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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**January 26, 2015**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **February 6, 2015** at the **Wickenburg Town Hall Council Chambers, 155 N. Tegner St., Wickenburg, Arizona 85390**, as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting at [http://www.azgfd.gov/inside\\_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml). Members of the public may also view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices and Headquarters via video teleconference. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via video teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

**Friday, February 6, 2015 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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 approve briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other 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. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Marty Fabritz, Shooting Sports Branch Chief.** 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 last regular Commission meeting.
  - b. Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Assistant Director, Information, Education and Recreation Division.** 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 last regular Commission meeting including the proposed Wildlife Center project.

- c. **Law Enforcement Program Briefing. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will be updated on the activities and developments relating to the Department's Law Enforcement Program. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the last Commission meeting.
  - d. **Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be provided an update on the latest developments since the last regular Commission meeting 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.
  - e. **Approve the Department's supplemental translocation of bison to Raymond Wildlife Area from a National Park Service Unit. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission may approve a supplemental translocation of bison to Raymond Wildlife Area from a National Park Service Unit.
  - f. **Approve Revised Commission Policy A2.34, Reintroduction of Federally Listed Wildlife. Presenter: Mike Rabe, Nongame Wildlife Branch Chief.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve revised Commission policy A2.34, regarding Reintroduction of Federally Listed Wildlife.
  - g. **Approve a Memorandum of Understanding among the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, the New Mexico Department of Transportation and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Presenter: Tim Wade, Chief, Wildlife Contracts Branch.** The Commission will be asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding among the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, New Mexico Department of Transportation and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to allow the Department to enter into contracts to implement wildlife studies in cooperation with the two State of New Mexico agencies.
3. **Utah Public Lands Initiative. Presenter: Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be provided a presentation by Fred Ferguson (CoS to Chaffetz-UT) regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative. This will be a briefing only and no action will be taken by the Commission.
- 3.A. **State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may 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. **Update on Rulemaking Moratorium; Requirements and Impacts. Presenter: Jennifer Stewart, Rules and Risk Branch Chief.** The Department will provide a briefing on the most recent rulemaking moratorium reporting requirements and impacts on Department rulemakings. This item is for information only.
5. **Customer Portal Project. Presenter: Doug Cummings, Branch Chief, Information Systems.** The Department will present an update on the development of the Customer Portal (website with Customer Login capabilities with improved customer access to information,

products and services) along with next steps. The presentation will include updates on the development of the Customer Portal Website, the development of bundled/subscription services, planning for future releases of the Portal, and discussion of potential paperless sales.

6. **BLM Travel Management Rules; the Box Canyon Opportunity. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Department, as well as the BLM Hassayampa Field Office and the Town of Wickenburg, will provide the Commission an update on public access and Travel Management Rules in the Box Canyon area of the Hassayampa River.

**Agenda Items #7 through #10 are first read items. The Commission may choose to take action on first read items as needed or may direct the Department to place first read items on the consent agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting.**

7. **Request for Approval of a License Agreement with Navopache Electric Cooperative for Providing Electrical Service at White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve renewal of a License Agreement with Navopache Electric Cooperative for providing electrical service at White Mountain Grasslands Wildlife Area.
8. **Request to Approve New Commission Policy A2.3, Law Enforcement Access. Presenter: Jim Hinkle, Field Operations Division Assistant Director.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve a new Commission policy A2.3, Law Enforcement Access.
9. **Request to Repeal Commission Policy A2.15, Procedures for Implementation of the Water Conservation and Recreation Development Fund and All Water-Oriented Developments. Al Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve the Department's recommendation to repeal Commission policy A2.15, Procedures for Implementation of the Water Conservation and Recreation Development Fund and All Water-Oriented Developments.
10. **Request to Approve Revised Commission Policy A2.28, Protocol for Closing Wildcat Roads on State Trust Grazing Land. Presenter: Al Eiden, Landowner Relations Program Manager.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve revised Commission policy A2.28, Protocol for Closing Wildcat Roads on State Trust Grazing Land.
11. **Cooperative Stewardship Agreement for Recreational Access between Big Bo LLC (Boquillas Ranch) and the Commission and the Department. Presenter: Tom Finley, Regional Supervisor, Kingman Region.** The Commission will be briefed regarding a Cooperative Stewardship Agreement for Recreational Access between the Big Bo LLC and the Commission and the Department.
12. **A Briefing on Public Comment Received on Hunt Guidelines. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission will be briefed on the comment received thus far on the existing hunt guidelines and on the timeline that will be followed in review and approval for the remainder of this guideline cycle.

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

**TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM**

- 13. Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Docket #</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Conviction</b>
Wyatt T. Perry	2015-0001	Count A:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule Deer)
Johnathan C. Hoppstetter	2015-0006	Count A:	Litter while hunting
Tuan Anh Kim	2015-0007	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Javelina)
Vien Tri Nguyen	2015-0008	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Javelina)
Thuong Thanh Tran	2015-0009	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Javelina)
Wayne W. Santoro	2015-0010	Count A:	Citation A08711 Obtain 2013 resident hunting license by misrepresentation
Wayne W. Santoro	2015-0011	Count A:	Citation A08714 Obtain 2011 resident elk tag by misrepresentation
Matthew C. Markle	2015-0012	Count A:	Litter while hunting
Charlyne I. Farris	2015-0016	Count A:	Citation A08604 Apply for 2012 resident deer tag by misrepresentation
Christopher S. Quayle	2015-0018	Count A:	Citation A08673 Obtain 2012 resident combo license by fraud

- 14. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Briefing. Presenter: Kevin Hodgkins, Acting CFO, Business and Finance.** The Department will provide the Commission an informational briefing on the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. The briefing will include a presentation by representatives from PSPRS.
- 15. Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Department requests a rehearing for Brian L. Bleyenbergh regarding the revocation of his license privileges.
- 16. Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Department requests a rehearing for Victor A. Medina regarding the revocation of his license privileges.
- 17. Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during 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 for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817; Phase One Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Planet Ranch); Arizona Game and Fish Department's Notice of Intent

Regarding Mexican Wolf Recovery Planning; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Sally Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB.

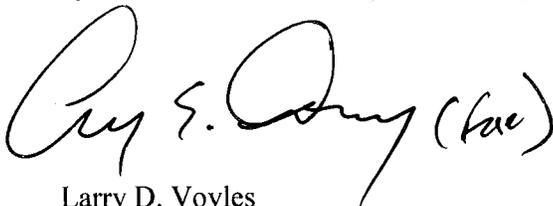
- b. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning the legal strategy recommendations from the Department's legal strategies team.
  - c. Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's duties, responsibilities and performance. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.
- 18. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *Holden and Gynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Wagner v. Personnel Board*, LC2011-000683; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. Sandoval*, CIV 12-118; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; Arizona Game and Fish Department's Notice of Intent Regarding Mexican Wolf Recovery Planning; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Sally Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB.
- 19. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from January 16-17, 2015
- 20. Director and Commissioner Comments.** The Director and the Commissioners may provide brief comment on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 21. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

**Field Trip:** From 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Commission and Department staff will carpool to the Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa Preserve on the Hassayampa River on the east side of Wickenburg. The Commission will be provided a tour and discussion led by R.J. Cardin (Director of the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department) and Josh Avey (Deputy Director of Conservation for the Nature Conservancy in Arizona). No legal action will be taken by the Commission during the field trip.

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Larry D. Voyles  
Director

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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.*

*Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.*

*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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