

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the  
Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
Thursday, February 21, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department  
5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, Arizona 85086

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

In person:

Commissioner Robert E. Mansell  
Commissioner Kurt R. Davis  
Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden

In person:

Director Larry D. Voyles  
Deputy Director Gary R. Hovatter  
Deputy Director Bob Broscheid  
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Via telephone:

Chairman Jack F. Husted  
Vice Chairman John W. Harris

Via telephone:

Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk

Chairman Husted called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Director Voyles conducted roll call and confirmed that all Commissioners were present. There were no members of the public present. Several Department staff were present. This meeting followed an agenda dated February 19, 2013.

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### 1. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the public to speak.

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### 2. State and Federal Legislation

**Presenter:** Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison

Mr. Guiles briefed the Commission on several bills and the Commission took action as follows:

#### SB 1223: license classification and fees

This bill was heard by the Appropriations Committee this week and passed with an 8-0 vote, but included in the committee hearing was an amendment offered by Senator Shooter, Chairman of the Committee. The amendment extends the Commission's fee authority ability through 2019, giving the Commission a five year period of authority ability. After the five year period, the Commission would then request re-authorization from the Legislature.

For the purpose of clarification, the Department recommends that the Commission vote to support the amendment.

Commissioner Davis commented that the Commission had previously discussed, and were amenable, to a sunset provision. In essence, this is like a sunset clause and he is very comfortable with it. For the record, Commissioner Davis complimented Chairman Husted, Vice Chair Harris and the Department for their efforts in working on this bill.

Chairman Husted commented that this bill is moving in a very good direction and that the amendment was just a precaution for the future. He also thanked the Department as well as Commissioner Davis.

Mr. Guiles clarified that if the bill was to expire and not be re-authorized, the Department/Commission would have everything in place by that point in time. Mr. Guiles also pointed out that the Arizona Elk Society took a position this week to support this bill, and most of Arizona's sportsmen's groups support the bill as well.

**Motion:** Davis moved and Harris seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT SB 1223 WITH THE SHOOTER AMENDMENT.

**Vote:** Unanimous

SB 1469: applying aquatic poisons

This is the rotenone bill that the Department has been working on for several years at the Legislature. A blue ribbon panel was put together by Director Voyles and included federal and state partners. The Department took the recommendations from that group and developed a policy that the Commission adopted. Included with that was an operators manual for the application of rotenone or antimycin A. Last year, the Department did not have the manual in place when this bill was introduced. This year, with the manual in place, and in looking at the way the bill is structured, the Department is doing everything that the bill is asking for in applying rotenone or antimycin A. The only thing that is not included in the way the bill is written is the soil analysis and the publications in a newspaper. The Department feels that the operating manual can be modified to include these if the Commission wants to proceed in that direction.

Commissioner Mansell confirmed with Mr. Guiles that the bill basically mirrors the Department's current policy except for the two items mentioned, soil analysis and publications in a newspaper.

Commissioner Madden requested a copy of the operating manual.

**Motion:** Harris moved and Mansell seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO SUPPORT SB 1469.

**Vote:** Unanimous

HB 2654: full-time students; hunting licenses

This bill would allow non-resident full-time college students to purchase a resident hunting license. The Department is having conversations with the sponsors that currently the Department

offers a Class F license for a non-resident or resident below the age of 21, in which they can purchase that license at \$26.50. This is less than the resident combination license at \$54.00. The Department has explained this to the Legislature and explained that the Department is trying to get away from the confusion of what a person needs to be out in the field. This is like one of the things that the Department is trying to correct and simplify with the licenses classifications and fees bill. It looks like the Legislature may be willing to hold this bill. The Department will keep the Commission updated.

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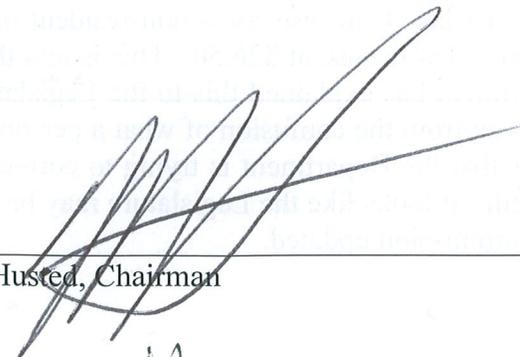
**Motion:** Mansell moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING.

**Vote:** Unanimous

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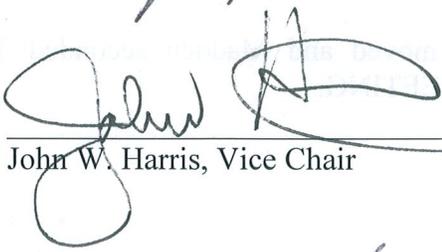
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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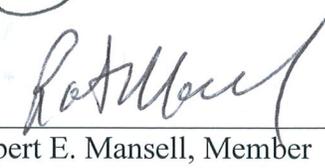
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Jack F. Husted, Chairman



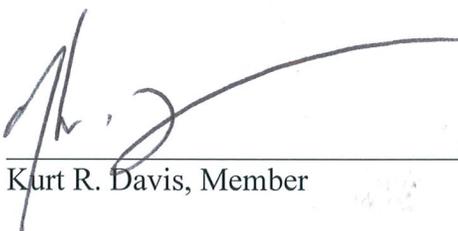
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John W. Harris, Vice Chair



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Robert E. Mansell, Member



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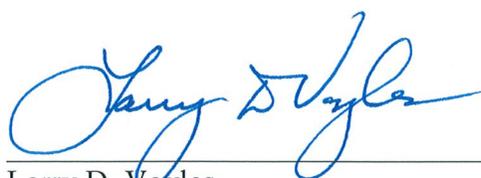
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ATTEST:



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Larry D. Voyles  
Secretary and Director