30 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **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.
3. **Wildlife Conservation Education Center Progress Briefing. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information, Education and Recreation Division.** A progress briefing regarding the conceptual design and capital campaign for the proposed Wildlife Conservation Education Center.
4. **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.
5. **Director's Goal and Objective #9 Update – License Simplification and Fee Flexibility. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be provided an update of Department activities on achieving Director's Goal and Objective #9 – License Simplification and Fee Flexibility.

Agenda Items #6 and #7 are first read items.

6. **Consideration of the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2013. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be asked to approve the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2013 for spending funds generated under the Cooperative Agreement between the Kaibab National Forest and the Department.
7. **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Creation and Participation in the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (CART) for Coconino County. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be briefed on an IGA that will allow the Department to officially participate with the CART for the Coconino County area.

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

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9. **Request for Refund for a Deer Tag for John W. Smith and Refund for License and Tag Fees for James D. Moore for 2012 Ft. Huachuca Deer Hunt. Presenter: Lizette Morgan, CFO, Business & Finance.** John W. Smith and James D. Moore were denied a Ft. Huachuca permit after being drawn for Ft. Huachuca hunts because they did not meet the criteria for hunting on the military installation and are requesting a refund.
10. **Request for Commission to Approve the License Agreement with Adair Ranges Inc. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Ranges Branch Chief.** The Department seeks approval of the license agreement with Adair Ranges Inc. to manage the Adair Shooting Park, Yuma County.

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

- 11. 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
Rickey D. Short	2013-0006	Count A:	Littering While Hunting
Jose Flores-Castellanos	2013-0007	Count B:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Gila Monster) Citation 231636
Steven A. Arizaga	2013-0008	Count B:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Dove) Citation 231022
Steven M. Orr	2013-0010	Count A:	Obtain 2012 Resident Elk Tag by Misrepresentation Citation 231023
		Count A:	Obtain 2012 Resident Deer Tag by Misrepresentation Citation 231024
		Count A:	Obtain 2012 Resident License by Misrepresentation Citation 231638
Jason R. Wegman	2013-0011	Count B:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Dove)
Trevor R. Witte	2013-0012	Count C:	Possess/Transport Unlawfully Taken Wildlife (Dove)

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Saturday, February 2, 2013, Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other 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. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports 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 regular Commission meeting.

- b. **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.
 - c. **Law Enforcement Program Briefing. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will be updated on the activities and developments relating to the Department's Law Enforcement Program. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.
 - d. **Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be provided an update 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.
 - e. **Cooperative Agreement with Heritage Farms. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission may approve a Cooperative Agreement with Heritage Farms for the purpose of farming a portion of the Arlington Wildlife Area.
 - f. **Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Western Area Power Administration (Western). Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to be a Cooperating Agency in the Development of the Southline Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
 - g. **Renewal of a License Agreement with Qwest Corporation for the Operation of Communication Lines Located on the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director.** The Commission may approve a License Agreement with Qwest Corporation for the purpose of operating and maintaining communication lines located on the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, in Maricopa County Arizona.
3. **Overview of Border Issues in the Yuma Region. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Department will present an overview of current border issues in southwestern Arizona.
 4. **Developing a Commission Policy Statement on Travel and Access to Arizona's Public Lands. Presenter: Lawrence M. Riley, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission will review a second draft Commission Policy Statement establishing the Commission's position regarding access upon public lands held by the USDA Forest Service and USDOJ Bureau to Land management.
 5. **Director's Goals and Objectives. Presenter: Ben Alteneader, Community and Congressional Relations.** The Department and Commission will discuss the closeout of the 2012 Director's Goals and Objectives and begin discussions of the 2013 Director's Goals and Objectives.

6. **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 for legal advice 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; Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, C20111354; Wagner v. Personnel Board, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; United States and State of Arizona v. Freeport-McMoran Inc., et al., 12-CV-00307-TUC-CKJ; WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane, CIV 12-118; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service, CV 12-08176; Notice of Intent to Sue by Center for Biological Diversity concerning (10(a)(1)(A) permit for Mexican gray wolf.*

b. **Real Property.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7) for the purpose of discussion or consultation with Department staff in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding the purchase of real property.

c. **Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's Goals and Objectives and the Director's performance, including his performance regarding organizational changes and related assignments associated with the Governor's Executive Order 2013-02. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.

7. **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; Reed v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, C20111354; Wagner v. Personnel Board, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; United States and State of Arizona v. Freeport-McMoran Inc., et al., 12-CV-00307-TUC-CKJ; WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane, CIV 12-118; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service, CV 12-08176.*

8. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from January 11-12, 2013.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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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.

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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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