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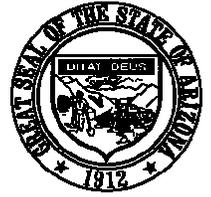
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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). Members of the Commission will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. The Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

**Tuesday, January 4, 2004, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Arizona State Fairgrounds – Wildlife Building – McDowell & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.**

**Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.**

- 1. Executive Session.** The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of consultation for legal advice with the Commission's Attorneys on the agenda items listed below pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).
- 2. Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Request to Approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking for Article 9, Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Grants.** The Commission will be asked to vote to close the rulemaking record and to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to establish Article 9, Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Grants, and to promulgate new rules to prescribe procedures for the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Grants program.
- 3. Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Request to Approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to Amend Commission Rules to Require All Big Game Permit Applicants to Purchase a Hunting License to Apply for the Draw.** The Commission will be asked to vote to close the rulemaking record and to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to be submitted to GRRC to amend Commission rules to require all big game permit applicants to purchase a hunting license to apply for the draw.
- 4. Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Request to Approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to Amend Commission Rules to Create a Set-Aside Percentage of Bighorn Hunt Permit-tags for Nonresidents.** The Commission will be asked to vote to close the rulemaking record and to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to be submitted to GRRC to amend Commission rules to create a set-aside percentage of bighorn sheep hunt permit-tags for nonresidents. Under the proposed rulemaking, the Commission will set aside an amount not greater than 15% of the total available bighorn sheep hunt permit-tags in any calendar year, rounded down to the nearest whole number, to be issued to nonresidents.

5. **Consideration of Rulemaking to Address the proposed Loyalty Bonus Point, the proposed Increase to the Bonus Point Pass Percentage for the Big Game Draw, and the proposed Creation of a Conservation Bonus Point** The Commission will be asked to take action on one or more of the following options:
  - a. **Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Request to Approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to Amend Commission Rules to 1) Create a “Loyalty Bonus Point,” 2) Increase the Bonus Point Pass Percentage for the Big Game Draw from 10% to 20%, and 3) Create a “Conservation Bonus Point.”** The Commission may vote to close the rulemaking record and to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to be submitted to GRRC to amend Commission rules to 1) create a “loyalty bonus point,” 2) increase the bonus point pass percentage for the big game draw from 10% to 20%, and 3) create a “conservation bonus point.”
  - b. **Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Request to Approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to Amend Commission Rules to 1) Create a “Loyalty Bonus Point,” and 2) Increase the Bonus Point Pass Percentage for the Big Game Draw from 10% to 20%.** The Commission may vote to close the rulemaking record and to approve a Notice of Final Rulemaking to be submitted to GRRC to amend Commission rules to 1) create a “loyalty bonus point,” and 2) increase the bonus point pass percentage for the big game draw from 10% to 20%.
  - c. **Presenter: Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter. Notice of Docket Opening to Amend Commission Rules to Create a “Conservation Bonus Point.”** The Commission may vote to approve a Notice of Docket Opening to be submitted to the Secretary of State to initiate rulemaking to amend Commission rules to create a “conservation bonus point.”
6. **Presenter: Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. Consideration of Legislation for an Increase to the Statutory Ceiling for License and Permit-tag Fees and for the Creation of a New Series of Hunting, Fishing, and Combination License Packages and their Corresponding Fees.** The Department will provide the Commission with a briefing on the proposed increase to the statutory ceiling for license and permit-tag fees and on options for a new series of hunting, fishing, and combination license packages and their corresponding fees. The Commission may vote to provide the Department with direction on this item.
7. **Presenter: Tony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities. The Commission will also review its position on designation of Commission members to represent the Commission at the Legislature on emergency issues and issues on which the Commission has taken an official position. The Commission may vote to take action on this issue.

**8. Presenter: Brian Wakeling, Big Game Supervisor. Consideration of the Request From the Arizona Antelope Foundation for a Counter Proposal to the Terms for Sponsorship for the Antelope Special Big Game Hunt License-Tags for 2005-2006.** The Commission will consider and may vote to take action on a counter proposal from the Arizona Antelope Foundation for the 2005-2006 Antelope Special Big Game License-Tags as per R12-4-120. The Arizona Antelope Foundation has submitted a letter making a counter proposal to the terms for sponsorship of the two tags they were awarded at the December 11, 2004, Commission meeting.

The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

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

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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