

Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the  
Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
Friday, November 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.  
Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area  
22600 E. Bloody Basin Road  
Mayer, Arizona 86330

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Chairman Edward "Pat" Madden  
Commissioner James R. Ammons  
Commissioner James S. Zieler  
Commissioner Eric S. Sparks  
Commissioner Kurt R. Davis

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

Chairman Madden called the workshop meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This meeting followed an agenda dated October 27, 2016. With the exception of an Executive Session, this workshop meeting was an informal roundtable setting for discussion and informational purposes. The Commission took no action at this meeting.

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### 1. 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 Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**Vote:** Unanimous

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Meeting recessed for a break at 10:45 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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### 2. Discussion of (1) Department Strategic Plan, (2) Public Records Law, (3) Commission Meeting Logistics and Hearing Process, (4) Tag Transfer Process.

**Presenter:** Ty Gray, Deputy Director.

Deputy Director Gray and several Department staff participated in informal discussions with the Commission as follows:

Department Strategic Plan: Funds and Planning Branch Chief Sherry Crouch discussed and reviewed the Department's Strategic Plan and updating it to reflect the Department's current business structure. The updated draft will be completed and provided to the Commission by the

end of December. Also discussed was a potential sister plan to the Strategic Plan that would focus on marketing Department programs and partnership opportunities.

Commission Meeting Logistics and Hearing Process: Law Enforcement Branch Chief Gene Elms discussed Arizona statutes related to civil liability and the definition of trophy animals. Mr. Gray led discussion of potential options for the revocation process. No changes were recommended. Also discussed were community events for on-the-road Commission meetings. The Department will continue to use its own discretion to determine the type of event or whether to hold on-the-road community events based on the location and circumstances.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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2. (continued) Discussion of (1) Department Strategic Plan, (2) Public Records Law, (3) Commission Meeting Logistics and Hearing Process, (4) Tag Transfer Process.

**Presenter:** Ty Gray, Deputy Director.

Tag Transfer Process: Mr. Gray and Mr. Odenkirk discussed the Department's tag transfer program related to disabled veterans or minors with disabilities and the qualification requirements for those tags. Mr. Odenkirk will provide a presentation and refresher to organizations that work with disabled veterans or minors with disabilities to ensure the organizations understand the requirements.

Public Records Law: Mr. Gray led discussions of public records law and the number of public records requests received by the Department, as well as the Department's responsibilities as it relates to personal identifying information for commercial and noncommercial purposes. Discussion included the results of a brainstorming team developed to look at the challenges and to find ways to protect the Department's personal customer information while still allowing commercial entities to directly advertise to Department customers. One of the ideas would be for the Department to email third party advertisements with an opt-out option for customers and another idea would be for Portal advertisements.

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Meeting recessed for the day at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

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2. (continued) Discussion of (1) Department Strategic Plan, (2) Public Records Law, (3) Commission Meeting Logistics and Hearing Process, (4) Tag Transfer Process.

**Presenter:** Ty Gray, Deputy Director.

Public Records Law: Mr. Gray and Department staff continued discussions related to personal identifying information, including the opt-out option for email advertisements, portal advertisements, and analytics related to costs and revenues.

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1. Discussion of (1) Federal Land Management Planning, (2) Ethics and Fair Chase, and (3) Commission Priorities Update. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director. The Commission will participate in an informal discussion with Department staff to include topics listed herein

Ethics and Fair Chase: Mesa Regional Supervisor Jay Cook led discussions on ethics and fair chase issues, including drones, smart rifles and game cameras. The Department is looking at making changes and adding definitions related to technologically advanced equipment in the upcoming rulemaking process in 2017.

Federal Land Management Planning: Assistant Director Tom Finley discussed the U.S. Forest Service travel management plans in Arizona related to non-motorized big game retrieval and dispersed camping. Also discussed was a potential Department policy statement and coordination with other state and local law enforcement agencies.

Commission Priorities Update: Mr. Gray reviewed and discussed the current Commission Priorities. No changes or additions were requested. The Commission Priorities remain as follows:

- 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
- Update on the implementation of process improvements

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2. Meeting Wrap up and Future Agenda Items

This item was not discussed.

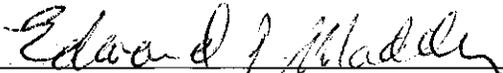
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Chairman Madden adjourned this meeting.

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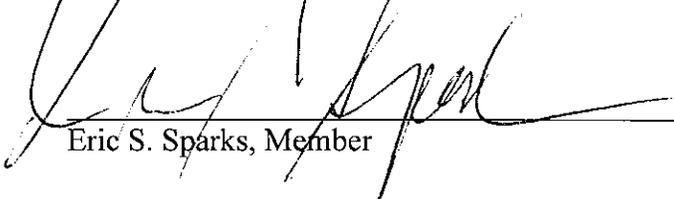
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Edward "Pat" Madden, Chairman

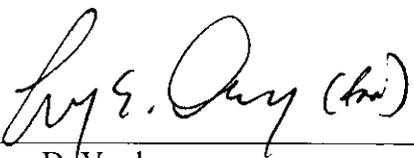
  
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ATTEST:

  
Larry D. Voyles  
Secretary and Director