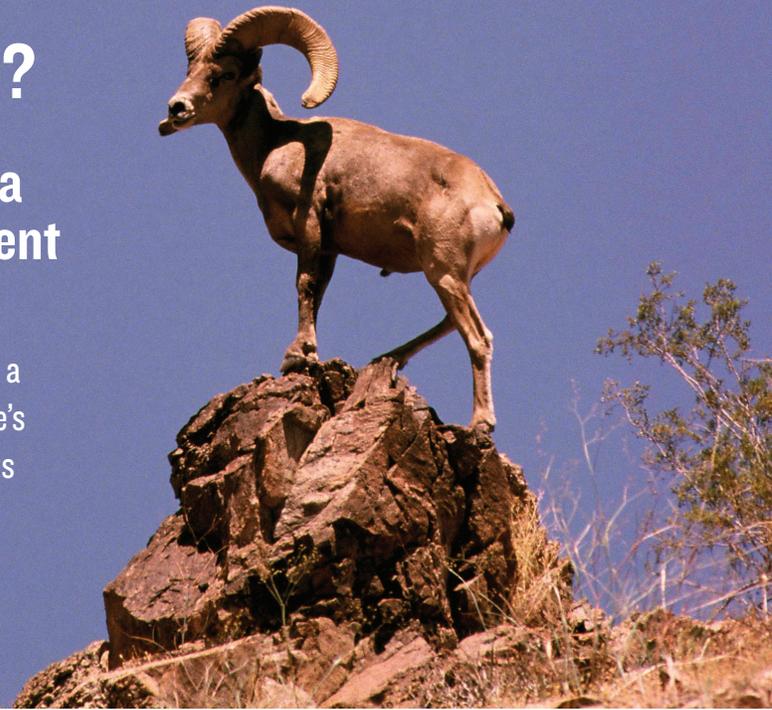




DID YOU KNOW?

Facts about the Arizona Game and Fish Department

Every day the Arizona Game and Fish Department makes a difference in the conservation and protection of our state's wildlife and habitats. Below are some did-you-know facts about the agency and its mission.



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The Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) has trust responsibility for **managing more than 800 native wildlife species** – including the small percentage of species that can be legally hunted and the majority that are non-hunted – so future generations will have wildlife to enjoy.

2

AZGFD **receives NO Arizona general fund tax dollars.** The majority of its wildlife conservation funding comes from licenses purchased by hunters and anglers and a federal excise tax on certain hunting and fishing gear.

3

Wildlife-related recreation provides a huge economic benefit to our state and to local communities. Hunters, anglers and wildlife viewers in Arizona spend about \$2 billion annually in equipment and trip-related expenses.

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AZGFD manages wildlife under the principles of the **North American Model of Wildlife Conservation**, the world's most successful conservation model, which holds that wildlife is managed in trust for the people and that science is the basis for wildlife management.



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AZGFD engages in **cutting-edge research** to help wildlife move between habitats fragmented by highways, a major challenge to the sustainability of some wildlife populations. The agency and its partners have developed solutions, such as bighorn sheep overpasses on Highway 93 near Hoover Dam and elk underpasses and a signaled crosswalk on Highway 260 near Payson, to connect essential habitat blocks.

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Arizona's fish hatcheries produce about 3 million trout per year for anglers to enjoy: rainbow, brown, brook, cutthroat, and Apache (a native species that is Arizona's state fish).

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Thanks to **active management** by AZGFD and its partners, many native wildlife species that had disappeared from the state or were dwindling are making comebacks. Bald eagles, Sonoran pronghorn, Gould's turkeys, black-footed ferrets, Apache trout, Mexican wolves, Chiricahua leopard frogs, and black-tailed prairie dogs are just a few of the species that have benefited from on-the-ground conservation efforts.

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Wildlife policy is set by the five-member **Arizona Game and Fish Commission**, a citizen board that provides oversight of the Department. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and no more than three can be from the same political party. This structure has served the best interests of science-driven wildlife management during eight decades of back-and-forth political change.



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