

DRAFT NOTICE OF EXEMPT RULEMAKING
TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAPTER 4. GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

PREAMBLE

| <u>1. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u> | <u>Rulemaking Action</u> |
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| R12-4-102 | Amend |
| R12-4-104 | Amend |
| R12-4-107 | Amend |
| R12-4-109 | New Section |
| R12-4-115 | Amend |
| R12-4-201 | Amend |
| R12-4-202 | Amend |
| R12-4-203 | Amend |
| R12-4-204 | Repeal |
| R12-4-205 | Amend |
| R12-4-206 | New Section |
| R12-4-207 | New Section |
| R12-4-209 | New Section |
| R12-4-210 | New Section |
| R12-4-211 | New Section |
| R12-4-212 | New Section |
| R12-4-213 | New Section |
| R12-4-214 | New Section |
| R12-4-215 | New Section |
| R12-4-311 | Amend |
| R12-4-312 | Repeal |
| R12-4-318 | Amend |
| R12-4-412 | New Section |
| R12-4-422 | Amend |
| R12-4-424 | Amend |
| R12-4-501 | Amend |
| R12-4-503 | Amend |
| R12-4-504 | Amend |
| R12-4-529 | Amend |

2. Citations to the agency's statutory authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the

implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. §§ 5-302, 5-311(A)(1), and 17-231(A)(1)

Implementing statute: A.R.S. §§ 5-301, 5-311(A)(1), 5-311(A)(5) , 5-321, 5-321.01, 5-326, 5-327, 17-101(10), 17-102, 17-231(A)(2), 17-231(A)(3), 17-231(A)(8), 17-231(B)(7), 17-231(B)(8), 17-234, 17-235, 17-236(B), 17-238(A), 17-239, 17-240(A), 17-245, 17-251, 17-301, 17-305, 17-306, 17-307, 17-317, 17-331, 17-332, 17-333, 17-333.02, 17-333.03, 17-335.01, 17-336, 17-340, 17-342, 17-345, 17-346, 17-361, 17-362, 17-371, 25-320(P), 25-502(K), and 25-518

3. The effective date of the rule and the agency’s reason it selected the effective date:

The Commission requests the rulemaking become effective on January 1, 2014. This delayed effective date will allow the Department the time needed to ensure all affected publications, licenses, applications, permits, tags, and Internet pages are revised before rulemaking becomes effective.

4. A list of all previous notices published in the Register as specified in R1-4-409(A) that pertain to the record of the exempt rulemaking:

Not applicable

5. The agency’s contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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6. An agency’s justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed, or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

During the First Regular Session of the 51st Arizona State Legislature, the Game and Fish Commission pursued amendments to A.R.S. Titles 5 and 17 to allow the Commission to establish license classifications and fees.

The Commission proposes to amend rules within 12 A.A.C. Ch. 4, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to implement recent legislative amendments resulting from Laws 2013, 1st Regular Session, Ch. 197, Section 25.

The initial concept for these changes began when customers asked for a simpler license structure. In 2011, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission approved, two “Goals and Objectives” for the Arizona Game and Fish Department Director related to license and fee simplification. One was to secure additional revenue in existing funds using an analytical and business model approach to address increasing operational expenses at a time of

declining agency revenues. The other was to develop a simpler license structure, find a way to provide more value to traditional customers, and establish a consistent definition of youth.

In August 2012, the Commission combined these two items into one goal and objective with the following description: The Department will seek measures to provide the Commission authority and flexibility to fully implement a new basic license structure; including licenses, tags, stamps, and permits. The new structure will generate additional revenue for the Game and Fish Fund, be easier to understand, and provide more value to recruit and retain customers.

The Department is continually challenged by environmental factors that impact recreational opportunities and therefore impair the agency's revenue capabilities. The state's extended drought continues to affect wildlife habitat and populations, which requires the agency to expend considerable resources to maintain habitat and wildlife populations.

The state's forests are recovering after significant damage caused by forest fires, including the Horseshoe, Monument, Wallow fires between 2010 through 2012, which had significant resource impacts. Often, public access is still limited in some of these areas due to the extent of the damage and the ongoing recovery. In addition to the damages to habitat caused by the fires, emerging wildlife diseases have the potential to reduce native populations and threaten the state's biological diversity as well as limit recreational opportunities, prompting the agency to adopt a more aggressive stance in monitoring for these conditions. The Department does not receive money from the state general fund to address these additional costs.

The Commission and the Department, like any business, constantly evaluates staffing and resource allocations. Over the past several years, sales of licenses, tags, stamps and permits have trended downward while operational costs and Department responsibilities have increased or expanded. The Commission and the Department have made numerous budget adjustments to address rising costs and flat revenue. Some of these budget adjustments included keeping positions vacant and making cuts to program budgets to address rising costs. However, operational expenses and employer related costs have increased to the point where the Commission and Department may have to reduce essential programs such as law enforcement and support services.

It is important to note that fees have not been raised since 2007; and when those fees were established, the Commission made a commitment to sportsmen not to raise fees again for five years. The Commission has exceeded that commitment despite having to navigate the challenges posed by the economic downturn of the past few years as well as the cumulative effect of inflation and increasing costs.

Since the last fee increase and in addition to overall increases in operational costs Department-wide; helicopter

survey costs have increased by 43%, the Department's fuel costs have increased by 40%, urban fishing stocking costs have increased: catfish costs by 44% and trout costs have by 11%, fish hatchery production costs by 13%, and mandated employer related costs have increased: insurance costs by 69% and public safety personnel retirement costs by 92%.

The previous process for changing the Commission's license structure and fees was complex and time-consuming, and prevented the timely reaction to changing conditions or customer needs. Prior to the passage of SB 1223, the Commission needed legislative approval (i.e., passage of a bill) in order to revise the license structure and associated fees. This was the case even if the Commission wants to offer customers a simplified structure, a discount, or incentive pricing. Once a bill passed under the old process, the Commission then had to initiate a regular rulemaking process to implement the structure. The total process could have taken three years or more to complete.

In developing the proposal for the recently passed legislation, the Department determined that it is logical and appropriate to transfer the authority to establish the license structure and fees to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to give the Department the ability to operate like a business. As a result, A.R.S. §§ 5-321, 5-327, 17-332, 17-333, and 17-345 were amended to allow the Commission to establish a watercraft registration fee, duplicate registration fee, late registration penalty, nonresident boating safety infrastructure fee, and license classification, license, tag, permit, surcharge, and application fees by rule.

The Commission's objectives for the exempt rulemaking are to establish a simpler license structure, generate revenue to address rising operational expenses, carry out its duties effectively in managing the state's wildlife resources, and provide quality recreational wildlife opportunities and access for the regulated community.

To solicit feedback and support, the Department deployed an extensive outreach campaign from October through December 2012 to inform the public of the proposed legislation; and May through June 2013 to inform the public of the newly passed legislation and collect feedback about a conceptual license and fee structure. The campaign included public meetings in Tucson, Flagstaff, Pinetop, Kingman, Yuma, Prescott and Phoenix (the Phoenix meeting was also webcast through the Department website). In addition, the Department created a dedicated web page (www.azgfd.gov/LicenseSimplification) with an e-mail address through which the public may submit comments and suggestions. Press releases were issued to announce public meeting dates and direct people to the web page. The Department also held meetings with a number of conservation groups to discuss the conceptual license structure and fees.

The Commission proposes a new license structure that is simpler and easier-to-understand for customers. The complexity of the current structure has been identified as a barrier to hunter and angler recruitment and retention. In establishing the new license structure, the Commission is also increasing the value of hunting and

fishing licenses offered by the Department. For example, the proposed resident general fishing license will include trout, simultaneous fishing (means taking fish by using two lines and not more than two hooks or two artificial lures or flies per line), and community (urban) fishing privileges for a \$37 fee. Previously, a resident had to purchase all privileges separately for a combined total cost of \$69.75 (class A fishing license \$23.50, Urban fishing license \$18.50, trout stamp \$15.75, two-pole stamp \$6, and Arizona/California and Arizona/Nevada Colorado River stamps \$6).

The Commission proposes to implement a 365-day (one-year) license program where most licenses offered by the Department will expire one-year from the date of purchase. Currently, most licenses are valid for a calendar year, causing licenses to have less value when purchased later in the year.

The Commission proposes to establish a hunting and fishing license exemption for youth under age 10 and a reduced-fee combination hunting and fishing license for youth ages 10 to 17 years of age to promote hunting and fishing in families and youth. Previously under A.R.S. § 17-335, a youth under 14 was exempt from most licensing requirements.

For R12-4-102, the rule is amended to repeal the following license fees: resident and nonresident Class A fishing license, nonresident Class B four-month fishing license, nonresident Class C five-day fishing license, resident and nonresident Class D one-day fishing license, nonresident Class E Colorado River-only fishing license, resident and nonresident Class F Combination hunting and fishing license (adult, youth, and child), resident and nonresident Class G hunting license (adult and child), nonresident Class H three-day hunting license, resident Class I, J, and K resident family licenses (primary adult, additional adult, and child), resident and nonresident Class L Super Conservation fishing license, resident Class M Super Conservation hunting license, resident Class N Combination Super Conservation hunting and fishing license, and resident and nonresident Class U Urban fishing license. In addition, the rule is also amended to repeal the following fees: trout stamp, all Colorado River Special Use permits and stamps, state waterfowl stamp, two-pole stamp, and resident and nonresident additional fishing day stamp. The privileges associated with these stamps and permits have been included in the new proposed license structure and tags, as described below, to enhance the value of those items.

The rule is amended to establish fees for the new licenses. Most fees were modified or rounded to the nearest dollar value to eliminate the possibility of rejecting an application because the applicant failed to include the odd cents with the application. The Department has applied a common equation to almost all fees being amended or adopted, based on factors such as value, principles of the North American Model, customer input, and Commission direction

The rule is amended to establish a surcharge by rule. This is not a new fee, the surcharge fee was previously

prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-345. The rulemaking only establishes the surcharge in rule and does not propose a change to the current surcharge fee. The surcharge is included in the license fees established under R12-4-102.

The rule is amended to transfer all special license fees for licenses listed under Article 4 Live Wildlife to R12-4-412, Special License Fees.

The rule is amended to combine the State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird stamp fees into one fee to simplify the license structure.

The rule is amended to increase the application fee to recover resources expended by the Department related to application processing and to fund habitat conservation and access projects throughout the state. The Commission proposes that \$3 of each resident application fee and \$5 of each nonresident application fee shall be deposited into the Game and Fish fund for the purpose of funding habitat conservation and access projects.

The rule is also amended to repeal the Unit 12A stamp fee as the Commission believes all hunters should contribute equally to habitat conservation and access projects. Currently, a person is required to purchase the unit 12A stamp when successfully drawn for a 12A deer permit-tag and the unit 12A stamp generates approximately \$25,000 each year. The funds generated by the unit 12A stamp provided funding for the planning, maintenance, development, and coordination for fish and wildlife conservation, habitat management, wildlife check stations, or other activities through cooperative agreements with the U.S. Forest Service. The Commission anticipates the funds generated by the application fee change will allow the Department to conduct similar projects state-wide, for all wildlife.

For R12-4-104, the rule is amended to remove references to the "calendar year" and to require a person to possess a valid license at the time of application for a permit-tag and when in a hunt area for the corresponding season or hunt to comply with the recent statutory amendments. The rule is also amended to replace the term "juvenile" with "youth" to maintain consistency between Commission rules.

For R12-4-107, the rule is amended to remove references to the "calendar year" and to require a person to possess a valid license at the time of application for a permit-tag and when in a hunt area for the corresponding season or hunt to comply with the recent statutory amendments.

R12-4-109 is adopted to establish the maximum fee a person may charge for a trapping education course to comply with the recent statutory amendments. The maximum trapping education course fee was previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333.02. The rulemaking only establishes the trapping education course in rule and does not propose an increase or decrease to the current maximum trapping education course fee.

For R12-4-115, the rule is amended to remove references to the "calendar year" to comply with the recent statutory amendments. In addition, the rule is amended to require a person to possess a valid license at the time of application for a permit-tag and when in a hunt area for the corresponding season or hunt to comply with the recent statutory amendments.

For R12-4-201, the rule is amended to establish license privileges for the Pioneer license. Previously, Pioneer license privileges were prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336. The Pioneer license now grants the same privileges as the new general combination hunting and fishing privileges, which includes community fishing, and simultaneous fishing privileges. The rule is amended to clarify the Pioneer license is a complimentary lifetime license and does not expire. The rule is also amended to grant persons issued a Pioneer license prior to the effective date of the rule the same privileges as the new Pioneer license.

For R12-4-202, the rule is amended to establish license privileges for the Disabled Veteran's license. Previously, Disabled Veteran's license privileges were prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336. The Disabled Veteran's license now grants the same privileges as the new general combination hunting and fishing privileges, which includes community fishing, and simultaneous fishing privileges. The rule is amended to clarify the Disabled Veteran's license is a complimentary lifetime license and does not expire. The rule is also amended to grant persons issued a Disabled Veteran's license prior to the effective date of the rule the same privileges as the new Disabled Veteran's license.

For R12-4-203, the rule is amended to combine State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird stamp privileges and requirements and will be valid for the take of migratory game birds, including ducks, geese and swans; sandhill cranes; all coots, all gallinules, common snipe, wild doves, and bandtail pigeons to simplify the license structure. In addition, the rule is amended to repeal license classifications that are no longer offered by the Department.

For R12-4-204, the Commission proposes to repeal this rule. Under A.R.S. § 17-231(B)(7), the Commission has the authority to enter into agreements with the federal government for the construction and operation of facilities and for management studies, measures or procedures for or relating to the preservation and propagation of wildlife and expend funds for carrying out such agreements. Because the Commission believes all hunters should contribute equally to habitat conservation and access projects, the Commission proposes to repeal the \$15 unit 12A stamp fee and implement a funding mechanism where a portion of the application fee (\$3 of each resident application fee and \$5 of each nonresident application fee) is deposited into the Game and Fish fund for the purpose of funding habitat conservation and access projects.

For R12-4-205, the rule is amended to establish license privileges for the high achievement scout license (honorary scout). Previously, high achievement scout license privileges were prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336.

The high achievement scout license now grants the same privileges as the new general combination hunting and fishing privileges, which includes community fishing, and simultaneous fishing privileges. The rule is amended to establish age requirements and state the license is valid for one-year to comply with recent statutory amendments. The rule is also amended to grant persons issued a Disabled Veteran's license prior to the effective date of the rule the same privileges as the new Disabled Veteran's license.

For R12-4-206, the rule is adopted to establish a general hunting license and its associated privileges and exemptions. The resident general hunting license is valid for the take of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds and upland game birds. The general hunting and fishing license is also valid for the take of big game when the person possesses the applicable big game permit or tag. The license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase. A person under 10 years of age may hunt without a license, when accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older and who possess a valid Arizona hunting license.

For R12-4-207, the rule is adopted to establish a general fishing license and its associated privileges and exemptions. The resident and nonresident general fishing license is valid for the take of aquatic wildlife, includes trout, community, and Colorado River fishing privileges and allows simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-301. The license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase. A person under 10 years of age may fish without a fishing license.

For R12-4-209, the rule is adopted to establish a community fishing license and its associated privileges and exemptions. The resident and nonresident community fishing license is valid for the take of aquatic wildlife from Commission designated community waters listed in the Department's fishing regulations, only, and allows simultaneous fishing. The license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase. A person under 10 years of age may fish in designated community waters without a fishing license.

For R12-4-210, the rule is adopted to establish a combination hunting and fishing license and its associated privileges. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid state-wide for the take of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds and upland game and the take of all aquatic wildlife, allows simultaneous fishing, and includes community program fishing privileges. The Commission proposes to establish three variations of the combination hunting and fishing license: resident and nonresident one-year combination hunting and fishing license available to applicants 18 years of age and older, resident and nonresident one-year youth combination hunting and fishing license available to person's age 10 through 17, and resident and nonresident one-day combination hunting and fishing license available to persons age 18 and older. Both the adult and youth one-year combination hunting and fishing license are also valid for the take of big game when the person also possesses the applicable big game permit or tag. The one-day combination hunting and fishing license is the only short term license offered by the Department and provides

the same privileges as the one-year combination hunting and fishing license, except that it is not valid for the take of big game animals. The Commission does not propose to limit the number of one-day licenses a person may purchase in any given year or require a person to purchase consecutive one-day licenses.

For R12-4-211, the rule is adopted to establish resident lifetime license privileges and fees in rule. The lifetime license was previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335.01. The rule is amended to establish three variations of the resident lifetime license: lifetime hunting license, lifetime fishing license, and lifetime combination hunting and fishing license and each grants the same privileges as the corresponding one-year license. The previous lifetime fishing license and combination hunting and fishing license did not include trout, two-pole, community, and Colorado River fishing privileges. A person who desired these additional privileges had to purchase them separately on an annual basis, with the exception of trout fishing privileges which could be purchased either annually or for a lifetime. The rule is also amended to grant persons issued a lifetime license prior to the effective date of the rule the same privileges as the applicable new lifetime license.

For R12-4-212, the rule is adopted to establish resident lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license privileges and fees in rule. The lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license was previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335.01. The lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license grants the same privileges as the one-year general combination hunting and fishing license. For the lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license, the difference between the cost of the lifetime combination hunting and fishing license and the cost of the lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license is considered a donation and is tax deductible. The previous lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license did not include trout, two-pole, community, and Colorado River fishing privileges. A person who desired these additional privileges had to purchase them separately on an annual basis, with the exception of trout fishing privileges which could be purchased either annually or for a lifetime. The rule is also amended to grant persons issued a lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license prior to the effective date of the rule the same privileges as the new lifetime wildlife benefactor combination hunting and fishing license.

For R12-4-213, the rule is adopted to establish permit-tag and nonpermit-tag requirements. Because a person must possess a valid license at the time of application for a tag and when using the tag and hunting licenses will be valid for a year instead of the calendar year; the Commission believes it is necessary to adopt a rule establishing tag requirements.

For R12-4-214, the rule is adopted to establish apprentice license privileges and mentor requirements by rule to comply with the recent statutory amendments. Apprentice license privileges and mentor requirements were previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333. The apprentice license is a complimentary license and is valid for the take of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds and upland

game birds. The apprentice license is valid for the take of waterfowl when the license holder also possesses the required federal stamp. The apprentice license is not valid for the take of big game.

For R12-4-215, the rule is adopted to establish resident-youth group two-day fishing license privileges and requirements by rule to comply with the recent statutory amendments. Resident-youth group two-day fishing license requirements were previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333. The resident youth group two-day fishing license is issued to a nonprofit organization which sponsors adult supervised activities for groups of no more than 20 youth, age 14 through 17, and is valid for taking all aquatic wildlife.

For R12-4-311, the rule is amended to replace the term "exemptions" with "exemption" to comply with the recent statutory amendments as A.R.S. § 17-335 was amended to prescribe a fishing license exemption for a blind resident, only.

For R12-4-312, the rule is repealed. The Commission proposes to establish a general fishing license under R12-4-207, which will include Colorado River fishing privileges and amend agreements with California, Nevada, and Utah to eliminate the need for the Arizona-Colorado River special use stamp, Nevada-Colorado River special use stamp, and Arizona-Lake Powell stamp (used by Utah license holders).

For R12-4-318, the rule is amended to remove the reference to A.R.S. § 17-335 and replace the term "junior's-only hunt" with "youth-only hunt" to maintain consistency between Commission rules.

For R12-4-412, the rule is adopted to establish a new rule addressing special license fees for licenses listed under Article 4 Live Wildlife. No changes have been made to the special license fees themselves, the fee information was simply transferred from R12-4-102 to the new rule.

For R12-4-422, the rule is amended to state that the sport falconry license validates a hunting license or combination hunting and fishing license for hunting or taking quarry with a trained raptor. The rule is amended to state the sport falconry license is valid until the third December from the date of issuance. These requirements were previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333. The rule is also amended to replace references to R12-4-102 with R12-4-412, Special License Fees as the sport falconry license fees were moved from Article 1. Definitions and General Provisions to Article 4. Live Wildlife.

For R12-4-424, the rule is amended to replace the reference to R12-4-102 with R12-4-412, Special License Fees as the white amur stocking license fee requirement was moved from R12-4-102 to R12-4-412.

For R12-4-501, the rule is amended to replace the term "required" with "authorized" to comply with recent statutory amendments.

For R12-4-503, the rule is amended to replace the term "required" with "authorized" to comply with recent statutory amendments.

For R12-4-504, the rule is amended to establish watercraft registration fees by rule. Watercraft registration fees were previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 5-321. The rulemaking only establishes watercraft registration fees in rule and does not propose any changes to the current fees.

For R12-4-529, the rule is amended to establish nonresident boating safety infrastructure fees in rule. Nonresident boating safety infrastructure fees were previously prescribed under A.R.S. § 5-327. The rulemaking only establishes the nonresident boating safety infrastructure fees in rule and does not propose any changes to the current fees.

The Commission believes the exempt rulemaking will remove barriers for recruitment of new hunters and anglers due to the simplified the license structure, bundled privileges, and reduced costs for youth licenses.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes to either rely on or not rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Not applicable

8. A showing of good cause why the rule is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact, if applicable:

Wildlife and fish resources and their associated recreational opportunities are important to Arizona and play an integral role in the state's economy. Hunters and anglers spend more than \$1.4 billion each year on equipment and trip-related expenditures in the state (Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, preliminary state overview). By law, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Arizona Game and Fish Department have the responsibility to manage these vital resources. The Department receives no Arizona tax dollars (general fund dollars) and, like any business, operates primarily with revenue it generates.

Over the past several years, sales of licenses, tags, stamps and permits have trended downward while operational costs and Department responsibilities have increased or expanded. Since the last fee increase and in addition to overall increases in operational costs Department-wide; helicopter survey costs have increased by 43%, the Department's fuel costs have increased by 40%, urban stocking have increased by 44% for catfish and 11% for trout, fish hatchery production costs have increased by 13%, mandated employee health insurance premiums costs have increased by 69%, and mandated public safety personnel retirement contribution costs

have increased by 92%.

The Department's customers are a voluntary constituency who determines if, and at what levels, they choose to participate. They are not required to participate and have the ultimate vote with their hard-earned dollars. Given this reality and the fact that the Department is not a general fund (tax-funded) agency, the Commission and Department need to be responsive to constituent desires and concerns regarding opportunities and products. For an agency to operate like a business, it must have the ability to react to changing conditions or customer needs in a timely manner.

The Commission's objectives for the exempt rulemaking are to simplify the license structure and remove barriers for recruitment of new hunters and anglers. The new, simplified license structure will benefit constituents and the Department.

The exempt rulemaking establishes new license classifications and prescribes fees for those licenses, tags, stamps, and permits, as authorized under A.R.S. § 17-333. The Commission anticipates these changes will generate revenue sufficient to enable the Department to address rising operational expenses, carry out its duties effectively in managing the state's wildlife resources, and provide quality recreational wildlife opportunities and access for the regulated community.

Although nonresident fees are higher than resident fees, the Commission holds that it is in its best interest to maintain opportunities for the resident community not only to generate revenue, but to instill a sense of ownership in the local wildlife resource and to maintain consistently available participation in the management of that resource.

License, permit, stamp, and tag fees that are reduced will most significantly affect members of the regulated community, both resident and nonresident, and the Game and Fish Department. While a reduced fee will have some impact on the Department's revenue, the Commission anticipates reducing some fees, increasing the value of licenses, and offering a simpler license structure will increase license, tag, stamp, and permit sales.

License, permit, stamp, and tag fees that are increased will most significantly affect members of the regulated community, both resident and nonresident, and the Game and Fish Department. However, fishing and hunting are voluntary recreational activities and only those persons who choose to participate in the activities requiring the necessary license, permit, stamp, or tag will pay the increased fee. However, the Commission does not anticipate the fee increase will significantly affect an individual's ability to practice an activity or have a significant impact on income, revenue, or employment in this state related to that activity. The effective date for the license fee increases is January 1, 2014, which is seven years from the time of the last over-all fee increase.

The Department's principle operational revenue comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, permits, stamps, and tags. Although the Department's revenue projections indicate a 3.8 million revenue increase may result from the exempt rulemaking, this amount is not certain and is based on a variety of factors.

The Commission anticipates the exempt rulemaking will have no impact on the general fund.

The Commission has determined there are no alternative means of achieving the objective of the rulemaking.

10. A description of the changes between the proposed rules, including supplemental notices, and the final rulemaking package (if applicable):

Not applicable.

11. A summary of the public stakeholder comments made about the rulemaking and the agency response to the comments, (if applicable):

12. Any other matters prescribed by statute that are applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additional matters include but are not limited to:

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used, and if not, the reason why a general permit is not used:

The rules require alternative permits specifically authorized under A.R.S. §§ 17-331, 17-333, and 17-336.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law, and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Federal law, 50 CFR 20 and 16 USC 670a through 670o, are applicable to the subject of the rule; the rule is not more stringent than federal law.

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

The agency has not received an analysis.

13. A list of any incorporated material and its location in the rule:

50 CFR 10.13 is incorporated by reference under R12-4-422(D).

14. Whether the rule was previously made, amended, repealed, or renumbered as an emergency rule? If so, shall state where the text changed between the emergency and exempt rulemaking packages:

Not applicable.

15. The full text of the rules follows:

TITLE 12. NATURAL RESOURCES
CHAPTER 4. GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

- R12-4-102. ~~Fees for Licenses, Tags, Stamps, and Permits~~ License, Permit, Stamp, and Tag Fees
- R12-4-104. Application Procedures for Issuance of Hunt Permit-tags by Drawing and Purchase of Bonus Points
- R12-4-107. Bonus Point System
- R12-4-109. ~~Repealed~~ Fee for an Approved Trapping Education Course
- R12-4-115. Supplemental Hunts and Hunter Pool

ARTICLE 2. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES; ~~AND PERMITS; STAMPS; TAGS~~

Section

- R12-4-201. Pioneer License
- R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License
- R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp
- R12-4-204. ~~Sikes Act Habitat Management Stamps~~ Repeal
- R12-4-205. ~~Honorary High Achievement Scout License; Reduced Fee Youth Class F License~~
- R12-4-206. General Hunting License; Exemption
- R12-4-207. General Fishing License; Exemption
- R12-4-209. Community Fishing License; Exemption
- R12-4-210. Combination Hunting and Fishing License
- R12-4-211. Lifetime License
- R12-4-212. Benefactor License
- R12-4-213. ~~Repealed~~ Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags
- R12-4-214. ~~Repealed~~ Apprentice License
- R12-4-215. ~~Repealed~~ Resident Youth Group Two-day Fishing License

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- R12-4-311. Exemptions from Requirement to Possess an Arizona Fishing License or Hunting License While Taking
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ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

R12-4-102. Fees for Licenses, Tags, Stamps, and Permits Fees License, Permit, Stamp, and Tag Fees

- A. An individual who purchases a license, tag, stamp, or permit listed in this Section shall ~~pay~~ submit all applicable fees at the time of application; or pay fees as prescribed by the Director as authorized under R12-4-115.
- B. An individual applying for a permit-tag issued under R12-4-114 shall comply with the fee requirements established under R12-4-104(F).
- C. Under A.R.S. § 17-345, an individual who purchases a license listed under this Section shall submit a \$3 surcharge at the time of application, except Youth and High Achievement Scout licenses. Monies collected pursuant to this surcharge shall be deposited into a conservation development fund. The license fees provided below include this surcharge.

| Hunting and Fishing License Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Class A, General Fishing License | \$23.50 | \$70.25 |
| Class A, General Fishing License issued in November or December of the year for which the license is valid; this includes half of the surcharge prescribed as authorized under A.R.S. § 17-345 | \$11.75 | \$35.15 |
| Class B, Four month Fishing License | Not available | \$39.75 |
| | | \$32.00 + \$9.00 |
| Class C, Five day Fishing License | Not available | for each additional consecutive day |
| | \$16.25 + \$8.00 | \$17.25 + \$9.00 |
| Class D, One day Fishing License | for each additional consecutive day | for each additional consecutive day |
| Class E, Colorado River Only Fishing License | Not available | \$48.75 |
| Class F, Combination Hunting and Fishing License | \$54.00 | \$225.75 |
| Youth, fee applies before and through the calendar year of the applicant's 20th birthday | \$26.50 | \$26.50 |
| Honorary Scout, fee applies to an applicant eligible under A.R.S. § 17-336(B) before and through the calendar year of the applicant's 20th birthday | \$5.00 | Not available |
| Child, fee applies to children who will be at least 10 years of age during the license year but will be less than 14 years of age | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| Class G, General Hunting License | \$32.25 | \$151.25 |

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| Child, fee applies to children who will be at least 10 years of age during the license year but will be less than 14 years of age | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |
| Class H, Three-day Hunting License | Not available | \$61.25 |
| Resident Youth Group Two-day Fishing License | \$25.00 | Not available |
| Class I, Resident Family Fishing License, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333 | | Not available |
| Primary Adult | \$36.25 | |
| One additional adult in the immediate family | \$29.00 | |
| Any child in the immediate family | \$2.00 per child | |
| Class J, Resident Family Hunting License, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333 | | Not available |
| Primary adult | \$32.25 | |
| One additional adult in the immediate family | \$25.80 | |
| Any child in the immediate family | \$15.00 per child | |
| Class K, Combination Resident Family Hunting and Fishing License, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333 | | Not available |
| Primary adult | \$54.00 | |
| One additional adult in the immediate family | \$43.20 | |
| Any child in the immediate family | \$20.00 per child | |
| Class L, Super Conservation Fishing License. Gives the same privileges as a Class A General Fishing License, a Class U Urban Fishing License, and a Trout Stamp | \$53.00 | \$63.00 |
| Class M, Super Conservation Hunting License. Gives the same privileges as a Class G General Hunting License, and includes a nonpermit tag for archery deer, archery turkey, fall bear, and mountain lion, and a Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp, a State Waterfowl Stamp, and a State Migratory Bird Stamp | \$118.00 | Not available |
| Class N, Combination Super Conservation Hunting and Fishing License. Gives the same privileges as a Class F Combination Hunting and Fishing License and a Class U Urban Fishing License, and includes a nonpermit tag for archery deer, archery turkey, fall bear, and mountain lion, and a Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp, a State Waterfowl Stamp, and a State Migratory Bird Stamp | \$163.00 | Not available |
| Class U, Urban Fishing License | \$18.50 | \$18.50 |
| Class U, Urban Fishing License issued in November or December of the year for which the license is valid; this includes half of the surcharge prescribed as | \$9.25 | \$9.25 |

authorized under A.R.S. § 17-345

Hunting and Fishing License Fees

| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Nonresident</u> |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>General Fishing License</u> | <u>\$37</u> | <u>\$55</u> |
| <u>Community Fishing License</u> | <u>\$24</u> | <u>\$24</u> |
| <u>General Hunting License</u> | <u>\$37</u> | <u>Not available</u> |
| <u>Combination Hunting and Fishing License</u> | <u>\$57</u> | <u>\$160</u> |
| <u>Youth Combination Hunting and Fishing License, fee applies to a person age 10 through the calendar year of the 17th birthday.</u> | <u>\$5</u> | <u>\$5</u> |
| <u>High Achievement Scout License, fee applies to a person age 10 through the calendar year of the applicant's 21st birthday and who is eligible for the license under A.R.S. § 17-336(B).</u> | <u>\$5</u> | <u>Not available</u> |
| <u>One-day Combination Hunting and Fishing License</u> | <u>\$15</u> | <u>\$20</u> |
| <u>Resident Youth Group Two-day Fishing License</u> | <u>\$25</u> | <u>Not available</u> |

Hunt Permit-tag Fees

| | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Nonresident</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Antelope | \$77.50 <u>\$90</u> | \$477.50 <u>\$550</u> |
| Bear | \$22.25 <u>\$25</u> | \$237.50 <u>\$150</u> |
| Bighorn Sheep | \$265.00 <u>\$300</u> | \$1,400.00 <u>\$1,800</u> |
| Buffalo | | |
| Adult Bulls or Any Buffalo | \$1,087.50 <u>\$1,100</u> | \$5,444.75 <u>\$5,400</u> |
| Adult Cows | \$652.00 <u>\$650</u> | \$3,255.25 <u>\$3,250</u> |
| Yearling | \$355.25 <u>\$350</u> | \$1,747.25 <u>\$1,750</u> |
| Yearling or Cow | \$652.00 <u>\$650</u> | \$3,255.25 <u>\$3,250</u> |
| Deer and Archery Deer | \$34.75 <u>\$45</u> | \$225.25 <u>\$300</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> |
| Elk | \$114.00 <u>\$135</u> | \$587.50 <u>\$650</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$50.00 <u>\$50</u> | \$50.00 <u>\$50</u> |
| Javelina | \$21.25 <u>\$25</u> | \$97.50 <u>\$100</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$15.00 <u>\$15</u> | \$15.00 <u>\$15</u> |
| Mountain Lion | \$14.50 | \$225.00 |
| Pheasant non-archery, non-falconry | <u>Permit</u> | <u>Permit</u> |

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| | application | application |
| | <u>Application</u> fee | <u>Application</u> fee |
| | only | only |
| Turkey and Archery Turkey | \$18.00 <u>\$25</u> | \$70.25 <u>\$90</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$10.00 <u>\$10</u> | \$10.00 <u>\$10</u> |
| Sandhill Crane | \$7.50 <u>\$10</u> | \$7.50 <u>\$10</u> |
| Nonpermit-tag and Restricted Nonpermit-tag Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
| Antelope | \$77.50 <u>\$90</u> | \$477.50 <u>\$550</u> |
| Bear | \$22.25 <u>\$25</u> | \$237.50 <u>\$150</u> |
| Bighorn Sheep | \$265.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| Buffalo | | |
| Adult Bulls or Any Buffalo | \$1,087.50 <u>\$1,100</u> | \$5,444.75 <u>\$5,400</u> |
| Adult Cows | \$652.00 <u>\$650</u> | \$3,255.25 <u>\$3,250</u> |
| Yearling | \$355.25 <u>\$350</u> | \$1,747.25 <u>\$1,750</u> |
| Yearling or Cow | \$652.00 <u>\$650</u> | \$3,255.25 <u>\$3,250</u> |
| Deer and Archery Deer | \$34.75 <u>\$45</u> | \$225.25 <u>\$300</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> |
| Elk | \$114.00 <u>\$135</u> | \$587.50 <u>\$650</u> |
| Junior <u>Youth</u> | \$50.00 <u>\$50</u> | \$50.00 <u>\$50</u> |
| Javelina | \$21.25 <u>\$25</u> | \$97.50 <u>\$100</u> |
| Junior | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |
| Mountain Lion | \$14.50 <u>\$15</u> | \$225.00 <u>\$75</u> |
| | Permit | Permit |
| Pheasant non-archery, non-falconry | application fee | application fee |
| | only | only |
| Turkey and Archery Turkey | \$18.00 <u>\$25</u> | \$70.25 <u>\$90</u> |
| Junior | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Sandhill Crane | \$7.50 <u>\$10</u> | \$7.50 <u>\$10</u> |
| Stamps and Special Use Permit Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
| Arizona Colorado River Special Use Permit Stamp. For use by resident California licensees | Not available | \$3.00 |

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| Arizona Colorado River Special Use Permit Stamp. For use as established under R12-4-312 | \$3.00 | \$3.00 |
| Arizona Lake Powell Stamp. For use by resident Utah licensees | Not available | \$3.00 |
| Bobcat Permit Tag Seal | \$3.00 <u>\$3</u> | \$3.00 <u>\$3</u> |
| State Waterfowl Stamp, as prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-333.01. Validates a hunting license to allow the license holder to take waterfowl as established under R12-4-203 | \$8.75 | \$8.75 |
| State Migratory Bird Stamp, as prescribed in A.R.S. § 17-333.03. Validates a hunting license to allow the license holder to take migratory game birds as prescribed under R12-4-203 | \$4.50 <u>\$5</u> | \$4.50 <u>\$5</u> |
| Trout Stamp. Validates a Class A license to allow the license holder to take trout | \$15.75 | \$57.75 |
| Two Pole Stamp. Validates a fishing license to allow the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing, as defined under R12-4-101 | \$6.00 | \$6.00 |
| Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp. Sikes Act stamp, validates a hunting license to allow the license holder to take deer in unit 12A as established under R12-4-204 | \$15.00 | \$15.00 |
| Other License Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
| Game Bird Field Trial License | \$6.00 | \$6.00 |
| Game Bird Hobby License | \$5.00 | \$5.00 |
| Game Bird Shooting Preserve License | \$115.00 | \$115.00 |
| Fur Dealer's License | \$115.00 <u>\$115</u> | \$115.00 <u>\$115</u> |
| Guide License | \$300.00 <u>\$300</u> | \$300.00 <u>\$300</u> |
| License Dealer's License | \$100.00 <u>\$100</u> | \$100.00 <u>\$100</u> |
| License Dealer's Outlet License | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> | \$25.00 <u>\$25</u> |
| Live Bait Dealer's License | \$35.00 | \$35.00 |
| Private Game Farm License | \$57.50 | \$57.50 |
| Sport Falconry License (3-year license) | \$87.50 | Not available |
| Taxidermist License | \$150.00 <u>\$150</u> | \$150.00 <u>\$150</u> |
| Trapping License | \$30.00 | \$275.00 |
| <u>Adult</u> | <u>\$30</u> | <u>\$275</u> |
| <u>Juvenile Youth</u> | \$10.00 <u>\$10</u> | Not available <u>\$10</u> |

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| White Amur Stocking and Holding License, business. Initial and renewal license fee | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| White Amur Stocking and Holding License, non-business. Under R12-4-424, an individual who holds a non-business white amur stocking and holding license does not pay the required fee when renewing the license | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| Zoo License | \$115.00 | \$115.00 |
| Administrative Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
| Duplicate License Fee | \$4.00 <u>\$4</u> | \$4.00 <u>\$4</u> |
| Permit Application Fee | \$7.50 <u>\$13</u> | \$7.50 <u>\$15</u> |

B.D. An individual desiring a replacement of ~~the following~~ a Migratory Bird Stamp shall repurchase the stamp or permit:

- ~~1. Trout Stamp.~~
- ~~2. Arizona Colorado River Special Use Permit.~~
- ~~3. Arizona Colorado River Special Use Permit Stamp.~~
- ~~4. Arizona Lake Powell Stamp.~~
- ~~5. State Migratory Bird Stamp.~~
- ~~6. State Waterfowl Stamp.~~
- ~~7. Two Pole Stamp.~~
- ~~8. Resident Additional Fishing Day Stamp.~~
- ~~9. Nonresident Additional Fishing Day Stamp.~~
- ~~10. Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp.~~

R12-4-104. Application Procedures for Issuance of Hunt Permit-tags by Drawing and Purchase of Bonus Points

- A.** For the purposes of this Section, "group" means all applicants who have placed their names on a single application form contained in a single envelope, or submitted electronically over the Internet as part of the same application. No more than four individuals may apply as a group.
- B.** An individual is eligible to apply:
 1. For a hunt permit-tag if the individual:
 - a. Is at least 10 years old at the start of the hunt for which the individual applies;
 - b. Has completed a department-approved hunter education course by the start date of the hunt for which the individual applies, if the individual is under the age of 14; and
 - c. Does not have his or her license or license privileges to hunt in this state suspended or revoked at the time the individual submits an application, as a result of an action under either A.R.S. §§ 17-340 or 17-502.
 2. For a bonus point if the individual:

- a. Is at least 10 years old by the deadline to apply; and
 - b. Does not have his or her license or license privileges to hunt in this state suspended or revoked at the time the individual submits an application, as a result of an action under either A.R.S. §§ 17-340 or 17-502.
- C. An applicant for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point shall complete and submit a Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, available from any Department office, the Department's Internet web site, or a license dealer. An applicant shall apply at the times, locations, and in the manner established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule that is published annually by the Department and available at any Department office, the Department's Internet web site, or a license dealer. Under A.R.S. § 17-231, the Commission shall set application deadlines for hunt permit-tag drawing applications. The Director has the authority to extend any draw deadline date if problems occur that prevent the public from submitting a hunt permit-tag application within the deadlines set by the Commission.
- D. An applicant shall sign the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, or provide permission for another individual to sign the application form on behalf of the applicant. If applying electronically over the Internet, an applicant shall attest to, or provide permission for another individual to attest to, the information electronically provided.
- E. An applicant shall provide the following information on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form:
1. The applicant's ~~name~~;
 - a. ~~Name; the applicant's home mailing~~
 - b. Physical address;
 - c. Mailing address, the applicant's residency when applicable;
 - d. Residency status; and ~~the applicant's date~~
 - e. Date of birth; and
 2. The applicant's social security number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(N) and 25-502(K), and ~~the applicant's~~
 3. ~~Department identification number, if different from the social security number;~~
 - 3.4. ~~If licensed to the applicant possesses a valid license authorizing the take of wildlife in this state, the number of the applicant's license for the year the hunt will take place;~~
 - 4.5. ~~If not licensed for the year in which the applicable hunt will take place the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of application, the applicant shall purchase a license by completing the License Application portion of the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, providing. The application shall include all of the following information the applicant's name, The Hunt Permit-tag Application Form is available at any license dealer, Department office, and online at www.azgfd.gov. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application:~~
 - a. Name;
 - b. Department identification number, home mailing;
 - c. Physical address;
 - d. Mailing address, class of license, when applicable;

- e. License classification for which application is made, ~~residency;~~
- f. Residency status, length;
- g. Length of Arizona residency, (if when applicable), ~~date;~~
- h. Date of birth, sex, weight, height, and color of hair and eyes
- i. Physical description;
- j. E-mail address, when available; and

~~5-6. If an An~~ applicant is ~~younger than~~ under age ~~14~~ 10, and who is applying for a hunt other than big game, ~~but~~ and is not required to have a license under ~~A.R.S. § 17-335(B)~~ this Chapter, ~~the applicant~~ shall indicate ~~"juvenile"~~ "youth" in the space provided for the license number on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form.

- F. An applicant shall include as part of the hunt permit-tag application, the following fees as ~~prescribed by~~ established under R12-4-102:
 1. The fee for the applicable hunt permit-tag, unless the application is submitted electronically over the Internet or telephone;
 2. The permit application fee; and
 3. The license fee if the applicant ~~has~~ does not ~~previously purchased~~ possess a valid license ~~for the year in which the hunt takes place~~ at the time of application.
- G. An applicant shall enclose payment for a hunt permit-tag with a single hunt permit-tag application form, made payable in U.S. currency to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, by certified check, cashier's check, money order, or personal check. If applying electronically over the Internet or telephone, an applicant shall include payment by valid credit card as a part of the hunt permit-tag application.
- H. An applicant shall apply for a specific hunt or a bonus point by the current hunt number. If all hunts selected by the applicant are filled at the time the application is processed in the drawing, the Department shall deem the application unsuccessful, unless the application is for a bonus point.
- I. An applicant shall make all hunt choices for the same genus within one application.
- J. An applicant shall not include applications for different genera of wildlife in the same envelope.
- K. All members of a group shall apply for the same hunt numbers and in the same order of preference. The Department shall not issue a hunt permit-tag to any group member unless sufficient hunt permit-tags are available for all group members.
- L. An applicant shall submit only one valid application per genus of wildlife for any calendar year, except:
 1. If the bag limit is one per calendar year, an unsuccessful applicant may re-apply for remaining hunt permit-tags in unfilled hunt areas, as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule published annually by the Department.
 2. For genera that have multiple draws within a single calendar year, an individual who successfully draws a hunt permit-tag during an earlier season may apply for a later season for the same genus if the individual has not taken the bag limit for that genus during a preceding hunt in the same calendar year.
 3. If the bag limit is more than one per calendar year, an individual may apply as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule published annually by the Department for remaining hunt permit-tags in unfilled

hunt areas.

- M.** An individual shall not apply for a hunt permit-tag for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep or desert bighorn sheep if that individual has met the lifetime bag limit for that sub-species. An individual shall not apply for a hunt permit-tag for buffalo if the individual has met the lifetime bag limit for that species.
- N.** To participate in the bonus point system, an applicant shall comply with the requirements established under R12-4-107.
- O.** The Department shall reject as invalid a Hunt Permit-Tag Application Form not prepared or submitted in accordance with this Section or not prepared in a legible manner. If the Department rejects an application from any member of a group, the Department shall reject all applications from the group.
- P.** Any hunt permit-tag issued for an application that is subsequently found not to be in accordance with this Section is invalid.
- Q.** The Department or its authorized agent shall mail hunt permit-tags to successful applicants. The Department shall return application overpayments to the applicant designated "A" on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form. Permit application fees shall not be refunded. License fees submitted with a valid application for a bonus point shall not be refunded.
- R.** If the Director determines that Department error caused an individual to submit an invalid application for a hunt permit-tag, prevented an individual from lawfully submitting an application, caused the rejection of an application for a hunt permit-tag, or caused the denial of a hunt permit-tag, the Director may authorize an additional hunt permit-tag if the issuance of an additional hunt permit-tag will have no significant impact on the wildlife population to be hunted and the application for the hunt permit-tag would have otherwise been successful based on its random number. The Director may also authorize the awarding of a bonus point to correct the error if a hunt permit-tag is not issued. If the Director determines that Department error caused the failure to apply an applicant's bonus points to an application, the Director may authorize an additional hunt permit-tag to correct the error, if the issuance of an additional hunt permit-tag will have no significant impact on the wildlife population to be hunted. The Director may also authorize the awarding of a bonus point to correct the error if a hunt permit-tag is not issued. An individual who is denied a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point under this procedure may appeal to the Commission as provided under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

R12-4-107. Bonus Point System

- A.** For the purpose of this Section, the following definitions apply:
 - 1. "Bonus point hunt number" means the hunt number assigned by the Commission in a Commission Order for use by an applicant applying only for a bonus point for a genus identified in this Section; and
 - 2. "Loyalty bonus point" means a bonus point awarded to an individual who has submitted a valid application for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for a specific genus identified in subsection (B) at least once annually for a consecutive five-year period.
- B.** The bonus point system grants an individual one entry in each drawing for antelope, bear, bighorn sheep, buffalo, deer, elk, javelina, or turkey for each bonus point that individual has accumulated under this Section.

Each bonus point entry is in addition to the entry normally granted ~~by~~ under R12-4-104. When processing "group" applications, as defined ~~in~~ under R12-4-104, the Department shall use the average number of bonus points accumulated by the individuals in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number. If the average is equal to or greater than .5, the total will be rounded to the next higher number.

- C. The Department shall award one bonus point to an applicant who submits a valid Hunt Permit-tag Application Form if all of the following apply:
1. The application is unsuccessful in the drawing or the application is for a bonus point only;
 2. The application is not for a hunt permit-tag left over after the drawing and available on a first-come, first-served basis as prescribed in R12-4-114; and
 3. The applicant, ~~before the drawing, purchases a hunting license valid for the year in which the hunt takes place. The applicant shall either provide~~ either provides the hunting license number on the application; or ~~submit~~ submits an application and fees for the hunting or combination hunting and fishing license with the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, as applicable.
- D. An applicant who purchases a bonus point only shall:
1. Submit a valid Hunt Permit-tag Application Form, as prescribed ~~in~~ under R12-4-104, with the Commission-assigned bonus point hunt number for the particular genus as the first choice hunt number on the application. ~~Placing the bonus point only hunt number as a choice other than the first choice or including any other hunt number on the application will result in rejection of the application. The~~ Department shall reject any application that:
 - a. Indicates the bonus point only hunt number as any choice other than the first choice, or
 - b. Includes any other hunt number on the application;
 2. Include ~~with the application, payment for the hunt permit tag application fee and a fee for a hunting license if the applicant does not already possess a license valid for the year for which the draw is conducted (If an applicant who purchases a bonus point has not already purchased a license for the year for which the applicant is applying, the applicant shall also submit all applicable information designated under R12-4-104(E)(4). If an applicant who purchases a bonus point has already purchased a license for the year for which the applicant is applying, the applicant shall also submit the number of the applicant's license)~~ the applicable fees:
 - a. Application fee, and
 - b. Hunting or combination hunting and fishing license fee, required when the applicant does not possess a valid license at the time of application; and
 3. Submit only one Hunt Permit-tag Application Form for the same genus for each season that bonus points are issued for that genus.
- E. With the exception of the hunter education bonus point, each bonus point accumulated is valid only for the genus designated on the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form.
- F. Except for a permanent bonus point awarded for hunter education, or loyalty bonus points that are accrued and forfeited as prescribed in subsection (K), all of an individual's accumulated bonus points for a genus are

forfeited if:

1. The individual is issued a hunt permit-tag for that genus in a computer drawing; or
 2. The individual fails to submit a Hunt Permit-tag Application Form for that genus for five consecutive years.
- G.** An applicant issued a first-come, first-served hunt permit-tag under R12-4-114(C)(2)(d) after the computer drawing does not lose bonus points for that genus, and a valid but unsuccessful applicant for a first-come, first-served hunt permit-tag remaining after the computer drawing does not gain a bonus point.
- H.** The Department shall award one permanent bonus point for each genus upon an individual's first graduation from the Department's Arizona Hunter Education Course or for serving as a Department hunter education instructor.
1. The Department shall credit an individual who graduated after January 1, 1980, but before January 1, 1991, or an individual certified by the Department as an active hunter education instructor after January 1, 1980, with one permanent bonus point for each genus if the individual provides the following information on a form available from the Department: Department identification number; name; address; residency status, and length of Arizona residency, if applicable; date of birth; sex; weight; height; color of hair and eyes; and, for an individual other than an instructor, the month and year of graduation from the Department's Arizona Hunter Education Course.
 2. An instructor or an individual who has graduated from the Department's Arizona Hunter Education Course shall submit the required form 30 days before a drawing's application deadline, as specified in the hunt permit-tag application schedule, in order for the bonus point to be counted by the Department in that drawing.
- I.** The Department shall make an applicant's total number of accumulated bonus points available on the Department's application web site or IVR telephone system. If the applicant disagrees with the total, the applicant may request from the Department proof of compliance with this Section to prove Department error. In the event of an error, the Department shall correct the applicant's record.
- J.** The Department shall credit bonus points under an applicant's Department identification number for the genus on the application. The Department shall not transfer bonus points between individuals or genera.
- K.** The following provisions apply to the loyalty bonus point program:
1. The Department shall award a loyalty bonus point if an applicant submits a valid application at least once a year for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for a specific genus consecutively for a five-year period.
 2. An applicant retains a loyalty bonus point once accrued as long as the applicant submits a valid application annually for a hunt permit-tag or a bonus point for the genus for which the loyalty bonus point was accrued.
 3. If an applicant who has accrued a loyalty bonus point fails to apply in any calendar year for a hunt permit-tag for the genus for which the loyalty bonus point was accrued, the applicant's loyalty bonus point for that genus is forfeited.
 4. For the purpose of the loyalty bonus point program, year one of the calculation of consecutive application years is 2001, and the Department shall award a loyalty bonus point to an applicant who qualifies for the loyalty bonus point on or after the effective date of this Section.

5. A loyalty bonus point is accrued in addition to all other bonus points.
- L. The Department shall reinstate any bonus points forfeited for a successful hunt permit-tag application for military personnel, military reserve personnel, national guard personnel, or public agency employees who are unable to use the hunt permit-tag due to mobilization, activation, or required duty in response to a declared national or state emergency, or required duty in response to an action by the President, Congress, or a governor of the United States or its territories. Under A.R.S. § 17-332(E), no refunds for a license or hunt permit-tag will be issued to an applicant who applies for reinstatement of bonus points under this subsection. To request ~~that~~ reinstatement of forfeited bonus points ~~be reinstated~~ under these circumstances, an applicant shall submit all of the following information to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Draw Section, ~~2221 W. Greenway Rd.~~ 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ ~~85023~~ 85086:
 1. A letter from the applicant requesting reinstatement of bonus points;
 2. The hunt number for which the hunt permit-tag is valid;
 3. Evidence of mobilization or duty status, such as a letter from the public agency or official orders;
 4. An official declaration of a state of emergency from the public agency or authority making the declaration of emergency, if applicable; and
 5. The valid, unused hunt permit-tag, which must be received before the beginning date of the hunt for which the hunt permit-tag is valid, or evidence of mobilization or activation that precluded the applicant from submitting the tag before the beginning date of the hunt.

R12-4-109. ~~Repealed~~ Fee for an Approved Trapping Education Course

Under A.R.S. § 17-333.02(A), the provider of an approved educational course of instruction in responsible trapping and environmental ethics may collect a fee from each participant that:

1. Is reasonable and commensurate for the course, and
2. Does not exceed \$25.

R12-4-115. Supplemental Hunts and Hunter Pool

- A. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:
1. "Management objectives" means goals, recommendations, or guidelines contained in Commission-approved wildlife management plans, which include hunt guidelines, operational plans, or hunt recommendations;
 2. "Hunter pool" means all individuals who have submitted an application for a supplemental hunt; and
 3. "Supplemental hunt" means a season established by the Commission for the following purposes:
 - a. Take of depredated wildlife under A.R.S. § 17-239;
 - b. Take of wildlife under an Emergency Season if the Commission adopts, amends, or repeals a Commission Order for reasons constituting an immediate threat to the health, safety, or management of wildlife or its habitat, or to public health or safety; or
 - c. Take of wildlife under a population management hunt if the Commission has prescribed restricted

nonpermit-tags by Commission Order for the purpose of meeting management objectives because regular seasons are not, have not been, or will not be sufficient or effective to achieve management objectives.

- B.** For the purposes of authorizing a population management hunt, the Commission through Commission Order shall open a season or seasons and prescribe a maximum number of restricted nonpermit-tags that the Director may issue under this Section.
- C.** The Director shall implement a population management hunt under the open season or seasons prescribed in subsection (B) if the Director finds that:
 - 1. Regular seasons have not met or will not meet management objectives;
 - 2. Take of wildlife is necessary to meet management objectives; and
 - 3. Issuance of a specific number of restricted nonpermit-tags is likely to meet management objectives.
- D.** To implement a population management hunt under subsection (B), the Director shall do the following:
 - 1. Select season dates, within the range of dates prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order;
 - 2. Select specific hunt areas, within the range of hunt areas prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order;
 - 3. Select the legal animal that may be taken from the list of legal animals prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order;
 - 4. Determine the number of restricted nonpermit-tags that will be issued from the maximum number of tags prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order; and
 - 5. Reduce restricted nonpermit-tag fees up to 75% if the normal fee structure will not generate adequate participation from either the hunter pool or hunt permit-tag holders under subsection (J).
- E.** The Director shall not issue more restricted nonpermit-tags than the maximum number prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order.
- F.** To participate in a supplemental hunt, an individual shall obtain a restricted non-permit tag as prescribed by this Section. A restricted non-permit tag is valid only for the supplemental hunt for which it is issued.
- G.** If the season dates and open areas of a supplemental hunt prescribed by the Commission through Commission Order exactly match the season dates and open areas of another big game animal for which a hunt number is assigned and hunt permit-tags are issued through the draw, the Department shall make the restricted nonpermit-tags available only to holders of the hunt permit-tags, and not the hunter pool.
- H.** To obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag under subsection (G), an applicant shall provide to a Department office the applicant's name, address, Department identification number, and hunt permit-tag number on a form prescribed by the Department.
 - ~~a.~~1. The applicant shall provide verification that the applicant legally obtained the hunt permit-tag for the hunt described under subsection (G) by presenting the hunt permit-tag to a Department office for verification.
 - ~~b.~~2. The applicant shall not apply for or obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag to take wildlife in excess of the bag limit prescribed by the Commission.
- I.** The Department or its authorized agent shall maintain a hunter pool for supplemental hunts and shall randomly

select applicants from the hunter pool for participation in a supplemental hunt, if the season dates and open areas of the supplemental hunt do not exactly match the season dates and open areas of another big game animal for which a hunt number is assigned and hunt permit-tags are issued through the draw.

- J.** When issuing restricted nonpermit-tags to the hunter pool, the Department or its authorized agent shall randomly select applicants from the hunter pool. The Department or its authorized agent shall attempt to contact each randomly-selected applicant by telephone at least three times during a 24-hour period. If an applicant cannot be contacted or cannot participate in the supplemental hunt, the Department or its authorized agent shall return the application to the hunter pool and draw another application. The Department or its authorized agent shall draw no more applications after the number of restricted nonpermit-tags prescribed in subsection (D)(4) has been issued.
- K.** The Department shall purge and renew the hunter pool annually.
- L.** An applicant for a supplemental hunt shall submit the following information on a form available from the Department or its authorized agent:
 - 1. Applicant's name, home mailing address, whether a resident or nonresident, and date of birth;
 - 2. Daytime and evening telephone numbers;
 - 3. The species that the applicant would like to hunt if drawn; and
 - 4. ~~The number of the applicant's hunting license for the year that corresponds with the applicable supplemental hunt number.~~ If the applicant does not possess a valid hunting or combination hunting and fishing license at the time of application, the applicant shall purchase a license by completing the License Application portion of the Hunt Permit-tag Application Form.
- M.** Along with the application form, an applicant for a supplemental hunt shall submit the permit application fee prescribed in R12-4-102.
- N.** The Department shall not accept group applications, as described in R12-4-104, for supplemental hunts.
- O.** A hunter pool applicant who is drawn and who wishes to participate in a supplemental hunt shall submit the following to the Department to obtain a restricted nonpermit-tag:
 - 1. The fee for the tag as prescribed by R12-4-102, or as prescribed by subsection (D)(5) if the fee has been reduced, and
 - 2. ~~The applicant's hunting license number of the applicant's hunting license.~~ The applicant shall possess a valid ~~for the year~~ hunting or combination hunting and fishing license at the time of the supplemental hunt.
- P.** The Department shall reserve a restricted nonpermit-tag for an applicant only for the period specified by the Department when contact is made with the applicant. The Department shall issue a restricted nonpermit-tag not purchased within the specified period to another individual whose application is drawn from the hunter pool as prescribed by this Section. The Department or its authorized agent shall remove from the hunter pool the application of any successful applicant who does not purchase a tag after being contacted and agreeing to purchase the tag.
- Q.** An individual who participates in a supplemental hunt through the hunter pool shall be removed from the supplemental hunter pool for the genus for which the individual participated. An individual who participates in

a supplemental hunt shall not reapply for the hunter pool for that genus until that hunter pool is renewed.

- R.** The provisions of R12-4-104, R12-4-107, R12-4-114, and R12-4-609 do not apply to supplemental hunts. A supplemental hunt application submitted in accordance with this Section does not invalidate any application for a hunt permit-tag. The issuance of a restricted nonpermit-tag does not authorize an individual to exceed the bag limit established by the Commission.

ARTICLE 2. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES; ~~AND PERMITS;~~ STAMPS; TAGS

R12-4-201. Pioneer License

- A.** ~~In addition to urban fishing privileges granted in A.R.S. § 17-333(A)(9), a~~ A pioneer license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a ~~Class F~~ combination hunting and fishing license.
- B.** An individual who meets the criteria in A.R.S. § ~~17-336(1)~~ 17-336(A)(1) may apply for a pioneer license as follows:
1. An applicant for a pioneer license shall submit one of the following documents with the application. The Department shall return to the applicant any original or certified copy after the Department has verified receipt on the application form.
 - a. A passport;
 - b. An original or certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate;
 - c. An original or copy of a valid Arizona driver's license; or
 - d. An original or copy of a valid Arizona Motor Vehicle Division identification card.
 2. An applicant for a pioneer license shall apply on an application form available from any Department office. The form shall include an affidavit to be signed by the applicant that affirms the applicant has been a resident of this state for 25 or more consecutive years immediately preceding application for the license. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application form:
 - a. The applicant's name, age, date of birth, Department identification number, and physical description;
 - b. Current residence address or physical location of residence;
 - c. The year Arizona residency was established;
 - d. Current mailing address; and
 - e. The applicant's signature, either witnessed by a Department employee or notarized.
- C.** The Department shall deny a pioneer license if an applicant is not eligible for a pioneer license, fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or provides false information during the application process. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant if the pioneer license is denied. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- D.** A pioneer license holder may request a duplicate license if:
1. The license has been lost or destroyed;
 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license; and
 3. The Department has a record that shows a pioneer license was previously issued to that individual.

- E. A person issued a pioneer license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License

- A.** A disabled veteran's license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of a ~~Class F~~ combination hunting and fishing license ~~and an urban fishing license.~~
- B.** An individual meeting the criteria prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-336(A)(2) may apply for a disabled veteran's license. Eligibility for the disabled veteran's license is based on 100% disability, not on the percentage of compensation received by the veteran.
1. An applicant desiring a disabled veteran's license shall apply on an application form furnished by the Department and available at any Department office. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application form:
 - a. The applicant's:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Date of birth;
 - iii. Department identification number;
 - iv. Physical description;
 - b. All physical addresses for the calendar year immediately preceding application;
 - c. Mailing address; and
 - d. The applicant's signature, acknowledged before a Notary Public or witnessed by a Department employee.
 2. An applicant shall submit with the application form an original certification from the Department of Veterans' Services. The certification shall include all of the following information:
 - a. The applicant's full name,
 - b. Certification that the applicant is receiving compensation for permanent service-connected disabilities rated as 100% disabling,
 - c. Certification that the 100% rating is permanent and:
 - i. Will not require reevaluation or
 - ii. Will be reevaluated in three years, and
 - d. The signature and title of an agent of the Department of Veterans' Services who issued or approved the certification.
- C.** If the certification required under subsection (B)(2)(c) indicates that the applicant's disability rating of 100% is permanent and:
 1. Will not be reevaluated, the disabled veteran's license will not expire.
 2. Will be reevaluated in three years, the disabled veteran's license will expire three years from the date of issuance.
- D.** The Department shall deny a disabled veteran's license to an applicant who:

1. Is not eligible for the license,
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section, or
 3. Provides false information during the application process.
- E. The Department shall provide written notice to the applicant if the disabled veteran's license is denied. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- F. A disabled veteran's license holder may request a duplicate license if:
1. The license has been lost or destroyed,
 2. The license holder submits a written request to the Department for a duplicate license, and
 3. The Department has a record that shows a disabled veteran's license was previously issued to that individual.
- G. A person issued a disabled veteran's license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

R12-4-203. National Harvest Information Program (HIP); State Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stamp

- A. ~~An individual who takes ducks, geese, swans, doves, band-tailed pigeons, snipe, coots, or common moorhen, in Arizona shall participate in the National Harvest Information Program. All state fish and wildlife agencies are required to obtain data on the harvest of migratory game birds in compliance with the federally mandated National Harvest Information Program administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with 50 CFR 20.20.~~
1. ~~If the individual is taking ducks, geese, or swans, the individual shall possess an Arizona state waterfowl stamp, as prescribed in R12-4-101, and a current, valid federal waterfowl stamp that accompanies a valid Arizona hunting license. The state waterfowl stamp expires on June 30 of each year, except for stamps purchased under Class M and N licenses, which expire on December 31 of each year.~~
 2. ~~If the individual is taking doves, band-tailed pigeons, snipe, coots, or common moorhen, the individual shall possess an Arizona state migratory bird stamp as prescribed in R12-4-101, that accompanies a valid Arizona hunting license. The state migratory bird stamp expires on June 30 of each year, except for stamps purchased under Class M and N licenses, which expire on December 31 of each year.~~
- B. ~~The Department shall make state waterfowl stamps and state migratory bird stamps available annually. In compliance with the National Harvest Information Program, the Department requires a person to possess a migratory bird stamp or authorization number which may be affixed to or written on the back of the hunting or combination hunting and fishing license. The migratory bird stamp and authorization number authorize the take of band-tailed pigeons, common moorhen, coots, doves, ducks, geese, snipe, or swans.~~
1. ~~To obtain a state waterfowl stamp or state migratory bird stamp, an individual shall pay submit the required fee and submit a completed waterfowl or state migratory bird registration form to a license dealer or a Department office. The individual shall provide on the waterfowl or state migratory bird registration form the individual's name:~~
 - a. Name, home mailing

- b. Mailing address, date
 - c. Date of birth, and information
 - d. Information on past and anticipated hunting activity.
2. The state migratory bird stamp expires on June 30 of each year. To obtain a state migratory bird stamp, a person shall submit:
- a. The fee required under R12-4-102, and
 - b. A completed state migratory bird registration form to a license dealer or a Department office.
- ~~2-3.~~ Youth are not required to pay for and obtain a separate state migratory bird stamp fee as the privileges of the state migratory bird stamp are included in the youth combination hunting and fishing license.
- C.** A license dealer shall submit ~~waterfowl or~~ state migratory bird registration forms for all ~~state waterfowl stamps and~~ state migratory bird stamps sold with the monthly report required by under A.R.S. § 17-338.

R12-4-204. Sikes Act Habitat Management Stamps Repeal

- A.** ~~If the Department requires an individual to possess a habitat management stamp to take big game under an agreement between the Department and the United States Forest Service, in accordance with the federal Sikes Act, 16 U.S.C. 670 et seq., an individual shall purchase the applicable habitat management stamp for the fee prescribed in R12-4-102 and possess the stamp as prescribed in R12-4-101.~~
- B.** ~~Applicable game management units and species for a habitat management stamp are prescribed by Commission Order.~~

R12-4-205. Honorary High Achievement Scout License; Reduced Fee Youth Class F License

- A.** ~~An Honorary Scout Class F Youth License~~ A high achievement scout license is offered to a resident who is:
- 1. Eligible for a ~~Class F Youth License~~ combination hunting and fishing license, and
 - 2. Under 21 years of age, and
 - ~~2-3.~~ A member of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, or
 - ~~3-4.~~ A member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and has attained the Gold Award.
- B.** ~~The Honorary Scout Class F Youth License~~ high achievement scout license grants all of the hunting and fishing privileges of the ~~Class F youth~~ combination hunting and fishing license and is only available at Department offices. The license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase.
- C.** An applicant for ~~an Honorary Scout Class F Youth License~~ a high achievement scout license shall apply on an application form available from any Department office and on the Department's web site at www.azgfd.gov. The applicant shall provide all of the following information on the application form:
- 1. The applicant's name, date of birth, Department identification number, and physical description;
 - 2. Current residence address or physical location of residence;
 - 3. Current mailing address; and
 - 4. The applicant's signature either witnessed by a Department employee or acknowledged by a notary public.
- D.** In addition to the application, an eligible applicant shall present with the application form:

1. For an applicant who is a member of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the Boy Scouts of the United States of America stating that the applicant has attained the rank of Eagle Scout,
 - b. A Boy Scouts of the United States of America Eagle Scout Award Certificate, or
 - c. A Boy Scouts of the United States of America Eagle Scout wallet card.
 2. For an applicant who is a member of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, any one of the following original documents:
 - a. A certification letter from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America stating that the applicant has completed the award,
 - b. A Girl Scouts of the United States of America Gold Award Certificate, or
 - c. A Girl Scouts Gold Award Certificate from the local council.
- E.** The Department shall deny ~~an Honorary Scout Class F Youth License~~ a high achievement scout license to an applicant who:
1. Is not eligible for the license;
 2. Fails to comply with the requirements of this Section; or
 3. Provides false information during the application process;
 4. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Commission as prescribed in A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.

R12-4-206. ~~Repealed~~ General Hunting License; Exemption

- A.** A general hunting license is valid for the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds, and upland game birds. The general hunting license is valid for the take of big game animals or other wildlife for which a valid permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required when the person also possesses the applicable permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp.
- B.** The general hunting license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase.
- C.** A resident may apply for a general hunting license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or online at www.azgfd.gov. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and online at www.azgfd.gov. A general hunting license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth;
 - d. Telephone number;
 - e. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - f. E-mail address, when available;

- g. Physical description;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address; and
 - h. Residency status;
2. Acknowledgment affirming the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), at the time of application an applicant who is applying for a general hunting license:
1. In person shall submit the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 2. Online shall electronically submit the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall attest to, or provide permission for another individual to attest to, the information electronically provided.
- E.** A person who is under 10 years of age may hunt wildlife other than big game without a hunting license when accompanied by a properly licensed person who is 18 years of age or older.

R12-4-207. ~~Repealed~~ General Fishing License; Exemption

- A.** A general fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife and allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-101. The general fishing license is valid state-wide and includes waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Mittry Lake, Topock Marsh, the Arizona portion of Lake Powell, and that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California, and designated community waters.
- B.** The general fishing license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase.
- C.** A resident or nonresident may apply for a general fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer, or online at www.azgfd.gov. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and online at www.azgfd.gov. A general fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth,
 - d. Physical description;
 - e. Social Security Number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(N) and 25-502(K);
 - f. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - g. Number of years of residency;
 - h. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - i. Physical address;
 - j. Telephone number; and

1. In person shall submit the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
2. Online shall electronically submit the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall attest to, or provide permission for another individual to attest to, the information electronically provided.

E. In addition to the exemption prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335, a person who is under 10 years of age may fish in designated community waters without a fishing license.

R12-4-210. Combination Fishing and Hunting License; Exemption

A. A combination hunting and fishing license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife, small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds, and upland game birds. The combination hunting and fishing license:

1. Is valid state-wide and includes waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Mittry Lake, Topock Marsh, the Arizona portion of Lake Powell, and that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada and Arizona and California, and designated community waters.
2. Allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-101.

B. The Department offers three combination hunting and fishing licenses:

1. A one-day combination hunting and fishing license, valid for one day.
 - a. The one-day license is not valid for the take of big game animals.
 - b. The Department does not limit the number of one-day combination hunting and fishing licenses a resident or nonresident may purchase.
2. A combination hunting and fishing license; available to a person age 18 and over.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase; and
 - b. Is valid for the take of big game animals or other wildlife for which a valid permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required when the person also possesses the applicable permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp.
3. A youth combination hunting and fishing license; available to a person age 10 through 17.
 - a. The combination hunting and fishing license is valid for one-year from the date of purchase; and
 - b. Is valid for the take of big game animals or other wildlife for which a valid permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required when the person also possesses the applicable permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp.

C. A resident or nonresident may apply for a combination hunting and fishing license by submitting an application to the Department, a License Dealer as defined under R12-4-101, or online at www.azgfd.gov. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office, license dealer, and online at www.azgfd.gov. A combination hunting and fishing license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:

1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth,

- d. Physical description;
 - e. Social Security Number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(N) and 25-502(K);
 - f. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - g. Number of years of residency;
 - h. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - i. Physical address;
 - j. Telephone number; and
 - k. E-mail address, when available; and
- 2. Acknowledgment affirming the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** In addition to the requirements listed under subsection (C), an applicant who is applying for a combination hunting and fishing license:
- 1. In person shall submit the applicable fee required under R12-4-102.
 - 2. Online shall electronically submit the fee required under R12-4-102 and print the new license. A person applying online shall attest to, or provide permission for another individual to attest to, the information electronically provided.
- E.** Exemptions authorized under R12-4-206(E), R12-4-207(E), and R12-4-209(E) also apply to a person who possesses a combination hunting and fishing license, as applicable.

R12-4-211. ~~Repealed~~ Lifetime Licenses

- A.** The Department offers the following lifetime licenses:
- 1. A lifetime hunting license includes the privileges established under R12-4-206(A).
 - 2. A lifetime fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-207(A).
 - 3. A lifetime combination hunting and fishing license includes the privileges established under R12-4-210(A).
- B.** Lifetime licenses do not expire and remain valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any additional permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp required to hunt and fish in this state. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident permit-tags do not apply to lifetime license holders.
- C.** A resident may apply for a lifetime license by submitting an application to the Department. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at www.azgfd.gov. A lifetime license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:
- 1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth,
 - d. Physical description;
 - e. Social Security Number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(N) and 25-502(K);

- f. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - g. Number of years of residency;
 - h. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - i. Physical address;
 - j. Telephone number; and
 - k. E-mail address, when available; and
 - 2. Acknowledgment affirming the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
 - 3. Applicant's signature and date.
- D.** The fees for resident lifetime licenses are determined by the age of the applicant as follows:
- 1. Age 0 through 13 years is 17 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year adult license.
 - 2. Age 14 through 29 years is 18 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year adult license.
 - 3. Age 30 through 44 years is 16 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year adult license.
 - 4. Age 45 through 61 years is 15 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year adult license.
 - 5. Age 62 and older is 8 times the fee established under R12-4-102 for the equivalent one-year adult license.
- E.** A lifetime license may be denied or suspended pursuant to, and for the offenses described under, A.R.S. § 17-340.
- F.** A person issued a lifetime license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) for the equivalent lifetime license.

R12-4-212. ~~Repealed~~ Benefactor License

- A.** A benefactor license is valid for the taking of all aquatic wildlife, small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds, and upland game birds. The benefactor license:
- 1. Is valid state-wide and includes waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Mittry Lake, Topock Marsh, the Arizona portion of Lake Powell, and that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and California and Arizona and Nevada, and designated community waters.
 - 2. Allows the license holder to engage in simultaneous fishing as defined under R12-4-101.
 - 3. Is valid for the take of big game animals or other wildlife for which a valid permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp is required when the person also possesses the applicable permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp.
- B.** A benefactor license does not expire and remains valid if the licensee subsequently resides outside of this state.
- 1. A licensee who resides outside of Arizona shall submit the nonresident fee to purchase any additional permit-tag, nonpermit-tag, or stamp required to hunt and fish in this state.
 - 2. Limits established under R12-4-114 for nonresident permit-tags do not apply to lifetime license holders.
- C.** The benefactor license fee is \$1,500. The difference between \$1,500 and the license fee for a resident lifetime

combination hunting and fishing license established under R12-4-211(D):

1. Is considered a donation to this state for continued management, protection, and conservation of this State's wildlife.
2. Shall be credited to the wildlife endowment fund established under A.R.S. § 17-271.
3. Is tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal and state income tax statutes for contributions to qualifying tax-exempt organizations.

D. A resident may apply for a benefactor license by submitting an application to the Department. The application is furnished by the Department and is available at any Department office and online at www.azgfd.gov. A benefactor license applicant shall provide the following information on the application:

1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth;
 - d. Physical description;
 - e. Social Security Number, as required under A.R.S. §§ 25-320(N) and 25-502(K);
 - f. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - g. Number of years of residency;
 - h. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - i. Physical address;
 - j. Telephone number; and
 - k. E-mail address, when available; and
2. Acknowledgment affirming the information provided on the application is true and accurate; and
3. Applicant's signature and date.

E. A benefactor license may be denied or suspended pursuant to, and for the offenses described under, A.R.S. § 17-340.

F. A person issued a benefactor license prior to the effective date of this Section shall be entitled to the privileges established under subsection (A).

R12-4-213. ~~Repealed~~ Permit-tags and Nonpermit-tags

A. Before a person may take a big game animal or other wildlife for which a valid permit-tag or nonpermit-tag is required, the person shall apply for and obtain the appropriate permit-tag or nonpermit-tag required for the take of that big game animal or other wildlife.

B. A person may apply for a permit-tag at the times, locations, and in the manner established by the hunt permit-tag application schedule that is published annually by the Department and available at any Department office, online at www.azgfd.gov, or a license dealer as defined under R12-4-101.

C. An applicant for a nonpermit-tag shall submit the required fee established under R12-4-102 and a completed application to a license dealer or a Department office.

D. A person shall provide the following information on the application:

1. Name;
2. Department identification number, when applicable;
3. Mailing address, when applicable;
4. Physical address, and
5. Residency status.

E. A person shall possess a valid Arizona hunting or combination hunting and fishing license:

1. When applying for a permit-tag or nonpermit-tag, and
2. While in a hunt area during the season or hunt for which the permit-tag or nonpermit-tag is valid.

R12-4-214. Repealed Apprentice License

A. An apprentice license authorizes the taking of small game, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, nongame animals, nongame birds and upland game birds. The apprentice license is only available from a Department office.

B. An apprentice license is:

1. A complimentary license,
2. Valid for any two consecutive days; and
3. Issued to an eligible applicant only once per calendar year.

C. The apprentice license is not valid for the take of big game animals.

D. The apprentice license is valid for the take of waterfowl when the license holder also possesses the required federal stamp.

E. An apprentice license holder shall be accompanied by a mentor at all times while in the field. A mentor is eligible to apply for no more than two apprentice hunting licenses per calendar year. A mentor shall:

1. Be a resident of Arizona,
2. Be 18 years of age or older,
3. Possess a valid Arizona hunting or combination hunting and fishing license, and
4. Provide the apprentice with instruction and supervision on safe and ethical hunting practices.

E. A resident or nonresident may apply for an apprentice license at any Department office. An applicant for an apprentice license shall provide the following information at the time of application:

1. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth;
 - d. Telephone number;
 - e. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - f. E-mail address, when available;
 - g. Physical description;

- f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address; and
 - h. Residency status;
2. The mentor's:
- a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth.
 - d. Telephone number;
 - e. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - f. E-mail address, when available;
 - g. Physical description;
 - f. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - g. Physical address; and
 - g. Number of years of residency.

R12-4-215. ~~Repealed~~ Resident Youth Group Two-day Fishing License

A. A resident youth group two-day fishing license authorizes a nonprofit organization, which sponsors adult supervised activities for youth age 10 through 17, to take up to 20 youths fishing. The resident youth group two-day fishing license is only available from a Department office. The resident youth group two-day fishing license is valid for:

- 1. Two consecutive days.
- 2. The location specified on the license, and
- 3. The take of all aquatic wildlife.

B. A nonprofit organization may apply for a resident youth group two-day fishing license at any Department office. An applicant for a resident youth group two-day fishing license shall provide the following information at the time of application:

- 1. The nonprofit organization's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Mailing address; and
 - c. Telephone number;
- 2. The applicant's:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Age;
 - c. Date of birth.
 - d. Physical description;
 - e. Department identification number, when applicable;
 - f. Number of years of residency;

- g. Mailing address, when applicable;
 - h. Physical address;
 - i. Telephone number; and
 - j. E-mail address, when available.
3. The dates and location where the nonprofit organization intends to conduct the group fishing activity.

ARTICLE 3. TAKING AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE

R12-4-311. Exemptions from Requirement to Possess an Arizona Fishing License or Hunting License While Taking Wildlife

In addition to the ~~exemptions~~ exemption prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335, and provided the individual's fishing and hunting license privileges are not currently revoked by the Commission:

1. A fishing license is not required when an individual is:
 - a. Fishing from artificial ponds, tanks, and lakes contained entirely on private lands that are not:
 - i. Open to the public, and
 - ii. Managed by the Department.
 - b. Taking terrestrial mollusks or crustaceans from private property.
 - c. Fishing in Arizona on any designated Saturday occurring during National Fishing and Boating Week, except in waters of the Colorado River forming the common boundaries between Arizona and California, Nevada, or Utah where fishing without a license is limited to the shoreline, unless the state with concurrent jurisdiction removes licensing requirements on the same day.
 - d. Participating in an introductory fishing education program sanctioned by the Department, during scheduled program hours, only. A sanctioned program shall have a Department employee, sport fishing contractor, or authorized volunteer instructor present during scheduled program hours. For the purposes of this subsection, "authorized volunteer instructor" means an individual who has successfully passed the Department's required background check and sport fishing education workshop.
2. A hunting license is not required when an individual is participating in an introductory hunting event organized, sanctioned, or sponsored by the Department. The individual may hunt small game, furbearing, predator, and designated mammals during scheduled event hours, only. To hunt migratory birds, the individual shall have any stamps required by federal regulation. The introductory hunting event shall have a Department employee, certified hunter education instructor, or authorized volunteer present during scheduled hunting hours. For the purposes of this subsection, "authorized volunteer" means an individual who has successfully passed the Department's required background check and Department event best practices training. This subsection does not apply to any event that requires participants to obtain a permit-tag or nonpermit-tag.

~~R12-4-312. Special Use Permits and Stamps for Fishing on Waters with Shared Jurisdiction~~

- ~~A. Any individual fishing from a watercraft or other floating device or object on the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, or that portion of the Colorado River that forms the common boundary between Arizona and Nevada shall have in possession:

 - 1. A valid Arizona Colorado River special use stamp and a valid Arizona fishing license, or
 - 2. A valid Nevada Colorado River special use stamp and a valid Nevada fishing license.~~
- ~~B. Any individual fishing from the Arizona shorelines of the waters named in subsection (A), unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-335, R12-4-310, or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:

 - 1. A valid Arizona fishing license, or
 - 2. A valid Nevada Colorado River special use stamp and a valid Nevada fishing license.~~
- ~~C. Any individual fishing in the waters of Mittry Lake or Topoek Marsh, unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-335, R12-4-310, or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:

 - 1. A valid Arizona fishing license, or
 - 2. A valid Arizona Colorado River special use permit stamp and a valid California fishing license.~~
- ~~D. Any individual fishing in the Arizona portion of Lake Powell, unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-335, R12-4-310, or R12-4-311, shall have in possession either:

 - 1. A valid Arizona fishing license, or
 - 2. A valid Arizona Lake Powell stamp and a valid Utah resident fishing license.~~
- ~~E. The requirements of this Section are in addition to those prescribed under A.R.S. §§ 17-342, 17-343, and 17-344.~~

R12-4-318. Seasons for Lawfully Taking Wild Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles

- A. Methods of lawfully taking wild mammals, birds, and reptiles during seasons designated by Commission Order as “general” seasons are designated under R12-4-304.
- B. Methods of lawfully taking big game during seasons designated by Commission Order as “special” are designated under R12-4-304. “Special” seasons are open only to individuals who possess a special big game license tag authorized under A.R.S. § 17-346 and R12-4-120.
- C. When designated by Commission Order, the following seasons have specific requirements and lawful methods of take more restrictive than those for general and special seasons, as prescribed under this Section. While taking the species authorized by the season, an individual participating in:
 - 1. A “CHAMP” season shall be a challenged hunter access/mobility permit holder as established under R12-4-217.
 - 2. A “~~junior's only~~ youth-only hunt” shall be under the age of 18 ~~and meet the requirements prescribed under A.R.S. § 17-335.~~ A youth hunter whose 18th birthday occurs during a “~~junior's only~~ youth-only hunt” for which the youth hunter has a valid permit or tag may continue to participate for the duration of that “~~junior's only~~ youth-only hunt.”
 - 3. A “pursuit-only” season may use dogs to pursue bears, mountain lions, or raccoons as designated by Commission Order, but shall not kill or capture the quarry. An individual participating in a “pursuit-only”

season shall possess and, at the request of Department personnel, produce a valid hunting or combination hunting and fishing license and any required tag for taking the animal pursued, even though there shall be no kill.

4. A “restricted season” may use any lawful method authorized for a specific species under R12-4-304, except dogs may not be used to pursue the wildlife for which the season was established.
5. An “archery-only” season shall not use any other weapons, including crossbows or bows with a device that holds the bow in a drawn position except as authorized under R12-4-216. An individual participating in an “archery-only” season may use one or more the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows, and
 - b. Falconry.
6. A “handgun, archery, and muzzleloader (HAM)” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows,
 - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - c. Handguns, and
 - d. Muzzle-loading rifles as defined under R12-4-301.
7. A “muzzleloader” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Bows and arrows;
 - b. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device; and
 - c. Muzzleloading rifles or handguns, as defined under R12-4-301.
8. A “limited weapon” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
 - j. Slingshots.
9. A “limited weapon hand or hand-held implement” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
 - a. Catch-pole,

- b. Hand,
 - c. Snake hook, or
 - d. Snake tongs.
10. A “limited weapon-pneumatic” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
- a. Capture by hand,
 - b. Dogs,
 - c. Falconry,
 - d. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - e. Nets,
 - f. Pneumatic weapons discharging a single projectile .25 caliber or smaller, or
 - g. Slingshots.
11. A “limited weapon-rimfire” season may ~~only~~ use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
- a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons,
 - j. Rifled firearms using rimfire cartridges,
 - k. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
 - l. Slingshots.
12. A “limited weapon-shotgun” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
- a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons,

- j. Shotgun shooting shot or slug, or
 - k. Slingshots.
13. A “limited weapon-shotgun shooting shot” season may use one or more of the following methods or devices for taking wildlife, if authorized under R12-4-304 as lawful for the species hunted:
- a. Any trap except foothold traps,
 - b. Bows and arrows,
 - c. Capture by hand,
 - d. Crossbows or bows to be drawn and held with an assisting device,
 - e. Dogs,
 - f. Falconry,
 - g. Hand-propelled projectiles,
 - h. Nets,
 - i. Pneumatic weapons,
 - j. Shotgun shooting shot, or
 - k. Slingshots.
14. A “falconry-only” season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or R12-4-407. A falconer participating in a “falconry-only” season shall use no other method of take except falconry.
15. A “raptor capture” season shall be a falconer licensed under R12-4-422 unless exempt under R12-4-407.

ARTICLE 4. LIVE WILDLIFE

R12-4-412. Repealed Special License Fees

A person who applies for a special license authorized under this Article shall submit all applicable fees at the time of application.

| Special License Fees | Resident | Nonresident |
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| <u>Game Bird</u> | | |
| <u>Field Trial License</u> | <u>\$6</u> | <u>\$6</u> |
| <u>Hobby License</u> | <u>\$5</u> | <u>\$5</u> |
| <u>Shooting Preserve License</u> | <u>\$115</u> | <u>\$115</u> |
| <u>Live Bait Dealer's License</u> | <u>\$35</u> | <u>\$35</u> |
| <u>Private Game Farm License</u> | <u>\$57.50</u> | <u>\$57.50</u> |
| <u>Sport Falconry License</u> | <u>\$87.50</u> | <u>Not available</u> |
| <u>White Amur Stocking and Holding License, business. Initial and renewal license fee</u> | <u>\$250</u> | <u>\$250</u> |

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| <u>White Amur Stocking and Holding License, non-business. Initial license fee</u> | <u>\$250</u> | <u>\$250</u> |
| <u>Zoo License</u> | <u>\$115</u> | <u>\$115</u> |

R12-4-422. Sport Falconry License

- A. No change
 - No change
- B. An Arizona Sport Falconry license permits an individual to possess and train a raptor for the purpose of sport falconry in compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Endangered Species Act of 1973. ~~A resident who possesses or intends to possess a raptor for the purpose of sport falconry shall hold an Arizona Sport Falconry license, unless the individual is exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or possesses only raptors not listed under 50 CFR 10.13, revised October 1, 2010, and no later amendments or editions. The incorporated material is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, and is on file with the Department.~~
 1. The sport falconry license validates a hunting or combination hunting and fishing license for hunting or taking quarry with a trained raptor.
 2. The sport falconry license is valid until the third December from the date of issuance.
 3. A licensed falconer may possess and train wild, captive-bred, or hybrid raptors, subject to the limitations established under subsections (H)(1), (H)(2), and (H)(3), as applicable.
- C. The Department shall comply with the licensing time-frame established under R12-4-106 to issue a Sport Falconry license and collect the fee established under ~~R12-4-102~~ R12-4-412.
- D. ~~A licensed falconer may possess and train wild, captive bred, or hybrid raptors, subject to the limitations established under subsections (H)(1), (H)(2), and (H)(3), as applicable. A resident who possesses or intends to possess a raptor for the purpose of sport falconry shall hold an Arizona Sport Falconry license, unless the individual is exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or possesses only raptors not listed under 50 CFR 10.13, revised October 1, 2010, and no later amendments or editions. The incorporated material is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, and is on file with the Department.~~

A resident who possesses or intends to possess a raptor for the purpose of sport falconry shall hold an Arizona Sport Falconry license, unless the individual is exempt under A.R.S. § 17-236(C) or possesses only raptors not listed under 50 CFR 10.13, revised October 1, 2010, and no later amendments or editions. The incorporated material is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, and is on file with the Department.
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R12-4-424. White Amur Stocking and Holding License

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- I.** A white amur stocking license holder who applies to renew the license shall ~~pay~~ submit fees as prescribed ~~by~~

~~R12-4-102~~ under R12-4-412.

J. No change

ARTICLE 5. BOATING AND WATER SPORTS

R12-4-501. Boating and Water Sports Definitions

No change

"Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Decal" means the Department-issued decal that is proof of payment of the fee ~~required~~ authorized under A.R.S. § 5-327.

No change

R12-4-503. Renewal of Watercraft Registration

A. The owner of a registered watercraft shall ensure the watercraft's registration is renewed no later than the day before the prior registration period expires.

B. To renew a watercraft's registration in person or by mail, an applicant shall submit the registration fee ~~required~~ authorized under A.R.S. § 5-321 and present one of the following:

1. Current or prior certificate of number,
2. Valid driver's license,

3. Valid Arizona Motor Vehicle Division identification card,
 4. Valid passport, or
 5. Department-issued renewal notice.
- C. To renew a watercraft's registration online, an applicant shall electronically submit the registration fee ~~required~~ authorized under A.R.S. § 5-321, provide the assigned Arizona watercraft AZ number of the watercraft being renewed, and one of the following to the Department or its agent:
1. Department-assigned authorization number,
 2. Applicant's date of birth, or
 3. Applicant's password.
- D. When a watercraft registration is renewed by mail or online, the Department shall mail the renewal to the address of record, unless the Department receives a notarized request from the registered owner instructing the Department to mail the renewal to another address.

R12-4-504. ~~Staggered Watercraft Registration Schedule Fees; Penalty for Late Registration; Staggered Registration Schedule~~

A. The owner of a motorized watercraft shall submit the applicable watercraft registration fee as authorized under A.R.S. § 5-321:

1. Twelve feet and less: \$20
2. Twelve feet one inch through sixteen feet: \$22
3. Sixteen feet one inch through twenty feet: \$30
4. Twenty feet one inch through twenty-six feet: \$35
5. Twenty-six feet one inch through thirty-nine feet: \$39
6. Thirty-nine feet one inch through sixty-four feet: \$44
7. Sixty-four feet one inch and over: \$66
8. For the purposes of this subsection, the length of the motorized watercraft shall be measured in the same manner prescribed under A.R.S. § 5-321(C).

B. The Department or its agent shall collect the entire registration fee for a late registration renewal and a penalty fee of \$5, unless exempt under A.R.S. § 5-321(L), or unless the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, and the registration is renewed before the close of business on the next working day. The Department or its agent shall not assess a penalty fee when a renewal is mailed before the expiration date, as evidenced by the postmark.

A.C. All new watercraft registrations expire 12 months after they are issued.

B.D. Resident and nonresident watercraft registration renewals expire on the last day of the month indicated by the last two numeric digits of the AZ number, as shown in the following table:

| Last two numeric digits of AZ number | | | | | | | | | Expiration month |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------|
| 00 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 84 | 96 | December |

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 01 | 13 | 25 | 37 | 49 | 61 | 73 | 85 | 97 | January |
| 02 | 14 | 26 | 38 | 50 | 62 | 74 | 86 | 98 | February |
| 03 | 15 | 27 | 39 | 51 | 63 | 75 | 87 | 99 | March |
| 04 | 16 | 28 | 40 | 52 | 64 | 76 | 88 | | April |
| 05 | 17 | 29 | 41 | 53 | 65 | 77 | 89 | | May |
| 06 | 18 | 30 | 42 | 54 | 66 | 78 | 90 | | June |
| 07 | 19 | 31 | 43 | 55 | 67 | 79 | 91 | | July |
| 08 | 20 | 32 | 44 | 56 | 68 | 80 | 92 | | August |
| 09 | 21 | 33 | 45 | 57 | 69 | 81 | 93 | | September |
| 10 | 22 | 34 | 46 | 58 | 70 | 82 | 94 | | October |
| 11 | 23 | 35 | 47 | 59 | 71 | 83 | 95 | | November |

- C. Watercraft dealer, manufacturer, and governmental use registration renewals expire on October 31 of each year.
- D. Livery and all other commercial use registration renewals expire on November 30 of each year.
- E. ~~The Department or its agent shall collect the entire registration fee for a late registration renewal, and a penalty fee of \$5, unless exempt under A.R.S. § 5-321(L), or unless the expiration date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, and the registration is renewed before the close of business on the next working day. The Department or its agent shall not assess a penalty fee when a renewal is mailed before the expiration date, as evidenced by the postmark.~~

R12-4-529. Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Fee Fees; Proof of Payment; Decal

- A. ~~A~~ Before placing that watercraft on the waterways of this State, a nonresident owner of a recreational watercraft who establishes this State as the state of principal operation shall pay submit the applicable Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Fee (NBSIF) established as authorized under A.R.S. § 5-327 before placing that watercraft on the waterways of this State:
 - 1. Twelve feet and less: \$80
 - 2. Twelve feet one inch through sixteen feet: \$88
 - 3. Sixteen feet one inch through twenty feet: \$192
 - 4. Twenty feet one inch through twenty-six feet: \$224
 - 5. Twenty-six feet one inch through thirty-nine feet: \$253
 - 6. Thirty-nine feet one inch through sixty-four feet: \$286
 - 7. Sixty-four feet one inch and over: \$429
 - 8. For the purposes of this subsection, the length of the motorized watercraft shall be measured in the same manner prescribed under A.R.S. § 5-321(C).
- B. The nonresident recreational watercraft owner shall carry and display proof of payment of the fee while the watercraft is underway, moored, or anchored on the waterways of this State. Acceptable proof of payment

~~means~~ includes any one of the following:

1. A current Arizona Watercraft Certificate of Number indicating the NBSIF was paid,
 2. A current Arizona Watercraft Temporary Certificate of Number indicating the NBSIF was paid,
 3. A current Arizona Watercraft Registration Decal indicating the NBSIF was paid, or
 4. A current Arizona Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Decal.
- C. The Nonresident Boating Safety Infrastructure Decal shall be affixed in front of the Arizona Watercraft Registration Decal on both sides of the forward half of the watercraft.