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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
REVISION #1

August 3, 2016

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **August 5-6, 2016** at the **Little America Hotel, 2515 E. Butler Ave., Flagstaff, Arizona 86004**, 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 Department Regional Office, except for the Flagstaff Regional Office. The Department Headquarters will also be available for viewing 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, August 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: David Fernandez, Assistant 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. Update on the Department's Statewide Public Awareness Campaign. Presenter: Tony Guiles, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be provided an update on the Department's statewide outreach campaign to increase public awareness of the Department, its mission and how it is funded.

4. **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.
5. **Request to Approve Exempt Rulemaking Amending Article 8, Wildlife Areas and Department Property. Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve a Notice of Exempt Rulemaking amending Article 8, Wildlife Areas and Department Property.

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
Rex Yellow	2016-0034	Count A: Count B:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Antelope) Take wildlife without valid license (Antelope)
Dennis McKinnis	2016-0053	Count A:	Obtain lifetime hunting license by fraud
Michael A. Sardegna	2016-0059	Count A: Count D:	Take wildlife without a license (Mule deer doe) Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule deer doe)
Dennis Trujillo	2016-0061	Count A: Count B: Count D:	Use elk tag of another Attached Elk Tag Issued to Another Possess unlawfully taken cow elk
Sylvia A. Morales	2016-0062	Count B:	Allow tag to be possessed by another
Dennis McNaughton	2016-0064	Count A:	Obtain 2014 resident fishing license by misrepresentation Citation A14612
John G. Smith	2016-0065	Count A:	Obtain 2015 resident fishing license by misrepresentation Citation A06979
Michael James	2016-0072	Count A:	Obtain 2008 hunt/fish license by misrepresentation

7. ***ITEM REMOVED*** (Petition by Benjamin Finch for the Commission to approve reinstatement of his elk bonus points)
8. **Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Briefing. Presenter: Jim deVos, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission will be provided a briefing on Black-footed ferrets recovery efforts.

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

Agenda Items #9-10 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.

9. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Commission may

approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation.

10. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Tread Lightly! Inc. Presenter: Mike Raum, Acting Shooting Sports Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Tread Lightly! Inc. for the purpose of promoting responsible outdoor recreation in Arizona.
11. **Commission briefing regarding alternative elk harvest strategies in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B. Presenter: Josh T. Avey, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch Chief.** Commission briefing regarding alternative elk harvest strategies in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B that will allow for concentrated hunt opportunities in GMU 12A, 12B, 13A and 13B to reduce or eliminate the elk in these units.

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

12. **Approval of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2017 Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Amber A. Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission will consider Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9 (spring turkey, spring javelina, spring buffalo, and spring bear) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for spring 2017.
13. **Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for Spring 2017 Hunts. Presenter: Debra Rittenback, Revenue Unit Supervisor, Support Services Licenses & Permitting.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation related to the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for spring 2017 hunts.
14. **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 Gynn 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*; *Zuni water rights settlement agreement*; 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; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*.
 - 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. **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 on Arizona's Public Records Law and disclosure of personal identifying information.

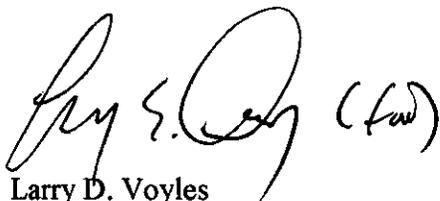
- d. **Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position on state permitting for release of Mexican wolves.
 - e. **Purchase 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.
 - f. **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.
- 15. 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; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*.
- 16. Approve and Sign Minutes.** The Commission may approve and sign the Commission meeting minutes from June 10-11, 2016.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Saturday, August 6, 2016

Field Trip: From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Commission and Department staff will carpool to the Raymond Wildlife Area for a tour and informational briefing. The Raymond Wildlife Area is located approximately 35 miles east of Flagstaff on I-40. From the Little America Hotel travel east on I-40 for approximately 26 miles; take exit 225 (Buffalo Range Road); turn south on Buffalo Range Road; travel 9.7 miles to the Raymond Wildlife Area headquarters. The briefing will include general information about Raymond Wildlife Area and briefings about the management of Arizona's two bison herds.

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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.

“Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow”