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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

April 22, 2016

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **May 5, 2016** at the **Cottonwood Recreation Center, 150 S. 6th St., Cottonwood, Arizona 86326**, 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 Thursday only, members of the public may view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices and the Departments Headquarters 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:**

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome/Introductions of Commission, Department Staff and Local Community Attendees

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. State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Jorge Canaca, 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.
- 3. Commission Priorities Update. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will provide an update on efforts towards accomplishing Commission Priorities. The Commission may discuss and provide additional direction.
- 4. Planet Ranch Lease Amendment No. 1. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Planet Ranch Lease Amendment No. 1 between the Bureau of Reclamation/MSCP and the Commission.

5. **Shooting Range Development Grant Requests for FY 2017. Presenter: Mike Raum, Statewide Shooting Range Administrator.** The Department's Shooting Range Development Grant Program received 6 grant applications for fiscal year 2017. The Department will ask the Commission to approve 5 of the 6 applications, totaling \$99,921.50 of the \$100,000 available. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00 AM

6. **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
Luigi Zanette	2016-0022	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
Luciano Turchet	2016-0023	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
Daniel Gaiotto	2016-0024	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
			Citation A07023
Dennis Branin	2016-0046	Count C:	Possession of unlawfully taken wildlife (Elk)
Dennis Branin	2016-0047	Count B:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule Deer)
Casey L. Kreager	2016-0041	Count A:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule Deer)
		Count B:	Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule Deer)
		Count C:	Litter while hunting
		Count D:	Criminal trespass
Lewis W. Stier	2016-0042	Count A:	Obtain license by fraud
Phillip Lujan	2016-0043	Count A:	Obtain 2015 resident hunting license by fraud
Andrea Lujan	2016-0044	Count A:	Obtain 2015 resident hunting license by fraud
Michael S. Foote	2016-0045	Count A:	Guide without a license

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

7. **Petition by David Meyer to Amend the Pronghorn Season Open Areas in Commission Order 29 (Special Big Game Tag Seasons). Presenter: Josh Avey, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch Chief.** David Meyer is petitioning the Commission to amend Commission Order 29 (Special Big Game Tag Seasons) to add Units 35A and 35B as open areas during the pronghorn season. The Department will present a summary of the petition as well as the Department's recommendation.

Agenda Items #8 through #12 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.

8. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society and the Tucson Audubon Society. Presenter: Josh Avey, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Audubon Society and the Tucson Audubon Society for the purpose of conservation and management of Arizona bird species and related educational programs.
9. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for a Habitat Restoration Project Located North of the Colorado River.**

Presenter: Al Eiden, Habitat Enhancement and Landowner Relations Program Manager. The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to cooperate with the Natural Resource Conservation Service on projects that improve wildlife habitat.

10. **Approve License Agreements for Management of the Nine Commission Shooting Ranges. Presenter: Mike Raum, Statewide Shooting Range Administrator.** The Commission will be asked to approve revised License Agreements for management of the nine Commission Shooting Ranges
11. **Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Mohave County. Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department and Mohave County to facilitate the construction of a fishing pond in the City of Kingman.
12. **FY 18 Proposed Budget & FY 17 Modification. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation on the FY 18 Draft Budget and proposed modifications to the FY 17 budget.
13. **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*; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817 (AZ); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019 (AZ); *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, CV 15-00245 (AZ); *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, CV 15-00285 (AZ); *Harrison v. Dennerline* CV 15-01060 (AZ); *Safari Club International v. Jewell*, 15-0930 (NM); *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810.
 - b. **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.
 - c. **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.
 - d. **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.

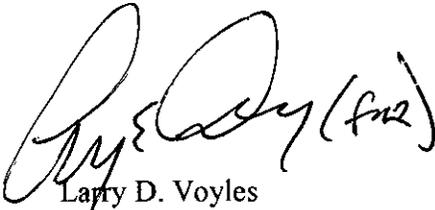
14. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; *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; *Safari Club International v. Jewell*; *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810.
15. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from April 8-9, 2016.
16. **Commissioner Committee Reports.** Commissioners may provide an update on the subcommittees that they chair regarding 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.
17. **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.
18. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Friday, May 6, 2016

Field Trip: From 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the Commission and Department staff will participate in a tour of Page Springs Hatchery at 1600 N. Page Springs Rd, Cornville, AZ 86325. No legal action will be taken by the Commission during the field trip.

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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.

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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