

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Friday, November 13, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area
22600 E. Bloody Basin Road
Mayer, Arizona 86330

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Chairman Kurt R. Davis
Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden
Commissioner James R. Ammons
Commissioner James S. Zieler
Commissioner Robert E. Mansell

Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Ty E. Gray
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated November 9, 2015. This meeting was an informal roundtable setting for discussion and informational purposes. The Commission took no action at this meeting.

* * * * *

1. Wildlife Conservation through Partnership

Presenter: Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor

Mr. McMullen introduced Billy Cordasco, General Manager and President of Babbitt Ranches. Mr. Cordasco discussed the MOU between the Department and Babbitt Ranches and provided a presentation of Babbitt Ranches' comprehensive recreation management approach, which includes multiple users such as hikers, runners, wildlife viewers, campers, hunters and wood cutters. Also included in the presentation and discussion was an overview of Babbitt Ranches history and conservation philosophy.

* * * * *

2. Commission Priorities Discussion

Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.

The Commission and Department staff discussed topics associated with the Commission's FY17 budget priorities including protecting state authorities, sportfishing opportunities, customer service/technology improvements, increase law enforcement presence, research and development, employee related costs, habitat improvements, access/landowner relations, shooting sports, facility maintenance and improvements, hunter and angler recruitment and retention, support costs and public information. Discussion included that maintaining state authorities and sportfishing would remain priorities.

* * * * *

Meeting recessed for the day at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened Saturday at 8 a.m.

* * * * *

1. Commission Priorities Discussion (continued)

Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.

The Commission and Department staff separated into breakout groups to discuss the remaining Commission priorities and to identify whether they should be continued, changed, or merged with another priority. The breakout groups reconvened and the leads briefed on their group discussions. Further discussion resulted in the following revised Commission priorities:

- Increase Access/Landowner Relations
- Customer Service, Technology, Research and Development
- Comprehensive Wildlife Management
- Facility Maintenance, Improvements & Real Estate Strategies
- Maximize Officer Field Time and Promote Fair Chase
- Public Affairs
- Customer Recruitment, Retention, & Reactivation
- Habitat Improvement & Conservation
- Sportfish Opportunities
- Maintaining Department and State Authorities for Conserving Wildlife.

* * * * *

2. Meeting Wrap up and Future Agenda Items

Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director

Mr. Gray provided the following summary:

- Commission priorities have been revised and reduced to ten
- Commission priority updates will be provided on the consent agenda at monthly Commission meetings starting January 2016.

* * * * *

Chairman Davis adjourned this meeting.

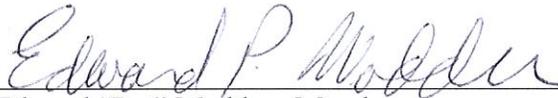
* * * * *

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

* * * * *



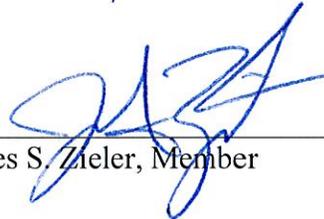
Kurt R. Davis, Chairman



Edward "Pat" Madden, Member



James R. Ammons, Member

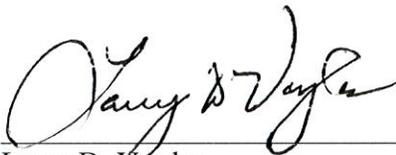


James S. Zieler, Member



Robert E. Mansell, Member

ATTEST:



Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director