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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
REVISION #2

December 3, 2015

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **December 4-5, 2015** 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 at http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml. On Friday only, members of the public may view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices via video teleconference. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via video 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, December 4, 2015 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Awards and Recognition

- 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. Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for Allen Severson Wildlife Area. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to renew the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service for the Allen Severson Wildlife Area.
 - b. Cooperative Agreement Renewal at the Lower San Pedro River Wildlife Area Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to renew the existing

asked to select new members from a list of candidates to the Heritage Public Advisory Committee (HPAC).

9. **Coldwater Sportfish Vision. Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Fisheries Branch Chief.** The Commission will be briefed on the development of the Department’s Coldwater Sportfish Vision for the continued management of trout and other coldwater species in Arizona. The Commission may provide direction regarding the Coldwater Sportfish Vision.

Agenda Items #10 through #13 are first read items. The Commission may choose to take action on first read items as needed or may direct the Department to place first read items on the consent agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting.

10. **Renewal of a Road Closure on State Trust Land Approximately Seven Miles West of Springerville, Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a request submitted by Maryhelen “Sug” Peters to renew a road closure on State Trust Land located approximately seven miles west of Springerville, Arizona.

- 10A. **Renewal of a Road Closure on State Trust Land Approximately Ten Miles West of Springerville, Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a request to renew a road closure on State Trust Land located approximately ten miles west of Springerville, Arizona.

11. **Renewal of a Gate Closure on State Trust Land Approximately Two Miles East of Gold Canyon, Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a request submitted by Dee Johnson to renew a gate closure on State Trust Land located approximately two miles east of Gold Canyon, Arizona.

12. **Landowner-Lessee/Sportsman Relations Committee Appointment. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a nomination for an individual to fill a vacant sportsman’s representative spot on the Landowner-Lessee/Sportsman Relations Committee.

13. **Memorandum of Understanding for Continued Participation in the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Grassland Initiative. Presenter: Jim deVos, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and WAFWA, for the purpose of continued participation in the WAFWA Grassland Initiative.

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

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

14. **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
Samuel J. Reynolds	2015-0060	Count C:	Possess/transport big game without evidence of legality (Elk)
Dennis P. Kleinschmit	2015-0066	Count B:	Waste of game meat (Bighorn Sheep)
Mike J. Harris	2015-0077	Count B:	Transport big game without a tag

(Mountain Lion)

Larry D. Welch	2015-0078	Citation A08925 Count A: Obtain 2012 resident hunt/fish license by misrepresentation
Jesus S. Cerda	2015-0079	Citation A04604 Count A: Obtain 2013 resident hunting license by misrepresentation
Luis Arreola Jr.	2015-0080	Citation A04603 Count A: Obtain 2014 resident deer tag by misrepresentation Count B: Take wildlife with unlawful method (Deer)
Pedro Cendajas Cerda	2015-0081	Citation A04604 Count A: Obtain 2013 resident hunting license by misrepresentation Citation A04603 Count A: Obtain 2014 resident deer tag by misrepresentation

15. **Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** John Travis Harper Jr. has requested a rehearing regarding the revocation of his license privileges.
16. **Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** Aaron A. Rivera has requested a rehearing regarding the revocation of his license privileges.
17. **Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** Kyran D. Walker has requested a rehearing regarding the revocation of his license privileges.
18. **Proposed Changes to 2016 Commission Meetings Dates. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Department will ask the Commission to consider changing the following Commission meeting dates: Move September 2-3, 2016 to September 9-10, 2016 and move the May 6-7, 2016 meeting to May 5-6, 2016. The Department will also propose a Commission Workshop on May 6-7, 2016.
19. **Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
 - a. **Litigation and Legal Advice.** 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 *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *Land Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests*; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817; Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Planet Ranch); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB; *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, 15-CV-00245-CKJ; *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, 15-CV-00285; *Harrison v. Dennerline* CV-15-01060.

- b. **Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice regarding Open Meeting Law and the Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Advisory Committee.
 - c. **Litigation and Legal Advice.** 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 the legal strategy recommendations from the Department's legal strategies team.
 - d. **Purchase of Real Property and Legal Advice.** 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 representative regarding the purchase of real property and for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice.
 - e. **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 duties, responsibilities and performance. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.
- 20. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Planet Ranch); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB; *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, 15-CV-00245-CKJ; *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, 15-CV-00285.
- 21. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from September 4-5, 2015, October 16, 2015, and October 27, 2015.
- 22. Director and Commissioner Comments.** The Director and the Commissioners may provide brief comment on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

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Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Awards and Recognition

- Swearing in of Officers
- Service Pin Presentations
- Commission Commendation

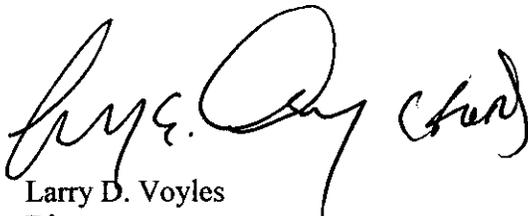
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- 1A. Boquillas Ranch Cooperative Stewardship Agreement for Hunter Access. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission will be provided an update on Department efforts to reach a new or amended access agreement for 2016 and beyond to provide public access to the Boquillas Ranch. A representative of the Navajo Nation may be present to speak to the Commission on the Nation's concepts and proposals to move towards a new or amended access agreement.

- 2. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 3, 4, and 26 for 2016 Hunting Season. Presenter: Al Eiden, Acting Game Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and may approve Commission Orders 3 (pronghorn antelope), 4 (elk), and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers or authorized limits, and open areas for the respective 2016 fall hunting season.

- 3. Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for 2016 Antelope and Elk Hunts. Presenter: Debra Rittenback, Revenue Unit Supervisor, SSHQ, Customer Service & Sales.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for the Antelope and Elk 2016 hunts.

- 4. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**



Larry D. Voyles
Director

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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