

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the  
Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
Friday, August 12, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

In person:  
Vice Chair Norman W. Freeman  
Commissioner Jack F. Husted

In person:  
Director Larry D. Voyles  
Deputy Director Gary R. Hovatter  
Deputy Director Bob Broscheid

Via telephone:  
Chairman Robert R. Woodhouse  
Commissioner John W. Harris  
Commissioner Robert E. Mansell

Via telephone:  
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk

Chairman Woodhouse called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Director Voyles conducted roll call and confirmed that all Commissioners were present. Several Department staff members were present and no members of the public were present. This meeting followed an agenda dated August 11, 2011.

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1. Consideration of Amendment to Commission Order 4 for Fall 2011 Hunting Seasons.

**Presenter:** Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief

Mr. Wakeling presented the Commission with amendments to Commission Order 4 (fall elk) to amend open areas affected by note 37 (Note 37: "Areas of private property within the municipal boundaries are closed to hunting during this season.") in Game Management Unit 1 for hunt numbers 3071 through 3092.

On August 6, 2011, the Commission considered and approved amendments to Commission Orders to implement legislative changes enacted through SB 1334. Inadvertently, the Department recommended including note 37 for elk hunts 3071 through 3092, which closes hunting on private land within municipal boundaries for these limited opportunity elk hunts in Unit 1. The limited opportunity elk hunts were approved at the December 2010 Commission meeting and are likely to be much more successful if they did not exclude private lands within Round Valley in Unit 1. This arrangement will provide the maximum potential for these hunts to achieve the management objective. Removing note 37 from hunts 3071 through 3092 will allow tag holders for those hunts to use archery equipment and firearms to hunt elk on private property inside city limits of Springerville–Eagar where otherwise lawful according to A.R.S. Title 17. Consequently, the Department recommends the Commission approve an amendment to Commission Order 4 that removes note 37 from these limited opportunity hunts.

Commissioner Husted confirmed with Mr. Wakeling that efforts have been made to avoid any other unintended consequences and that no other unintended consequences are known at this time.

Commissioner Freeman commented that this is an opportunity to open up a lot more access, but expressed concern about private property owners being put off by this, since historically their lands have not been open to hunting and now they are. Wildlife Managers need to inventory potential conflict areas between sportsman and private property landowners.

Craig McMullen, Wildlife Recreation Branch Chief, addressed the Commission and stated that after this goes through the annual cycle of implementation, we will discover some places where revisions need to be made to the Commission Order. But the Department has been coordinating with the Regions and has designated points of contact in each Region. Each region has been vigorously communicating with the cities and municipalities. The recommendations before the Commission today represent the extent of the Department's thorough analysis to date.

Commissioner Freeman stated that his concern is about the private landowner such as farmers and ranchers within the municipalities.

Craig McMullen stated that the Department is also working on an outreach instrument that details the provision of A.R.S. § 17-304 as revised and will continue on that path.

**Motion:** Freeman moved and Husted seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO AMEND COMMISSION ORDER 4 FOR FALL 2011 BY REMOVING NOTE 37 FROM LIMITED OPPORTUNITY HUNT NUMBERS 3071 THROUGH 3092 IN UNIT 1.

**Vote:** Unanimous

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## 2. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak to the Commission.

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**Motion:** Husted moved and Freeman seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING.

**Vote:** Unanimous

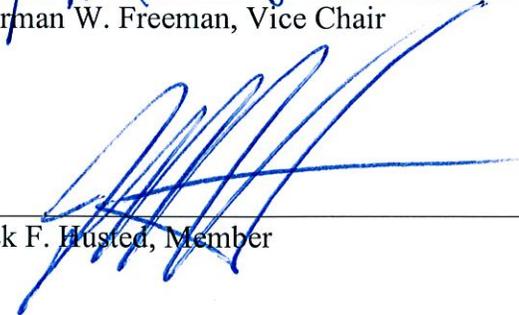
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Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Robert R. Woodhouse, Chairman

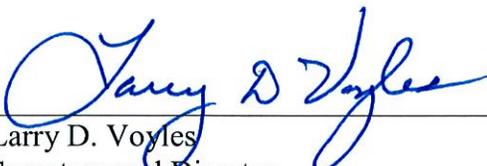
  
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Robert E. Mansell, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Larry D. Voyles  
Secretary and Director