

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Friday, August 5, 2016
Saturday, August 6, 2016
Little America Hotel
2515 E. Butler Ave.
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director and Staff)

Chairman Edward “Pat” Madden
Commissioner James R. Ammons
Commissioner James S. Zieler
Commissioner Kurt R. Davis

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

Chairman Madden called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led those present through the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the attack in Orlando, Florida on June 13, the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who lost their lives at Yarnell Hill three years ago, the victims of the attack in Dallas, Texas on July 8, the victims of the attack in Nice, France, and the victims of the attack in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on July 17.

The Commission and Director Voyles introduced themselves followed by introductions of the Director’s staff. Chairman Madden recognized several community members that were present. Commissioner Eric S. Sparks was not present. This meeting followed an agenda revision #1 dated August 3, 2016.

Awards and Recognition

Chairman Madden presented a Commission Certificate of Appreciation to Department employee Luke Apfel in recognition of his outstanding commitment to wildlife conservation.

Flagstaff Regional Supervisor Craig McMullen presented the Commission’s Commendation of Achievement to Noah Stalvey, a longtime Flagstaff businessman and conservation advocate, for his selfless contributions to wildlife conservation in Arizona.

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1. Call to the Public

Jim Driscoll, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Arizona Sheriffs Association, addressed the Commission in regards to issues related to travel management on the Coconino National Forests and other Forests, and how the Sheriffs Association is successfully working through and resolving the issues.

Tom Mackin, Board Member, Northern Arizona Shooting Foundation, stated that it has been a great partnership with the Department and Commission since the opening of the Northern Arizona Shooting Range and with the Foundation. The range has been a success and very much fills a need in northern Arizona.

Art Babbott, District 1 Supervisor, Coconino County Board of Supervisors, addressed the Commission on public lands issues and provided the Commission with copies of a letter to President Obama and Resolutions by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors in opposition to the proposed Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument.

Darren Talayumptewa, Director, Department of Natural Resources, Hopi Tribe, thanked the Commission and the Department for their continued relationship and cooperative agreement for hunting management. The Hopi Tribe hopes to continue working together on management objectives including other lands that come into the trust.

Jim Parks, President, Coconino County Farm Bureau and Cattle Growers Association, and Chairman of the Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District, welcomed the Commission to Flagstaff and thanked the Commission and Department for their cooperation and work with the Farm Bureau and Cattle Growers on several issues.

Iris Westdyk, Arizona resident and hunter, asked the Commission to consider a family hunting tag in which, if drawn, the whole family could hunt.

Chairman Madden asked Assistant Director Tom Finley to further discuss the suggestion with Ms. Westdyk.

Sandy Bahr, Chapter Director, Sierra Club, addressed the Commission (via video teleconference from the Department HQ) in opposition to a recent media release by the Department that refuted an article by the Sierra Club and stated that uranium mining was a non-existent threat to condors.

Commissioner Davis asked Assistant Director of Wildlife Management Jim deVos, how many condor deaths were related to uranium.

Mr. deVos stated that he is not aware of any condor deaths related to exposure to uranium.

Director Voyles suggested that the Department prepare a Commission presentation at a future Commission meeting that lays out the science of any indication of condor death related to uranium exposure.

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2. Legislative Engagement and State and Federal Legislation

Presenter: David Fernandez, Legislative Specialist

Mr. Fernandez provided a PowerPoint presentation and briefing on the current status of selected state and federal legislative matters. The presentation included the following:

State Legislative Update

- The Department's 2016 Legislative Summary is being formatted and will soon be placed on the Department's website
- The Department is currently processing its legislative proposals for 2017. Vetted proposals will be presented the next Commission meeting. Proposals under review are:
 - In-Lieu Fee Investment Authority
 - 2016 LE Omnibus (PFD Language Update; Civil Penalty - Illegal Feeding of Wildlife; Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund Flexibility)
 - Building Renewal Fund – Small Projects/Emergency Repair Exemption
 - Incidental Take Permits
 - Property Disposals – Public Benefit
- Interim Activities: The Department has had several location visits with Senator McCain. Topics of discussion included monument designation, Grand Canyon bison, wildlife fires and wildlife impacts, and forest restoration.

Congressional Legislative Update

- Congress is currently in its August recess and will return in September.

H.R. 5650: Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2016

Introduced by Representative Don Young (R-AK) 7/6/2016 "To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies."

- Establishes a Wildlife Conservation and Restoration subaccount within the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund; Useable to carry out State Wildlife Conservation and Restoration programs for species of greatest concern, as determined by the State fish and wildlife agency
- \$1.3 Billion starting with FY 2016; \$650,000,000 each from Outer Continental Shelf Revenues and Mining Revenues

The Department recommends that the Commission vote to support H.R. 5650.

Motion: Ammons moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT H.R. 5650.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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Meeting recessed for a break at 8:56 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

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3. Update on the Department's Statewide Public Awareness Campaign

Presenter: Tony Guiles, Assistant Director

Mr. Guiles introduced Sasha Howell with Off-Madison Avenue (OMA), a Phoenix-based public relations firm, hired by the Department to work with the Department on a comprehensive two-year outreach campaign to promote the Department's wildlife restoration accomplishments, explain how the agency is funded and create higher public awareness for the Department and its mission. OMA was hired in October 2014 and began pre-campaign research to shape messaging, identify target audiences, gauge public attitudes and build an outreach strategy.

Ms. Howell briefed the Commission on the successful results of a recent survey of the outreach plan centered on a "microsite" website (GameandFishFacts.com), housing information about the Department that is more accessible to the non-consumptive user, but still acknowledges the conservation contributions of sportsmen. Efforts to drive target audiences to the microsite, OMA created ads in a variety of formats (radio, outdoor, online, print and TV). Billboards, radio and TV ads were placed primarily in metro areas, with online advertising and some print advertising being seen statewide. OMA is currently working with the Department towards efforts to evolve the campaign and build on the success and momentum that has now been created.

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4. Commission Priorities Update

Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director

Mr. Komadina provided an update on the Department's progress towards accomplishing the following 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
- Process Improvement.

Terrestrial Branch Chief Josh Avey along with Information Systems Branch Chief Doug Cummings provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Game Management Data System. The presentation included charts and graphs, and included an overview of the new electronic/online upgrades as follows:

- New survey app
- New hunter questionnaires
- New hunter harvest data collection
- New small game questionnaire
- New check-in process for bighorn sheep, bear, mountain lion and bison

- Reporting rate statistics

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6. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife

Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief

Records of these proceedings are maintained separately.

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Meeting recessed for a break at 11:12 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

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4. (continued) Commission Priorities Update

Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director

Mr. Avey and Mr. Cummings continued with their presentation and answered questions for the Commission. The Commission discussed with Mr. Cummings and Director Voyles that the system is being built in a way that could be branded and made available to other wildlife agencies at a benefit to the Department.

Commissioner Davis suggested that the Department provide a display at the upcoming winter WAFWA.

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5. Request to Approve Exempt Rulemaking Amending Article 8, Wildlife Areas and Department Property.

Presenter: Craig McMullen, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor

Mr. McMullen briefed the Commission on a proposed Notice of Exempt Rulemaking amending Article 8, Wildlife Areas and Department Property. The Department proposes to amend Article 8 rules to establish appropriate restrictions and the boundary description for the Planet Ranch Wildlife Area. This language was originally included in the Draft Article 8 Notice of Exempt Rulemaking approved by the Commission at the February 5, 2016 Commission meeting, but was removed from the final rulemaking because the newly acquired property was not available for public use at that time.

Because the proposed Planet Ranch restrictions and boundary description were included in the previous draft rulemaking and no comments were received regarding the proposed restrictions and boundary description for Planet Ranch, the Department is asking the Commission to approve the proposed rulemaking. The Notice of Exempt Rulemaking was provided to the Commission

prior to this meeting for consideration, and copies were provided during the meeting for the public. If approved by the Commission, the Department will file the final Notice of Exempt Rulemaking with the Secretary of State's office for publication in the Arizona Administrative Register.

Motion: Davis moved and Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF EXEMPT RULEMAKING TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 RULES ADDRESSING WILDLIFE AREAS AND DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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10. Memorandum of Understanding with Tread Lightly! Inc.

Presenter: Mike Raum, Acting Shooting Sports Branch Chief

Mr. Raum briefed the Commission on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tread Lightly! Inc. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation between the Department and Tread Lightly! to carry out outreach and education strategies, materials and messages promoting responsible outdoor recreation in Arizona. Tread Lightly! is a national non-profit organization with a mission to promote responsible recreation through ethics education and stewardship programs. The State of Arizona consists of thousands of acres of public and private lands, used by Arizonians for outdoor recreation. The Commission and Department manage many of these resources for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. With the similarity in purpose, coupled with the benefits of developing partnerships to promote responsible recreation, it is to the Parties' mutual benefit, and in turn to the benefit of Arizona's outdoor recreation, that the Parties use this MOU to formalize a framework for collaborating with each other where possible and practical.

Motion: Zieler moved and Davis seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH TREAD LIGHTLY! AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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14. Executive Session

The Commission voted to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel.

Motion: Davis moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

The Commission had a working lunch during Executive Session.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

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8. Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Briefing

Presenter: Jim deVos, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division

Mr. deVos provided a PowerPoint presentation and briefing on the Department's management and recovery efforts of black-footed ferret re-establishment in Arizona. The presentation highlighted recovery efforts and successes from the past year including an overview of the following:

- The Department's Black-footed Ferret Program
- Black-footed Ferret Historical Review
- Current Arizona Re-establishment Areas
- Disease Monitoring
- Reintroduction Mechanisms under the ESA
- USFWS 2013 BFF Recovery Plan
- BFF Recovery Successes

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9. Memorandum of Understanding with Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation (WFT)

Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director

Mr. Komadina briefed the Commission on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation (WFT), an independent not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation between the Department and Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation to conserve and enhance Arizona wildlife populations and to provide comprehensive wildlife management programs for the public. This work may include coordination, cooperation and collaboration with regard to: educational and other events and programs, provision of technical expertise, fund-raising activities by WFT, partnering on habitat and other wildlife conservation projects, as well as other wildlife conservation efforts.

Motion: Davis moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH THE WILDLIFE FOR TOMORROW FOUNDATION AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION TO

EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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12. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 5, 6, 8, and 9, for Spring 2017 Hunting Seasons.

Presenter: Amber A. Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor

Ms. Munig presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation and briefing on Department recommendations for 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. An open house was held in each region where the public could review these hunt recommendations prior to the Commission meeting. The recommendations were also posted on the Department web site and press releases were provided to let the public know of their availability.

The Commission provided the Department with direction through the hunt guidelines approved in September 2015. The proposed Commission Orders were formulated in accordance with that guidance and any deviation is noted in the species-specific summaries below.

Commission Order 5 – Spring Turkey

For 2017, spring limited-weapon-shotgun-shooting-shot seasons are recommended to decrease by 46 permits statewide for a total of 4,970. Units 1 and 27 again experienced high hunt success, indicating healthy spring turkey populations following the 2011 Wallow Fire. Trend or average hunt success in Units 3C, 6A, 7, 9, 22, and 23 was below objectives therefore the recommendation is for permit reductions in these units. Most spring seasons permits are recommended during stratified seasons occurring April 28–May 4 and May 5–25 or May 5–25, 2017.

Spring seasons are recommended for Gould's turkeys in Units 29 and 30A, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 35A, and 35B. Gould's turkey permit numbers are recommended at 72, a 9-permit increase from last year. Unit 32 is recommended to be stratified into 2 hunts with 1 permit in each hunt; this is an increase of 1. The Department recommends continuing the Unit 33 South archery only hunt with 2 permits.

The Department recommends no change to permits in the stratified seasons in Unit 13B (north of Wolfhole-Jacobs Well Road) for the Rio Grande subspecies at 2 permits in each hunt.

Nonpermit limited-weapon-shotgun-shooting-shot-seasons for youth-only are recommended in Units 1, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 7, 8, 10, 12A, and 27. These permits would be unlimited in number and could be purchased over-the-counter. For permitted spring juniors-only seasons, the

Department recommends 330 permits in Units 3C, 6A, 6B, and 23. This is a 40-permit decrease from last year. Season dates for the juniors-only season are recommended to be April 21–27 and May 12–25, 2017.

Over-the-counter permits are recommended for archery spring turkey hunts in Units 1, 4A, 4B, 6A, 12A, 23, and 27. Archery seasons are recommended to occur May 12–25, 2017. Preliminary have data for 2016 is not available. In 2015, 0 turkeys were harvested during the archery over-the-counter season.

Commission Order 6 – Spring Javelina

The Department recommends continuing the annual bag limit of 2 for javelina in 2017. The recommended bag limit would allow for only 1 javelina to be taken with a permit for a given hunt number; subsequent permits would only be issued for a separate hunt number.

Permits (percentages) recommended for spring 2017 include 11,455 (41.5%) general, 5,505 (20.0%) HAM, 9,475 (34.4%) archery, and 1,145 (4.2%) youth-only. This is no change for general, 25-permit increase for HAM, 25-permit decrease archery, and no change for youth-only. When considering the 780 fall youth-only permits plus the 695 javelina companion tags to deer hunts authorized by the Commission for fall 2016, this brings the total allocation of juniors-only permits to 9.0% of the total permits recommended.

Archery seasons are recommended to occur during January 1–26, 2017, youth-only seasons during January 27–Feb 5, 2017, HAM seasons during February 10–20, 2017, and general seasons during February 24–Mar 2, 2017. Over-the-counter permits are recommended for archery hunts in Units 1–5, 7, 9, 11M, 25M, 26M, and 38M. Season dates for Units 1–5, 7, 9, and 11M correspond with other archery javelina season dates of January 1–31, 2017. For Units 25M, 26M, and 38M, the season is recommended to overlap the January and December archery deer over-the-counter seasons and run from January 1-31, 2017 and December 15-31, 2017. A yearlong general season with over-the-counter permits is also recommended for January 1–December 31, 2017 in the Mohawk Valley Hunt Area in Unit 41.

Commission Order 8 – Spring Bison

The Department recommends 25 any bison permits for the House Rock herd for spring 2017, with season dates from January 1–June 1, 2017. The Department also recommends 2 other any bison and 2 adult cow only general hunts in June and July for a total of 24 permits. The House Rock Wildlife Area is excluded from the open hunt to provide this area as refugia for bison instead of the Grand Canyon National Park.

In 2016, 22 spring permits were authorized for the Raymond herd in Units 5A and 5B with all hunters being successful. The Department recommends, for spring 2017, 6 designated yearling hunts for a total of 18 permits. The Department is on track to replace the current Raymond Wildlife Area herd with bison of the Wind Cave National Park (WICA) lineage to contribute to the national effort to conserve the WICA lineage. The recommendation for the Raymond herd continues this effort.

Commission Order 9 – Spring Bear

The Department recommends no changes to most seasons, season structures, female harvest limits, and permits for spring 2017. General bear hunts (Units 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C; 10, 18A and 19B; 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A and 20B; 19A; 22; 23N; 24A; 27; 29 and 30A; 31; 32; 34A; and 35A and 35B [except Fort Huachuca]) and archery (Units 3B and 3C and 33) are recommended as over-the-counter permits for the March 24–May 4 season. The Department recommends adding a season for Units 30B with a female harvest limit of 1 to this structure. The Department also recommends extending the season length for the Unit 27 hunt to close June 30. This will allow for additional opportunity in Unit 27 and may help address nuisance bear issues; however, this recommendation is outside of guidelines. On average, less than 6 bears have been harvested annually during this period, with few being female. Each hunt will have a female harvest limit, and any female bears taken during this time will apply to the annual female harvest limit that if met would close subsequent hunts.

Permitted general bear hunts are recommended in Units 6B (except Camp Navajo) and 33 with 5 permits and a female harvest limit of 1 in each unit. Permitted archery-only bears hunts are recommended in Units 3B and 3C, 4B, 22, 23N, 33, 34A, 35A, and 35B (except Fort Huachuca), and Fort Huachuca; total permits are recommended at 280. Over the last 5 years, about one third of the bears harvested during this later season are females.

Female harvest limits total 21 for general hunts and 13 for archery hunts (Fort Huachuca harvest limits are a subset of Unit 35A).

Commissioner Zieler stated that the hunt recommendations subcommittee has reviewed and are in support of the Department hunt recommendations as presented.

Motion: Zieler moved and Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION ORDERS 5, 6, 8 and 9 AS PRESENTED.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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11. Commission Briefing Regarding Alternative Elk Harvest Strategies in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B

Presenter: Josh T. Avey, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch Chief

Mr. Avey provided a PowerPoint presentation and briefing on alternative elk harvest strategies in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B that will allow for concentrated hunt opportunities to reduce or eliminate the elk in these units. For more than 15 years, there has been a small population of elk in Unit 12A and possibly Unit 12B. More recently a small population has established in Unit 13B with the possibility of being present or expanding in to Unit 13A. The Department estimates there are fewer than 50 elk in all 4 units combined. These units are managed for mule deer, and Units 12A and 12B are identified as Minimal Occurrence Elk Management Zones in the 2016-2018 hunt guidelines. The elk issues surfaced recently enough in Units 13A and 13B

that a management structure has not yet been identified for those units in the hunt guidelines. However, the Department is managing the presence of elk in Units 13A and 13B consistent with the parameters of a Minimal Occurrence Elk Management Zone.

Minimal Occurrence Elk Management Zones are defined as areas where the presence of elk is minimal and not essential to the long-term maintenance of elk populations and the management of other wildlife species is a higher priority. Management prescriptions for elk within minimal occurrence zones include elimination of populations when deemed appropriate. The Department has identified the elk populations that exist, or may exist, in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B as appropriate for elimination under the elk management guidelines. The presence of elk is undesirable and could have a negative habitat impact for the mule deer population. These elk are not essential to the long-term maintenance of elk populations in the state. To date, established hunt strategies have not been effective at eliminating these elk herds.

In December, coinciding with the Department's regular hunt recommendation process, the Department will recommend additional hunt structures that will allow the Commission to reduce the price of an elk tag, in Units 12A, 12B, 13A, and 13B only, in an attempt to maximize hunter participation and elk harvest.

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13. Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for Spring 2017 Hunts

Presenter: Debra Rittenback, Revenue Unit Supervisor

Ms. Rittenback presented the Commission with the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for spring 2017 hunting seasons (attached). The application schedule identifies proposed acceptance dates and deadline dates for all hunts associated with the draw process. In addition, the proposed dates for when hunt permit-tags and refund warrants will be mailed are also identified, along with information relating to the first-come/first-serve process for any permits that may still be available.

Motion: Davis moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING 2017 HUNTS.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

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15. Litigation Report

There were no comments or questions regarding the Litigation Report.

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16. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes

Motion: Zieler moved and Davis seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 10-11, 2016.

Vote: Unanimous
4 to 0
Sparks not present

The Commission signed the minutes following approval.

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17. Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Ammons reported on his HPC meeting on July 16. It was very well attended. September 1 is the deadline for submitting funding requests. The auction tags provided a little over \$2 million dollars, with two more tags to be reported, and the AZBGSR brought in another \$633,000. This is just under \$3 million dollars for conservation.

Commissioner Zieler reported that he and the hunt recommendations subcommittee appreciates Amber Munig, Josh Avey and Jim deVos for providing some well thought out hunt recommendations.

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18. Director and Commissioner Comments

Director Voyles briefed the Commission on the following activities:

- Traveled with other Department staff to Tucson for SCI Meeting to talk about joint initiatives
- Met with Mark Killian regarding the Livestock Loss Board and the roles that the Department of Agriculture can play in moving initiatives forward
- Traveled to Edgefield, SC for Wildlife and Hunter Heritage Conservation Council
- Traveled to Richmond, VA for the Fish and Wildlife Business Summit and met with members of the industry community
- Met with Senator Don Shooter to discuss a permitting issue with one of his constituents
- Attended the Summer WAFWA conference in Cody, WY
- Met with the Droppa Family to discuss cooperative relationships and ventures regarding the Oro Ranch
- Attended the Governor's Cabinet meeting

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19. Future Agenda Items and Action Items

Deputy Director Gray captured the following future agenda and action items from this meeting:

- The Department will make a presentation to the Commission on the science related to toxicants that have been documented in condors and will include a briefing on OIG report indicating falsification of USGS data on uranium testing in the Grand Canyon area
- The Department will make a presentation to Commission on the 10 year plan for an outreach campaign
- The Department will evaluate the long term potential for vendor (commercial) fees to cover other outreach projects, including considering vendor package deals for the Expo and other sponsorships and think about next level strategies
- Regarding the Proprietary Information and Technology Business, the Department will develop a plan for when the Department will be operational and ready to market its systems to other agencies
- Regarding the January WAFWA meeting, the Department will offer Directors and Commissioners a display tent/info opportunity regarding the Department’s outreach and IT progresses.

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14. (continued) Executive Session

The Commission voted to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel.

Motion: Zieler moved and Davis seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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Chairman Madden adjourned this meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

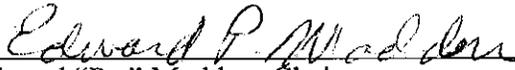
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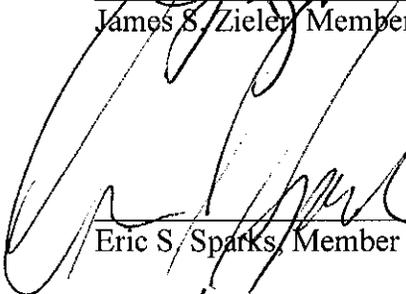
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Field Trip: From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Commission and Department staff carpooled to the Raymond Wildlife Area for a tour and informational briefing. The briefing included general information about Raymond Wildlife Area and briefings about the management of Arizona’s two bison herds. No legal action was taken by the Commission during the field trip.


Edward "Pat" Madden, Chairman

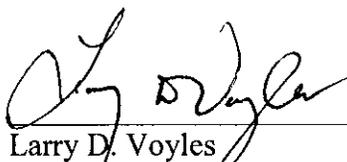

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ATTEST:


Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director