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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on April 16th, 2010, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, April 16th, 2010, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

1. **Executive Session**

   a. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Honie v. Knight Transportation, Inc., et al., CV2009-050859; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, et. al C20089051. Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management, et al., CV 09-8011-PCT-GMS; Corbett v. State of Arizona, et al., CV 2009-016279; Sayer Notice of Claim; Center for Biological Diversity v. Voyles, CV 09-00543-JJM.*

   b. **Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, including the Director's Goals and Objectives pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A)(1). The Commission may decide this matter in the public session or defer a decision to a later date.

   c. **Real Property Negotiations.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(7) for discussions or consultations with Department staff in order to consider its position and instructs its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase of real property associated with the Northern Arizona Shooting Range Project.

   d. **Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session for discussion and consultation with legal counsel for legal advice and to consider the Commission's position on possible civil and/or criminal liability

associated with the capture and death of a jaguar known as Macho B. No action will be taken in Executive Session.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition.

2. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Honie v. Knight Transportation, Inc., et al., CV2009-050859; Hoeppner notice of claim; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, et. al C20089051. Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management, et al., CV 09-8011-PCT-GMS; Corbett v. State of Arizona, et al., CV 2009-016279; Sayer Notice of Claim; Center for Biological Diversity v. Voyles, CV 09-00543-JJM.* The Commission may vote to take action on items in the report.

3. **Presenter: Anthony 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.

4. **Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the March 2010 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

5. **Presenter: Richard Miller, Funds and Planning Branch Manager. Presentation to Commission on "The Arizona We Want" at time certain 10:00 A.M.** The Department will update the Commission with a presentation by Dr. Lattie Coor, regarding a recent study conducted by the Center for the Future of Arizona. The presentation is for information only as background to the upcoming strategic plan, no action will be taken by the Commission.

6. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Lands and Habitat Program Update.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the March 2010 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

6A. **Presenter: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division. Request for the Commission to Approve an Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona State Parks Board for the Continued Operation of the Roper Lake State Park.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an Interagency Service Agreement with the

Arizona State Parks for the Continued Operation of the Roper Lake State Park. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

7. **Consent Agenda:** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

   a. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with BLM for the Development of the Sonoran Solar Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to be a Cooperating Agency in the Development of the Sonoran Solar Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

   b. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval of a Special Use Permit with the U.S. Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest, for the Purpose of Continued Operation and Maintenance of Four Wildlife Water Catchments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Special Use Permit with the Forest Service, Kaibab National Forest, for the purpose of continued operation and maintenance of four wildlife water catchments. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

   c. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve the Right-of-Way Renewal Through State Land for Legal Access to Upper Verde River Wildlife Area, Yavapai County, Arizona, and to Pursue Acquisition of the Right-of-Way in Perpetuity from the Arizona State Land Department.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the right-of-way renewal through State Land for legal access to the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area, Yavapai County, Arizona, and to pursue acquisition of the right-of-way in perpetuity from the Arizona State Land Department. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

8. **Presenter: Eric Gardner, Chief, Nongame Branch. Nongame Subprogram Activities Briefing; December 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.** The Commission will be briefed regarding activities under the Nongame Subprogram; December 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

9. **Presenter: Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action

will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

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

10. **Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval of the Program Narrative for U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Funds (Federal FY 2010 / State FY 2011).** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial U.S. Coast Guard funding pursuant to the Federal Boating Safety Act of 1971. Funds will be used in State FY 2011 to supplement the Department's watercraft efforts in areas of law enforcement, administration, information, education, aids to navigation and watercraft registration. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, this item.

11. **Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

Name	Docket #	Count	Conviction
Charles S. Reid	2010-0021	Count A:	Take in Closed Area (Antelope)
David A. Reid	2010-0022	Count A:	Take in Closed Area (Antelope)
		Count B:	Possess Unlawfully Taken (Antelope)
Earl N. Wood	2010-0023	Count C:	Take Wildlife Without License (Quail)
Austin C. Sauer	2010-0024	Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Permit (Elk)
		Count B:	Possess Tag Issued to Another
James A. Martinez	2010-0025	Count A:	Possess Unlawfully Taken (Elk)
		Count B:	Facilitation: Allow Another Use of Tag
Freeman L.Kartchner	2010-0026	Count B:	Take Wildlife Closed Season (Deer)
Teddy C. Long	2010-0027	Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Permit (Elk)
Terry L. Metteer	2010-0028	Count A:	Take Wildlife Closed Season (Black Tail Prairie Dog)

12. **Presenter: Gary R. Hovatter, Deputy Director, I.E.D./F.O.D. Meeting Location and Proposed 2010 Workshop Dates, Locations and Topics.** The Department will provide the Commission with proposed 2010 Commission Workshop dates, topics and locations. The Commission may vote to take action or provide direction on these items.

13. **Presenter: Gary R. Hovatter, Deputy Director, F.O.D./I.E.D. 2010 Director's Goals and Objectives.** The Commission will be provided the updated 2010 list of the Director's Goals and Objectives. The goals presented have been updated/developed after the Commission provided input to the Department on the original list that was presented during the March, 2010 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in this update.

14. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments

will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Saturday, April 17, 2010, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition.

1. **Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Range Branch Chief. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting sports including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the March 2010 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

2. **Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief. Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 2, 5-10, and 26 for 2010-2011 Hunting Season, Commission Orders 11-18 for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Hunting Seasons, and Commission Order 23 for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 Trapping Seasons.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 2 (deer), 5-10 (turkey, javelina, bighorn sheep, buffalo, bear, and mountain lion), and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for the 2010-2011 season. The Commission will also consider and may vote to approve Commission Orders 11-18 (tree squirrel, cottontail rabbit, predatory and furbearing mammals, other mammals and birds, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge, and blue grouse) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, and open areas for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons. Additionally, the Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 23 (trapping), establishing season dates, legal species, open and closed areas, and bag and possession limits for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons. A detailed description of proposals is available for public review at Department offices. Spring turkey, spring bear, spring buffalo, and spring javelina Commission orders are presented at the August Commission meeting, whereas elk and pronghorn antelope are presented at the December Commission meeting.

3. **Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Special Services. Hunt Permit-Tag Application Schedule for Fall 2010 Hunts.** The Department will provide the Commission with a presentation related to the proposed hunt-permit tag application schedule for fall 2010 hunts. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the application schedule.

4. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the

Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

5. **Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

6. **Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

7. **Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Commission meeting minutes from August 7-8, 2010, August 21, 2010, September 30, 2010, November 19, 2010, January 27, 2010, February 3, 2010, February 12, 2010, February 22, 2010, February 23, 2010, March 5, 2010, March 9, 2010, March 15, 2010, and if approved, the signing of these same minutes.

8. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

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

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

One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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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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