

Arizona Game and Fish Department 2004-2005 Annual Report



Director's Message



Duane L. Shroufe

What a year this was. It was quite a roller coaster ride, but when all was said and done, we experienced far more ups than downs.

Arizona experienced its wettest winter and spring in the last decade, filling many of our lakes and reservoirs and restoring the potential for great fishing and water recreation opportunities. The wet weather and a department promotional campaign helped increase fishing license sales in 2005. The precipitation did wonders for our wildlife habitat and made for some great small game hunting in many areas. We ended the year with a dry spell, and we can only hope that some wet weather will come our way in 2006.

Our resident hunters and anglers received good legislative news. Federal legislation was passed reaffirming the right of state wildlife agencies to regulate hunting and fishing permits. In light of this legislation, we filed a motion to lift the court injunction (from the *Montoya* lawsuit) prohibiting enforcement of our 10-percent nonresident cap. The court granted our motion, and we are in the rule-making process to reinstate nonresident caps on previously capped big game species, and add them for some additional species.

The department was granted some flexibility to meet rising costs and fund future program needs when the Arizona Legislature passed a bill raising the fee ceilings under which prices for hunting and fishing licenses, tags, stamps and permits can be set. One of our priorities will be to give our employees a well-earned (and long overdue) pay raise to bring them closer to market compensation.

Our agency was honored with state and national recognition this past year. The Arizona Quality Alliance bestowed upon us the prestigious Pioneer Award for Quality, which recognizes private and public-sector organizations that have deployed fundamental quality systems within their operations. We are only the third public-sector recipient since the inception of the award program in 1993. A number of department programs and individuals received awards (described in this report) from a variety of organizations for excellence in their fields.

We continue to work on innovative initiatives, including wildlife reintroduction projects, landowner relations programs, wildlife habitat connectivity research, mountain lion awareness, online education modules, customer service enhancements and others. We also added, or are working to add, a number of new products and services such as discounted family hunting licenses, expanded small game information, urban wildlife Web pages, and a new hunting e-newsletter.

We want to thank our friends and partners for your help this past year. We would not be able to accomplish what we do without your assistance. There will be future challenges and opportunities as the Arizona Game and Fish Department carries out its mission, and we look forward to working with you toward the benefit of wildlife in our state.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane L. Shroufe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Accomplishments

Nonresident Caps

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission moved to reinstate the 10-percent cap on the number of hunting permits that could be issued to nonresidents for certain big game species. The action came after two significant events in 2005: (1) Congress passed legislation allowing state wildlife agencies to retain their right to regulate hunting and fishing permits. (2) The U.S. District Court, in response to a motion filed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, lifted its injunction prohibiting enforcement of the 10-percent nonresident cap. The injunction had been imposed in 2004 as a result of the court's ruling in the *Montoya v. Shroufe* lawsuit, which challenged the cap's constitutionality. The rulemaking, which should be in place for the fall 2006 hunts, not only reinstates caps on the previously capped species (bull elk, bighorn sheep, buffalo and antlered deer north of the Colorado River), but also puts caps on pronghorn antelope, javelina, turkey and the other antlered deer hunts in Arizona. For most species, the nonresident cap would be applied as no more than 10 percent of the tags available for each hunt number.

Fish Arizona!

Arizona's wettest winter and spring in a decade filled many of the state's lakes and reservoirs in 2005, restoring water recreation opportunities and setting the stage for



excellent fishing for the next several years. To take advantage of the conditions, the Arizona Game and Fish Department

launched a campaign called Fish Arizona! to promote fishing opportunities in our state. Fishing license sales increased 23 percent from June through September compared to the same time period in 2004.

Wildlife Action Plan

The department, with extensive input from its conservation partners, developed and submitted Arizona's Comprehensive Wildlife

Conservation Strategy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The service has given Arizona's plan conditional approval, with final approval expected in spring 2006. All other states were required to submit similar plans. These plans will be rolled out as State Wildlife Action Plans and will bring dedicated funding to each state for habitat and wildlife conservation activities.

SCTP Growth

The first year of Arizona's Scholastic Clay Target Program for young shooters was a resounding success. More than 350 kids participated, and the department certified more than 90 instructors. The Commissioners' Cup state championships in skeet, sporting clays and trap were held over three separate weekends in May, with the winning squads advancing to represent Arizona at the national SCTP championships in July and August. Arizona teams took two firsts (junior novice and rookie) at the national skeet championships in Walled Lake, Mich. The 2005 fall season began with more than 750 kids registered, making Arizona's SCTP program one of the largest in the country.



More than 350 youths participated in the first year of Arizona's SCTP.

Fossil Creek Restoration

One chapter in Arizona history ended and another began when APS, Arizona's largest electric utility, discontinued operations at two historic hydroelectric power plants and



The department was an active partner in the restoration of full water flows to Fossil Creek.





The Lower Colorado River MSCP will help protect species such as the Yuma clapper rail.

allowed full water flows to return to Fossil Creek, a unique riparian area in north-central Arizona. The diversion flume at an upstream dam was closed at a special ceremony in June. The Arizona Game and Fish Department worked with several other agencies and organizations on a native fish restoration project in advance of the return of full water flows. The department is providing input on long-term plans for wildlife management and human recreational management for the area.

New Fee Ceilings Approved

The department was granted some flexibility to meet rising costs and fund some future program needs when the Arizona Legislature passed a bill raising the fee ceilings under which the Arizona Game and Fish Commission is authorized to establish license, tag, stamp and permit prices. This was the first time the fee ceilings had been raised since 1998. A proposed increase in the cost of licenses, tags and stamps is making its way through the public rule-making process and should be in place for the 2007 seasons.

Lower Colorado River Plan

An innovative agreement to provide long-term protection for endangered and other species along the lower Colorado River while

ensuring water supplies for people was signed in April by representatives of the federal government and Arizona, California and Nevada. The Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, one of the largest of its kind, will provide funding and resources to protect 26 species of wildlife on 400 miles of the river below Lake Mead over the next 50 years. It will also provide for the current and future needs of 20 million water and power users. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has been actively involved in the program since its inception 10 years ago and will continue to provide technical and policy guidance during all phases of the plan's implementation.

CWD Monitoring

The department continued its monitoring and testing program for chronic wasting disease (CWD), a disease that does not affect humans but is fatal to deer and elk. Relying on the assistance of hunters who donated the heads of their harvested animals, the department submitted more than 2,300 samples from the 2005 fall hunting season for testing. As of the end of 2005, results are back from more than 70 percent of the samples, with no positive CWD cases having been found in Arizona. The department has tested more than 5,000 samples since 1998.

Biologists release Gould's turkeys in southeastern Arizona. Gould's turkeys are making a comeback thanks to a multi-partner reintroduction effort.



Shooting Ranges

The department continued improvements at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility with construction of a new hunter education range, improvements in business support systems, and plans for lighting improvements



The department continued to make improvements to the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.

at the main range and small bore range. With the expiration of the vendor contract for the Clay Target Center set for September

2006, the Game and Fish Commission began investigating several new options for management of the center; a decision is expected in mid-2006. In northern Arizona, the department continued analyzing potential sites for construction of a new shooting facility near Flagstaff. The department is also working to acquire a shooting range in St. John's from Apache County.

Conservation

Gould's Turkey Increase

Population surveys show that Gould's turkeys—which at one time were eliminated in Arizona—are now making a comeback in southern Arizona, thanks to efforts by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, National Wild Turkey Federation, U.S. Forest Service, Mexican government, and other partners. The Gould's reintroduction effort involves capturing turkeys in Mexico or in other parts of Arizona and reintroducing them to their historic range in the sky islands of southern Arizona. The results of a 2005 Gould's turkey survey in the Huachuca Mountains showed 321 birds; the previous high survey count was 90 birds in 2004.

Bighorn Sheep Translocations

The department worked with other agencies and the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society to conduct a number of bighorn sheep

translocations in the late summer and fall. The program helps establish populations in areas where bighorn sheep were historically found and helps supplement remnant bighorn populations in some areas. The translocations involved:

- 32 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep captured from New Mexico and released in the Pipestem area in eastern Arizona.
- 26 desert bighorn sheep captured in the Virgin Mountains and released near Kanab Creek in northern Arizona.
- 29 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep captured near Eagle Creek and released in the West Clear Creek area in north-central Arizona.
- 26 desert bighorn sheep captured in the Plomosa and Trigo mountains and released in the Big Horn Mountains in western Arizona.

Coal Mine Canyon Acquisition

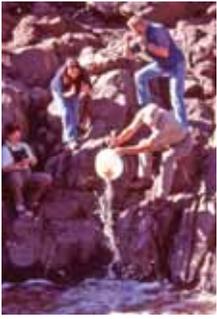
A rare species of native Arizona fish has a better chance to thrive, thanks to the public purchase of 2,628 acres in southeast Arizona. Spring-fed pools on the Coal Mine Canyon property are home to one of the largest remaining wild populations of the endangered Gila topminnow. The property was acquired through the cooperative effort of several agencies and organizations. It is owned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and will be managed by Arizona State Parks for conservation of threatened, endangered and sensitive species.

Ferret Comeback

Only 18 of them were left in the world at one time, but now endangered black-footed ferrets are on the rebound in Arizona. In the 2005 spotlighting surveys, the team spotted a record number of ferrets in Arizona's Aubrey Valley outside Seligman, one of eight reintroduction sites in the country. The team also trapped (and then released) a total of 35 ferrets, up 50 percent from the previous year. The black-footed ferret reintroduction program began in 1996 and is a joint effort between state and federal agencies, tribal governments and private interests.



Surveys show increased numbers of endangered black-footed ferrets.



Biologists release salvaged native fish back into their home waters.

Fish Reintroductions

Department biologists partnered with other agencies and groups on a number of native fish salvage or reintroduction efforts. Gila chub rescued from Sabino Canyon after the Aspen fire in 2003 were returned in 2005 to Sabino and also put in Bear and Romero canyons in the Santa Catalina Mountains. Biologists participated in multiple native fish salvage operations as a result of impacts from last summer's Cave Creek Complex fire in central Arizona. Department personnel continued to work with conservation partners on Apache trout and Gila trout reintroduction efforts in different parts of the state.

Innovation

Living with Mountain Lions

Based on extensive input from public workshops in 2004, a protocol for responding to human-mountain lion interactions was developed and implemented in 2005. At the same time, the department launched an informational campaign to help Tucson and Flagstaff residents better coexist with mountain lions. The campaign provided helpful tips on safely living and recreating in mountain lion country and included the distribution of posters, brochures and door hangers and the posting of signs in recreation areas. In addition, the department and the

Awards

Quality Award

The department earned the prestigious Pioneer Award for Quality in 2005 from the Arizona Quality Alliance. The award recognizes organizations that have deployed fundamental quality systems within their operations. The judging process included a rigorous on-site inspection by a team of examiners. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is only the third public-sector recipient of the state Pioneer Award since the inception of the award program in 1993.



- Tim Baumgarten, Kingman region law enforcement program manager, was named the Butch Potts National Boating Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.
- Josh Avey, department ombudsman who formerly headed up the Landowner Relations Program, received the Mark J. Reef Award from the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies for innovative and cooperative work with landowners on recreational access and wildlife conservation issues.

National Awards

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and its personnel received national recognition in 2005.

- The Water Development Program received the President's Award from the Wildlife Management Institute for its innovative approach to design, prioritization and placement of water catchments to ensure life-sustaining water for wildlife, even during a drought.
- The department received the Federally Assisted Civil Rights Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for making department programs and services more accessible to a diverse public.

Eagle Program Recognized

The department's Bald Eagle Management Program won the 2005 Governor's Pride in Arizona Award for Media Leadership. The program generates dozens of positive news stories that appear in multiple mass media, and also hosts a special annual media day about eagle conservation.

Emmy Winners

The department's locally produced television show, "Arizona Wildlife Views," won three Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in September. The show also won a Finalist Award and a Merit Award for Conservation at the International Wildlife Film Festival, competing against such nationally known entities as National Geographic and The British Broadcasting Company (BBC). The show's producers are Chuck Emmert, Carol Lynde and Gary Schafer.

University of Arizona launched a mountain lion collaring study that will use satellite technology to track mountain lions in the Tucson and Payson areas, in order to learn more about how and why these animals venture into urban areas.

Environmental Education Online Curriculum

The department launched its “Focus: WILD Arizona” curriculum, a new suite of online lessons available to Arizona’s teachers and students. The lessons focus on wildlife and are calibrated to the Arizona Department of Education’s academic standards and the North American Association for Environmental Education’s “Guidelines for Excellence.” The new online lessons allow teachers to download the curriculum from the Internet or to simply order a free CD-ROM.

Wildlife Crossings

The department continued its innovative work with conservation and transportation cooperators on such projects as the creation of elk crossings on State Route 260 in north-central Arizona, and a study of desert bighorn sheep movements, utilizing satellite tracking collars, to aid in the design of crossings on Highways 93 and 68 in northwestern Arizona. The department is also gearing up for other studies involving elk on I-17, pronghorn on Highway 89, and crossing studies on I-19. Wildlife-friendly highway crossings can play a key role in maintaining habitat connectivity and reducing wildlife-related traffic accidents. The department is an active participant in the Arizona Wildlife Linkages Workgroup, a collaboration of state and federal agencies, educational institutions and conservation groups, which is working on identifying and mapping key corridors of wildlife connectivity in Arizona.

Landowner Relations

The department continued to work with private landowners on several programs that mutually benefit landowners, wildlife conservation efforts, and recreational access opportunities. The Landowner Relations Program has several sub-programs that provide financial assistance to landowners.



- The Stewardship sub-program works with landowners willing to allow public access, and since 2001 has provided more than \$2.1 million for on-the-ground improvements such as brush management, water system development, fencing and dirt tank cleanouts.
- The Adopt-A-Ranch sub-program matches volunteer groups to ranchers throughout the state, and in 2005 provided more than 4,300 volunteer hours (worth an estimated \$65,000) to 24 ranches.
- The Landowner Incentive sub-program provides funds to private landowners for wildlife habitat enhancement projects, and since 2003 has funded approximately \$570,000 (with another \$1.1 million approved) for such projects as grassland restoration, wetland and riparian restoration, and conservation easements.
- The Landowner Respect sub-program provides landowners with signage and sign-in/sign-out boxes for recreational visitors; more than 330 landowners have participated in this program in the past 10 years.

Funding for other mutually beneficial landowner/wildlife projects comes from special tag funding generated from auctioned or raffled big game tags through

The department's education resources include lessons for teachers that can be downloaded from the Web.

a partnership with non profit organizations. The cooperative efforts involved in all of these projects have positively impacted wildlife habitat or recreational access on hundreds of thousands of acres of land throughout Arizona.

Urban Wildlife Web Pages

To provide the public with a quick, easy way to get answers about living with urban wildlife, a new section, azgfd.gov/urbanwildlife, has been created on the department's Web site. It includes answers to frequently asked questions about urban wildlife, methods for identifying and dealing with certain species that might show up at your home, and tips on what to do if you find an injured or orphaned animal.

Customer Service Inquiry Solution

The department launched a new online customer service system to provide 24/7 customer service for the public. The system provides a dynamic "frequently asked questions" section that users can search or browse by topic to find answers to common questions. For questions not on the FAQ list, users can submit a question to Game and Fish customer service representatives statewide, which is then routed to appropriate personnel for response. Customers wishing to access the system can click on the customer service link at azgfd.gov.

The department created a new "Hunting Highlights" e-newsletter geared toward hunters.

Condor Treatment Facility

The department and The Peregrine Fund recently worked together to create an advanced, new treatment facility for endangered California condors near the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, an area where dozens of condors live. The facility decreases transport time for sick or injured condors and features an X-ray machine, a laboratory, isolation chambers and a rehabilitation area. A veterinarian from The Phoenix Zoo has trained biologists to carry out basic medical procedures. Fewer than 300 condors are left in the world, with only about 60 living in the wild in Arizona.

New Products and Services

Family Licenses

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission took action in late 2005 to establish two new license products that give a price break to families. The Class J family resident hunting license and Class K family resident combination hunting and fishing license should be in place for the 2007 seasons. In addition, the commission established three new "super conservation" licenses that combine different licenses and stamps at a cost savings compared to the prices if purchased separately.

New Hunting E-newsletter

The department introduced a new electronic newsletter, "Hunting Highlights," in 2005. The newsletter provides information on hunting techniques for different species, hunting outlooks, places to go, helpful reminders about rules and regulations, stories from the field, game recipes and other information. To subscribe, visit azgfd.gov/signup.

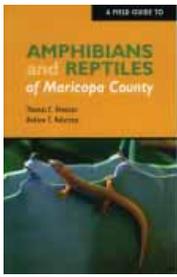
New Bird Atlas

After more than a decade of work and help from hundreds of volunteers across the state, a must-have reference book for Arizona bird watchers is now available. The new "Arizona Breeding Bird Atlas," sponsored by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, is the first book focusing on all of Arizona's hundreds of breeding bird species. The book is available for sale at all department offices and at azgfd.gov.



Amphibian and Reptile Field Guide

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the School of Life Sciences at Arizona State



University collaborated on a new publication, "A Field Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles of Maricopa County." The guide contains

color photos, tips for finding and identifying different amphibians and reptiles in the wild, and advice on how to handle yourself around them. Copies can be purchased at any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or by visiting the department's Web site at azgfd.gov.

Small Game Outlook

To better inform hunters of the excellent small game opportunities in Arizona, the department created a new small game outlook section on its Web site for 2005. The section provides forecasts by species and by region.

Spanish Regulations

In an effort to introduce more people to hunting and fishing in our state, the department published a Spanish-language version of its hunting regulations. The booklets were shipped in December to many sporting goods stores, gun shops and license dealers across the state, and are available at all department offices and posted online at azgfd.gov. Spanish versions of state fishing and urban fishing regulations should be available in early 2006.

Grants and Regulations

Heritage Fund Grants

The department awarded more than \$340,000 from the Heritage Fund to 16 grant projects across Arizona. The money comes to the department from Arizona Lottery ticket sales and goes to conservation efforts like protecting endangered species, educating our children about wildlife, helping urban residents coexist with wildlife, and creating new opportunities for outdoor recreation. The grants are awarded through a competitive

application process to schools, colleges and other organizations with projects that benefit people and wildlife across the state.

Boating Access Grants

The department offered \$600,000 in grant money in 2005 to enhance and improve boating access to Arizona lakes and waterways. The program began in 1984 through the Wallop-Breaux Amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950, which added federal tax monies on motorboat fuel. Combined with the existing excise tax on sport fishing equipment, 15 percent of these monies are apportioned to the states to provide boating facility improvements on public lakes that allow gas-powered motorboats.



The department offers grants to improve access to Arizona lakes and waterways.

Shooting Range Grants

Each year, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission makes \$100,000 available for matching grants for shooting range projects statewide. In 2004-2005, grants were awarded to make improvements at the Seven Mile Range in Mohave County, Utery Mountain Range in Maricopa County, and at ranges in Pima County. Additionally, the commission offered financial support for road grading to improve access to the White Mountain Trap and Skeet Club range, and finished disability access improvements at the Sierra Vista Shooting Range.

Urban Fishing Improvements

The department developed guidelines and prioritization criteria for the distribution of \$140,000 in funding to 11 municipal partners for improvements at 20 Urban Fishing Program lakes. Projects included fish habitat enhancements, shoreline stabilization, tree plantings for shade, and installation of new informational signage and kiosks.

New informational signs were installed at Urban Fishing Program lakes.





A Game and Fish law enforcement officer offers guidance on responsible off-highway vehicle travel.

Off-highway Vehicle Laws

The department continued its collaborative effort to address current OHV laws and develop mechanisms to address increasing OHV use in Arizona. Department personnel met with OHV user groups as well as state and federal agencies to help develop draft legislation to be introduced by OHV user groups during the 2006 legislative session. The draft legislation is aimed at (1) making the laws pertaining to off-highway vehicles more user-friendly, (2) strengthening protection for wildlife habitat, and (3) adding a new user fee program.

Outreach

Events

The department conducted numerous nature workshops, wildlife fairs, fishing clinics and youth hunt activities and was an exhibitor at many outdoor recreation trade shows and community fairs. Events at which the department had a significant presence include the Arizona State Fair, International Sportsmen's Exposition, Arizona Outdoor Recreation Expo, Tres Rios Nature Festival,

Wings Over Willcox, White Mountains Hummingbird Banding Workshop, Kingman Wildlife Fair, Parker Take a Kid Fishing Clinic, Flagstaff Bald Eagle Workshop, Black Mountains Bighorn Sheep Workshop, Mesa School District Challenged Children's Fishing Clinic, Tri-State Boating Safety Fair, and Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival.

Informational Materials

The department produced hunting, fishing and urban fishing regulation booklets, as well as several new and revised brochures: Lion Country Tips; Heritage Fund for Wildlife; A Guide to Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Laws, Rules and Regulations; Scholastic Clay Target Program; Arizona Boating Laws and Regulations at a Glance; Landowner Relations Program; Ben Avery Shooting Facility; Desert Wells Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Guide; 2006 Arizona Wildlife Calendar; White Mountains Wildlife Trails; Granite Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Guide; Game Management Unit 10 Map; and Wildlife Trading Cards (Kingman Region).

Milestones

Hunter Education Program Turns 50

Hunting is one of the safest outdoor recreation activities in Arizona, thanks to the department's Hunter Education Program, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2005. The program teaches firearms safety, hunter ethics, wildlife conservation principles, first aid and other topics. The program certifies 4,800 students per year and uses 800 volunteer instructors. Arizona averages 1.6 million hunter days in the state each year, yet had only three hunting-related accidents, none fatal, in 2003 and again in 2004.



Hunter education has greatly decreased the number of hunting accidents in Arizona and nationwide.

Issues

Golden Alga

These microscopic organisms present some new challenges to managing our state's aquatic resources. Golden alga has been found in some of our urban lakes and central Arizona reservoirs during the late winter and spring months. They do not pose a health risk to humans, but can adversely affect fish and other gill-breathing organisms. Population surveys indicate that, while golden alga did have a marked effect on some fish populations, it did not impact sport fish populations in the large reservoirs to the extent some anglers had feared. Golden alga cannot be eradicated, and we are trying to learn how to adapt and manage around it. The department and Applied Biochemists, Inc. conducted a forum attended by Tonto National Forest, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Salt River Project, Central Arizona Project, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, University of Arizona, Arizona State University, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Discussion focused on testing, treatment options, bloom monitoring, rapid response, impact assessment and education efforts.



Gilda (right), an Arizona Game and Fish Department mascot, assists Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and members of the public in stocking trout at Tempe Town Lake.

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Revenues by Fund	2003-04	2004-05
Game and Fish Fund	\$19,981,266..	\$20,570,249
Watercraft Licensing Fund	2,295,553	2,390,159
Game, Nongame Fund	171,730	179,595
Federal Fund	20,111,680 ..	24,142,309
Heritage Fund	10,494,929	10,742,145
Off-highway Vehicle Fund.....	124,145	1,014,652
Capital Improvement/Conservation Dev. Funds	1,257,519	841,716
Wildlife Conservation Fund.....	2,343,622	4,564,680
Other Funds (See Detail Below).....	1,724,597	3,841,293
Total Revenue All Sources	\$58,505,042..	\$68,286,798

Other Funds Detail

GF Land and Water Conservation/ Recreation Development	\$ 463.....	\$ 623
Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund	177,447	194,420
Waterfowl Conservation Fund.....	68,965	60,797
Wildlife Endowment Fund.....	76,113	116,900
Trust/Donation Fund.....	1,149,333	1,488,177
Firearms Safety and Ranges Fund	0	1,758,518
Publications Revolving Fund	252,276	221,859
Total Other Funds.....	\$1,724,597.....	\$3,841,293

Fiscal Year Expenditures by Fund	2003-04	2004-05
Game and Fish Fund	\$20,524,395 ..	\$18,873,731
Watercraft Licensing Fund	1,965,541	1,970,773
Game, Nongame Fund	238,004	154,879
Federal Fund	20,921,165	23,585,845
Heritage Fund	9,721,498	16,651,418
Off-highway Vehicle Fund.....	576,189	655,404
Capital Improvement/Conservation Development Funds	23,163	40,741
Wildlife Conservation Fund.....	835,156	4,482,292
Indirect Cost Fund.....	1,315,655	1,906,398
Other Funds (See Detail Below).....	1,507,749	1,533,954
Total Expenditures All Sources.....	\$57,628,517...	\$69,855,436

Other Funds Detail

Game and Fish Land and Water Conservation/Recreation Dev.	\$ 0.....	\$ 0
Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund	171,526	180,531
Waterfowl Conservation Fund.....	202,651	78,165
Wildlife Endowment Fund.....	8,404	11,702
Trust/Donation Fund.....	900,040	1,004,681
Publications Revolving Fund	225,128	258,876
Total Other Funds.....	\$1,507,749.....	\$1,533,954

Fiscal Year Heritage Funds Allocation	2003-04	2004-05
Environmental Education.....	\$500,000	\$500,000
Public Access	\$500,000	500,000
Habitat Evaluation and Protection.....	1,500,000	1,500,000
Urban Wildlife.....	1,500,000	1,500,000
Habitat Acquisition.....	2,400,000	2,400,000
IIAPM (Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection, and Management).....	3,600,000 ..	3,600,000
Total Allocation.....	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

Calendar Year Sales in Numbers by Group	2003	2004
Licenses (see detail below).....	421,283	426,330
Trout stamps	79,416	78,504
Tags	140,129	140,551
Special use licenses/stamps	69,486	37,483
Two Pole Stamp	56,778	59,062
Waterfowl Stamps.....	6,787	6,396
Migratory Bird Stamps	58,068	51,542
Utah Lake Powell Stamps	1,639	1,342
Kaibab 12A Archery Deer Stamps	2,527	3,687
Miscellaneous permits/licenses.....	2,380	3,158
Totals	835,669	808,055

Calendar Year License Sales by Category

Resident General Fish.....	155,165	154,339
Nonresident General Fish	2,047	2,227
Family Fish.....	4,475	4,998
Resident General Hunt	61,752	60,520
Nonresident General Hunt	18,718	20,034
Resident Hunt/Fish.....	71,398	71,842
Nonresident Hunt/Fish.....	786	821
Nonresident 3-Day Hunt	7,419	6,983
Urban Fishing.....	26,728	29,894
Nonresident Colorado River Fish	1,214	1,627
Nonresident 5-Day Fish	11,675	12,001
Resident Youth Hunt/Fish.....	20,772	21,345
Nonresident 4-Month Fish.....	6,144	6,263
Resident/Nonresident 1-Day Fish	29,445	30,527
Resident Youth Group 2-Day Fish	86	94
Resident General Fish Nov/Dec	3,154	2,518
Nonresident General Fish Nov/Dec.....	305	256
Family Fish Nov/Dec	0	41
Total Lifetime License Sales	208	250
Grand Totals.....	421,491	426,330

Calendar Year License and Tag Sales	2003	2004
Licenses	\$12,549,612	12,615,395
Stamps	1,557,070	1,492,213
Tags	4,210,783	4,371,559
Total Value.....	\$18,687,862 ..	18,646,383

Notes

1. Capital Improvement and Conservation Development Funds are combined for revenues, as the Capital Improvement Fund earns interest only. The Conservation Development Fund receives revenue from the surcharge on license sales.



W. Hays Gilstrap, Chair



Joe Melton



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Bob Hernbrode

The Game and Fish Commission

Under the provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes 17-231, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission establishes policy for the management, preservation and harvest of wildlife. The commission makes rules and regulations for managing, conserving and protecting wildlife and fisheries resources, and safe and regulated watercraft and off-highway vehicle operations for the benefit of the citizens of Arizona. In support of the commission's obligations, the director, as chief administrative officer, provides general supervision and control of all department functions and activities.

The commission is composed of five members appointed by the governor pursuant to ARS 38-211. The commission appoints the director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the director serves as secretary to the commission. No more than one commissioner may be from any one county. No more than three may be from the same political party. Each commissioner serves a five-year term, staggered. Commissioners customarily serve as chairman during their last year.

Our Mission

To conserve, enhance and restore Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and habitats through aggressive protection and management programs, and to provide wildlife resources and safe watercraft and off-highway vehicle recreation for the enjoyment, appreciation and use by present and future generations.



The Arizona Game and Fish Department prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability in its programs and activities. If anyone believes that they have been discriminated against in any of the AGFD's programs or activities, including employment practices, they may file a complaint with the Deputy Director, 2221 W. Greenway Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85023, (602) 942-3000, or with the Fish and Wildlife Service, 4040 N. Fairfax Dr. Ste. 130, Arlington, VA 22203. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation or this document in an alternative format by contacting the Deputy Director as listed above.

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