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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA REVISION #1

April 8, 2015

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **April 10-11, 2015** at the **Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086**, 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 one of the Department's six Regional Offices 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, April 10, 2015 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions and Welcome

- 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. Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
 - a. Approval of Revised Commission Policy A2.22, Consideration of Economic Impact. Presenter: Sherry Crouch, Funds Planning Branch Chief.** The Department will ask the Commission vote to approve revised Commission policy A2.22, Consideration of Economic Impact.
 - b. Approval of Community Fishing Program Intergovernmental Agreements, Designation of new Community Fishing Waters, and Commission Order 40 Amendments on new Community Fishing Waters. Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Fisheries Branch Chief.** The

Commission will be asked to approve the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreements between the Department and the cities of Casa Grande, Glendale, Youngtown, and Maricopa to continue the Community Fishing Program for the next four fiscal years in those cities. The Commission will also be asked to designate, and amend Commission Order 40 on new Community Fishing Waters in Casa Grande and Youngtown.

- c. **Renewal of the Special Land Use Permit with the Arizona State Land Department for the Adobe Mountain Rehabilitation Center. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission may vote to approve the renewal of the Special Land Use Permit for the Adobe Mountain Rehabilitation Center with the Arizona State Land Department. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.
 - d. **Approval of License Agreement with Up the Creek Grill. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve entering into a license agreement with Up the Creek Grill, pending transfer to Up the Creek Grill of a portion of the Page Springs Hatchery property, Yavapai County, Arizona.
3. **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.
 4. **Customer Portal Project. Presenter: Doug Cummings, Branch Chief, Information Systems.** The Department will present an update on the development of the Customer Portal (website with Customer Login capabilities with improved customer access to information, products and services) along with next steps. The presentation will include updates on the development of the Customer Portal Website, the development of bundled/subscription services, planning for future releases of the Portal, and discussion of potential paperless sales.
- *NEW***
- 4A. **Briefing on the Development of a Statewide Public Awareness Campaign. Presenter: Tony Guiles, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be briefed on efforts to devise and implement a statewide outreach campaign to increase public awareness of the Department, its mission and how it is funded.
 5. **Wolf Briefing. Presenter: Jim deVos, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division.** The Commission will be provided a general wolf briefing that will include an update on all actions the Department has taken since the last Commission meeting to accomplish the direction provided by the Commission at the August 5, 2014 Commission Meeting. The Commission may vote or provide direction to the Department.
 6. **Managing Risk Associated with the Department's In Lieu Fee Program. Presenter: Tim Wade, Chief, Wildlife Contracts Branch.** The Department will provide the Commission with an analysis regarding managing different types of risk associated with the implementation and long term management of the Department's In Lieu Fee Program. This briefing will be for information only.
- *REVISED* (Moved from Item #9)**
- 6A. **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with U.S.D.A National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Regarding Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for Northern and Southern Arizona. Presenter: Al**

Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager. The Commission will be asked to approve an MOU with NRCS on collaborating through approved RCPP funded proposals for Northern and Southern Arizona.

***REVISED* (Moved from Item #10)**

- 6B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with U.S.D.A National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Regarding Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) for Central Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager.** The Commission will be asked to approve an MOU with NRCS on collaborating through RCPP funded proposals for Central Arizona.

Agenda Items #7 through #14 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.

- 7. Repeal Commission Policy A2.27, Disposal of Exceptional Trophy Quality Heads, Hides, Horns and Antlers. Presenter: Jim Hinkle, Assistant Director Field Operations Division.** The Department will ask the Commission to repeal Commission policy A2.27, Disposal of Exceptional Trophy Quality Heads, Hides, Horns and Antlers.
- 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Babbitt Ranches L.L.C. Presenter: Al Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager.** The Commission will be asked to approve an MOU with Babbitt Ranches L.L.C. in order to cooperate regarding Wildlife Related Recreational Access Routes in Game Management Units 7, 9, and 10.
- 9. MOVED TO 6A.**
- 10. MOVED TO 6B.**
- 11. Approval of Petition to Close a 340-yard-long Road on State Trust Land Approximately Forty-three Miles Southwest of Tucson, Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager.** The Department will be asking the Commission to approve a request by Walter Lane to close a road on State Trust Land located approximately forty-three miles southwest of Tucson, Arizona as part of a multi-year access agreement.
- 12. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Pittsburgh. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Program Supervisor.** The Commission may approve an MOU to allow the Department to establish a framework for collaboration and cooperation between the Department and the University of Pittsburgh. This agreement will allow collaboration, cooperation, exchange and sharing of biological samples, data, and funding to assist the Department in research and management of Arizona's wildlife.
- 13. Approval of El Coronado Ranch Forest Legacy Conservation Easement and All Associated Agreements. Presenter: Joyce M. Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve holding a Conservation Easement on the El Coronado Ranch, located in Cochise County, Arizona, through a USFS Forest Legacy Grant, in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and the Arizona State Forester.
- 14. Approval of Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) Grant Allocation Formula for FY 2016. Presenter: Kevin Hodgkins, ACTING CFO, Business & Finance.** The

Department will provide the Commission with the proposed LEBSF Grant Allocation Formula per ARS §5-383 and request that the Commission approve the formula.

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

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

- 15. 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
			Citation A03924
John W. Pfister	2015-0013	Count A:	Obtain 2013 resident hunting license by fraud
			Citation A03925
		Count A:	Obtain 2011 resident hunting license by fraud
			Citation A03926
		Count A:	Obtain 2012 resident hunting license by fraud
Idelfonso A.J. Jimenez	2015-0024	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Deer)
William J. Harris	2015-0028	Count A:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Elk)
		Count B:	Take wildlife without valid license (Elk)
William J. Harris	2015-0029	Count A:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Deer)
		Count B:	Take wildlife without valid license (Deer)
Thomas L. Greenman Jr.	2015-0030	Count A:	Take big game without valid tag/permit (Turkey decoy)
Samuel Cummings	2015-0031	Count A:	Discharge firearm within ¼ mile of an occupied structure
		Count B:	Take wrong sex (Bull Elk)
		Count C:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Bull Elk)
Todd M. Portz	2015-0032	Count A:	Take wrong sex (Bull Elk)
		Count B:	Possess unlawfully taken Bull Elk
		Count C:	Possess/Transport without evidence of legality
Rick Lee Donovan Jr.	2015-0033	Count A:	Take wrong sex (Bull Elk)
		Count C:	Possession of wildlife in excess of possession limit (Elk)
Lorenzo Gonzalez	2015-0034	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Antelope)
		Count B:	Take wrong species (Antelope)
		Count C:	Possess/Transport wildlife or parts of wildlife which was unlawfully taken (Antelope)
Juan Carlos Bravo	2015-0035	Count A:	Possess/Transport wildlife or parts of wildlife which was unlawfully taken (Antelope)
Rafael Gonzales Jr.	2015-0036	Count A:	Possess/Transport wildlife or parts of wildlife which was unlawfully taken (Antelope)
Macario Bravo-Martinez	2015-0037	Count A:	Possess/Transport wildlife or parts of wildlife which was unlawfully taken (Antelope)
Scott R. Hughes	2015-0038	Count A:	Obtain 2013 resident license by fraud
		Count B:	Obtain 2014 resident license by fraud
		Count C:	Possess/Transport wildlife or parts of wildlife which was unlawfully taken (Mule Deer)

16. **Petition by Ronnie D. De Loach for the reinstatement of bonus points. Presenter: Kevin Hodgkins, Acting CFO, Business & Finance.** Ronnie D. De Loach requests that his bonus points be reinstated due to his inability to use his tag.
17. **Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
 - a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** 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; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817; Phase One Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Planet Ranch); Arizona Game and Fish Department's Notice of Intent Regarding Mexican Wolf Recovery Planning; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB; *National Trust for Historic Preservation v. Suazo*, CV-13-01973.
 - b. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** 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. **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.
18. **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*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; Arizona Game and Fish Department's Notice of Intent Regarding Mexican Wolf Recovery Planning; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB.

Saturday, April 11, 2015 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

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Introductions and Welcome

1. **Awards and Recognition.**
2. **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.

3. **Approval of Proposed Commission Orders 2, 5-10, 13, and 26 for 2015–2016 Hunting Season. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Program Supervisor.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 2 (deer), 5–10 (turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo, bear, and mountain lion), 13 (predatory and furbearing mammals), and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag limits, permit numbers, and open areas for the 2015–2016 season. A detailed description of proposals is available for public review at Department offices.
4. **Approval of Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for Fall 2015 Hunts. Presenter: Kevin Hodgkins, Acting CFO, Business & Finance.** The Department will provide a presentation on the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for the Fall 2015 hunts and will ask the Commission to approve the application schedule.
5. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from March 6-7, 2015.
6. **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.
7. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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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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