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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee will be held on January 16, 2010:

Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) will meet in Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, January 16, 2010. The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2532 W. Peoria Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85029.
www.crowneplaza.com- (602) 943-2341.

Meeting Begins at 8:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks:** Commissioner Freeman will open the meeting with announcements and overview of the HPAC charter.
2. **Introductions:** Committee members, guests, and Department personnel present will introduce themselves. (15 minutes)
3. **Approval of Minutes.** The Committee will vote to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2009 meeting.
4. **Presenter: Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Legislative update on legislative business affecting the Heritage Fund and Department. The Committee may make a recommendation to the Commission regarding the items discussed in the presentation. (30 minutes)
5. **Presenter: Larry Voyles, Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Presentation and Discussion on Wild Horse and Burros in Arizona. The management of free-roaming wild horses and burros in Arizona has and will continue posing challenges to wildlife and natural resource management agencies. Wild horses and burros are managed by the Secretaries of Agriculture (Forest Service) and Interior (Bureau of Land Management) according to The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. Because modern horses and burros are not native to North America, they are not managed as wildlife by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. (30 minutes)
6. **Break** (15 minutes)
7. **Presenter: Robyn Beck, Heritage Grant Coordinator, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Discussion on the Heritage Grant application scoring and committee assignments. (30 minutes)

8. **Presenter: Jeff Sorensen, Native Fish & Invertebrates Program Manager, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Discussion on Citizen Science and Wildlife Conservation. Over the past year, the Department has increased efforts to use “citizen science” opportunities to further wildlife conservation and endangered species monitoring. In April 2009, 19 volunteers conducted a Department-led survey of Kanab ambersnails during a Grand Canyon commercial river trip. The Ornate Box Turtle Watch Project was implemented recently to recruit the public in helping document the health and population status of ornate box turtles in southeastern Arizona; 35 observation reports have already been received under this project. The Black-footed Ferret Project is another example of an endangered species recovery project that relies heavily on volunteers to conduct monitoring. The presentation will discuss the benefits and opportunities for “Citizen science” projects. (30 minutes)
9. **Presenter: Maggie Sacher, HPAC Member:** Discussion on BLM public comments process regarding solar energy. Presentation will include map of the proposed sites. (10 minutes)
10. **Presenter: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management, Arizona Game and Fish Department:** Update on Director’s Goal #8 for the Department. The Committee will be updated on progress toward Director’s Goal and objective #8. This Goal specifies that: *“The Department will expand our **dialogue** with the public regarding wildlife mortality due to ingested lead and **possible** voluntary strategies to minimize that mortality **over the next 10 to 15 years**. The Commission understands that any meaningful progress on this issue will only occur with full public participation and cooperation, and successful **voluntary** or incentive-based programs developed in cooperation with the conservation community, the sporting goods industry and state wildlife agencies.”* (30 minutes)
11. **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 Committee. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Committee meeting agenda.
12. **Committee business:**
 - a. **Open Committee Discussion.**
 1. The Committee may make recommendations to the Commission regarding Heritage Fund-related issues discussed during the foregoing presentations.
 2. The Committee may discuss its planned activities for 2010.
13. **Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates and Locations for 2010**
14. **Adjournment.**

Meeting Ends at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 16, 2010 after lunch the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Center Coordinator and Department Staff will lead a tour of the Wildlife Center. The tour length will be approximately two hours. This is an Elective Event and the Committee will take no formal action.

Background materials provided to Committee 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, Arizona 85086 and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Committee will afford any person, his duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

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