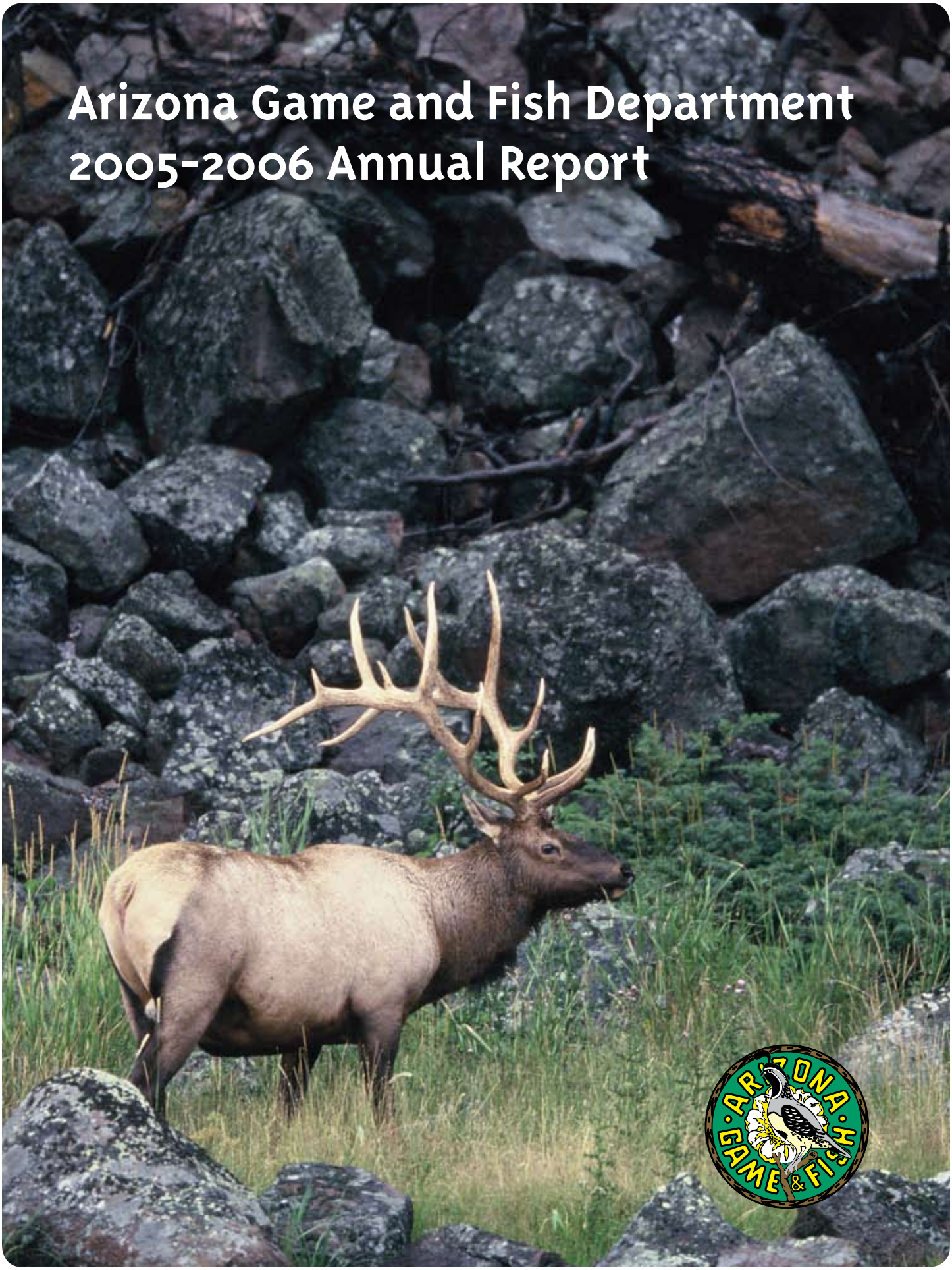
Arizona Game and Fish Department 2005-2006 Annual Report



Director's Message

Duane L. Shroufe

The 2005-2006 fiscal year was an extraordinary year for the department, including major milestones reached and goals surpassed.

The Arizona Legislature passed several new laws increasing the conservation impact and funding sustainability of the department. New legislation allows for hunting and fishing license and tag fee increases, as well as greater poaching penalties for the illegal taking of the state's wildlife. The new fee increases, which sportsmen themselves helped us pass, create additional revenue to help expand and improve department programs. A new wildlife-feeding law gives us another tool to help reduce human-wildlife conflicts, which is important as urban interface boundaries continue to move outward into more rural areas with Arizona's tremendous growth.

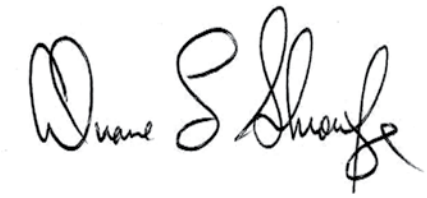
Hunters demonstrated their strong support of the first-ever Big Game Super Raffle, with more than a half-million dollars raised for wildlife management. We set the bar higher for next year and hope to double the amount raised to expand our big game conservation programs. Hunters can also again enjoy the convenience of the department's improved online hunt application system.

Several department research projects continue to evaluate habitat linkages and the impact the state's growth has on wildlife movement. The collected data will be considered in future highway development with partners such as the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and will help protect important wildlife movement corridors that are necessary for maintaining healthy wildlife populations.

Arizona's youth teams had a strong showing at the national competition for the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), winning a national title and several more top titles. This program has experienced significant growth and is now one of the largest state SCTP programs.

The department and its employees again received the recognition of organizations around the country for their hard work and unwavering dedication to protect the state's resources, and provide education and outreach to the community. Notably, the Fish Arizona! campaign to increase fishing license sales continued its success and was recognized with a Governor's tourism award.

Our gratitude goes to our friends and partners for helping make these accomplishments possible. We would not be able to reach the same level of success without your support. The coming year is sure to bring new challenges and opportunities for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and we look forward to continuing the efforts with you to conserve and protect the state's wildlife.



Accomplishments

Fish Arizona!

The Fish Arizona! media and marketing campaign entered the second year of a three-year run designed to promote interest in fishing and reverse a decade-long decline in fishing license sales. The campaign, an agency-wide effort combining paid promotions, earned media and person-to-person communication activities, was a big success. Fishing license sales increased more than 20 percent from June through the end of 2005 compared to the same period the previous year. The Governor recognized the campaign with the Innovative Promotions Award, presented during the Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism.

SCTP Doubles in Size

Arizona's Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) finished a successful second season with the conclusion of the Commissioners' Cup state championships in late March and April. Competitions were held in trap, skeet and sporting clays at three separate venues, and participation in the championships increased more than 30 percent over the previous year. Overall, more than 800 kids participated in Arizona's SCTP, making it one of the largest state SCTP programs in the country. Arizona teams went on to capture one national title, two second-place finishes and a third place at the national SCTP championships held in New York and Illinois. Two "fun shoot" fundraiser competitions provided financial assistance to the teams.

Arizona Big Game Super Raffle

Hunters enjoyed a new big game super raffle, offering a chance for a unique year-round big game hunt in Arizona. A consortium of conservation groups banded together to raffle the special tags set aside by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The nine tags, one for each Arizona big game species, raised more than a half-million dollars for wildlife conservation. All monies benefit the Arizona Game and Fish Department's efforts to oversee the big game species for which the raffle was held. Tickets ranged from $5 to $25 per species or $110 for one of each species, plus an optics package.

More than 135,000 hunters purchases licenses in 2005 and spent more than $126 million in retail sales.

Hunt Season Changes

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department adopted a number of changes to the big game hunt seasons. Changes include the addition of javelina hunts for the fall; the application of bonus and loyalty points to javelina, turkey and bear; a requirement for hunters to physically check-in for bear and mountain lion kills; new age requirements for youths applying for a hunt; amendments to unit numbers and boundaries; and a change so the 20-percent bonus point pass now applies to bighorn sheep, buffalo, antelope, bear, deer, elk, javelina and turkey.

Shooting Showcase

The department's Shooting Showcase attracted more than 5,000 people, five times the turnout of the inaugural event held the prior year. The event, held at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in north Phoenix, offered the public the opportunity to experience shooting sports in a safe, controlled environment. Various manufacturers were on hand to let people try out the

More than 5,000 people attended the Department's Shooting Showcase.

latest firearms on the small-bore range. Local shooting organizations provided demonstrations and hands-on opportunities to try specialty disciplines, such as cowboy action shooting, rifle and pistol silhouette, black powder and archery. Workshops on hunting, fishing, Arizona wildlife and other topics were held. Offerings also included displays by nonprofit organizations, commercial interests and more than 15 work units of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

CWD Monitoring

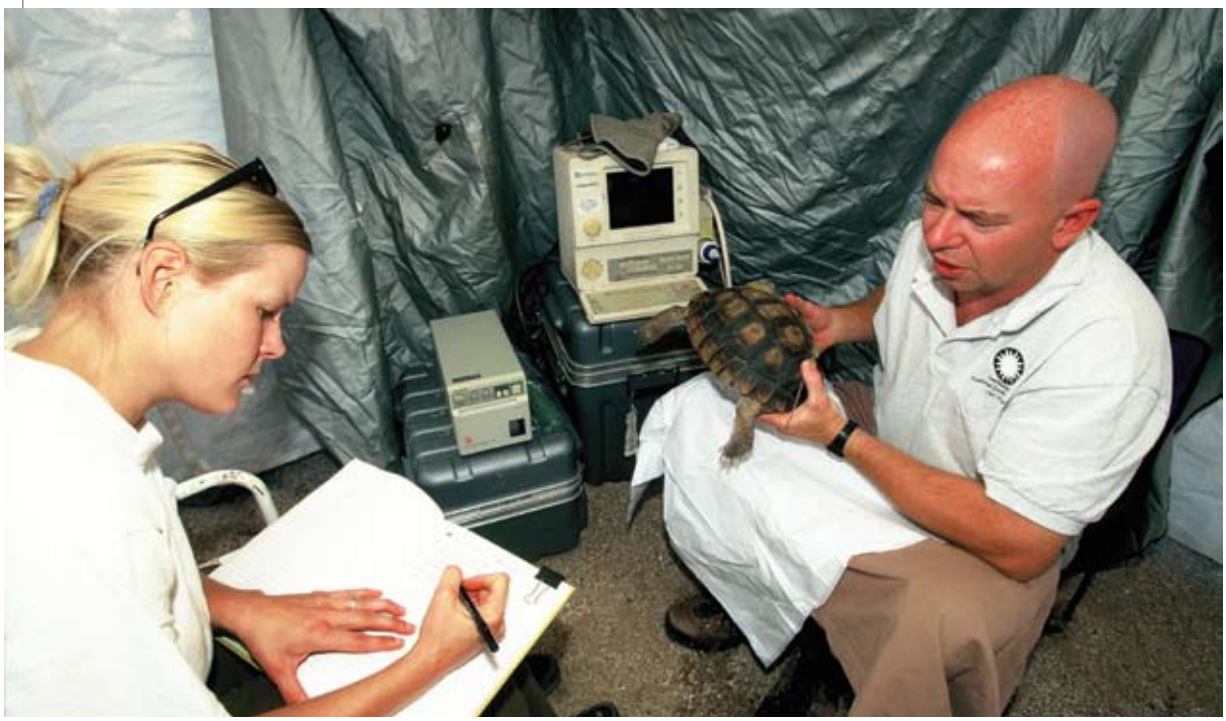
Chronic wasting disease (CWD) monitoring continued with nearly 2,500 hunter-harvested deer and elk testing negative from the fall 2005 hunt season. The department has tested more than 6,000 deer and elk since beginning its surveillance program in 1998. The department asks hunters for assistance each year in donating deer and elk heads that can be sampled for the disease. Hunters who donate samples are notified of the test results within six to eight weeks. The Arizona Game and Fish Department continues to coordinate with other state and federal agencies to monitor for CWD.

New Legislation

The department worked with the Arizona Legislature on several bills of importance to hunters. A new hunter harassment law was passed, making it illegal to intentionally interfere with lawful hunting activity. It specifically lists eight violations. Another law addresses an increase in fines for the illegal taking of wildlife. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission can now permanently revoke, or suspend for a period of five years or more, a person's hunting privileges for repeat violations, unlawful taking of trophy or endangered species, or taking three times the established limit. A schedule of fines and license revocations was created based on the number of convictions an individual has for unlawful taking or wounding of wildlife. A new wildlife-feeding law also took effect in Maricopa and Pima counties. It aims to help prevent human-wildlife conflicts by making it illegal to intentionally, knowingly or recklessly feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife encourages the animals to stick around urban areas and sometimes become aggressive. The law does not affect people feeding birds and tree squirrels.

Game and Fish Employee Pay Raises

Thanks in part to a state budget surplus, the Arizona Legislature approved an across-the-board salary increase for all state workers. The department also worked with the Arizona Department of Administration to obtain a classification maintenance review and equity



A classification maintenance review and equity adjustment helped to increase the pay for Game and Fish employees.

adjustments for wildlife series personnel. These adjustments make significant strides toward obtaining a more equitable pay scale for Game and Fish employees.

Conservation

Arizona's Bald Eagles

With the 2006 breeding season over, Arizona celebrated what turned out to be an incredible year for the state's bald eagles. Department biologists confirmed a record number of eagle breeding areas in the state, as well as a tie with the previous year for a record number of eaglets that lived to fledge, or begin flying, in the state. Forty-two eagle nestlings fledged in 2006, and biologists also found three new bald eagle breeding areas, for a record total of 50.

It was a record year for breeding bald eagles in Arizona.

Habitat Linkages

Several projects related to studying and mapping wildlife movement and corridors for habitat connectivity continue in the department. Research and habitat personnel captured a limited number of bighorn sheep in northwestern Arizona and fit them with radio tracking collars to monitor their movements. The collected data will be used to work with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in the planning and design of crossings for the Highway 93 and Highway 68 expansion projects. A similar project is underway between the department, ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration to monitor elk movements around I-17 near Flagstaff. The study will provide data on key areas used by elk to cross the highway, particularly during spring and fall migrations. Researchers will use data to develop crossing features and fencing to minimize the rate of elk-vehicle collisions. The department is also an active participant in the Arizona Wildlife Linkages Workgroup, which identifies and maps areas of connectivity in an assessment document available to planners and engineers statewide.

Burrowing Owls Relocation

The department continues to conduct a research study to determine the best designs and locations of artificial burrows for relocating burrowing owls from land earmarked for development. The project will help protect burrowing owls, while allowing developers to proceed with their projects without construction delays. Burrowing owls live underground and are considered a "species of concern" in Arizona. They are listed as a "threatened" species elsewhere. Project collaborators include the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a volunteer, nonprofit organization called Wild at Heart. Wild at Heart and other project cooperators have already removed hundreds of burrowing owls from development sites, quarantined and then relocated them to artificial burrows.

Ensuring Water for Wildlife

With the ongoing drought in Arizona, the department collaborated with sportsmen's

The Department worked with sportsmen's groups on wildlife water projects.

groups, government agencies and other volunteers on a variety of water catchment projects to ensure water access for wildlife. New or redevelopment projects were completed in the White Tank Mountains west of Phoenix, the Palomas Mountains east of Yuma and the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern Arizona.

The condor recovery project continues to make progress.

Endangered Condors Released

More than 200 members of the public gathered at an observation point in northern Arizona to witness a unique event that takes place just once every spring. Six endangered California condors were released at the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. The event was part of the condor reintroduction project, which is trying to bring the birds back from the brink of extinction. In 1982, only 22 California condors remained in the world. The birds were captured in an effort to breed and save the species. Captive-reared condors are now periodically released at sites in California, Mexico and at the Vermilion Cliffs in Arizona. Nearly 300 condors now exist in the world. The condor reintroduction in Arizona is a cooperative effort between the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Peregrine Fund, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Kaibab National Forest and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Gould's Turkeys Rally

The international cooperative effort to re-establish Gould's turkeys in Arizona continues to meet with success. During winter and spring of 2005, 88 Gould's turkeys were captured in Zacatecs, Mexico. They were released in the Santa Rita Mountains, Pinaleno Mountains and Santa Catalina Mountains, marking the first such release in the Santa Catalinas. Approximately 700-800 Gould's turkeys live in Arizona, 300 of them in the Huachuca Mountains, where limited hunting is permitted. Partners on the project include the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the USDA Forest Service, and the Mexican government, as well as volunteers and landowners on both sides of the border.

Mountain Lion Tracking

A mountain lion tracking study initiated in 2005 continues to collect a considerable amount of data on lion movements, habitat preferences and behaviors around three urban areas. The project involves capturing a limited number of mountain lions in the Tucson, Prescott and Payson areas and fitting them with GPS-tracking collars. The data helps researchers understand mountain lion activity in and around urban areas.

Endangered Pupfish Get New Home

Endangered desert pupfish flew to new homes this spring, courtesy of biologists' hard work and rides in coolers dangling from a huge net beneath a helicopter. University of Arizona students began the collaborative effort by netting approximately 400 desert pupfish from The Nature Conservancy pond and transferring them to Bureau of Reclamation pilots, who transported them by helicopter to an area near Lousy and Larry canyons in the Agua Fria National Monument. Biologists from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Arizona Bureau of Land Management hiked in to meet the helicopter and move the endangered fish from the coolers into buckets for a short trip to areas where they will thrive. The desert pupfish only lives in Arizona, southern California and northern Mexico. The department and its conservation partners conducted the relocation in an attempt to create new populations of desert pupfish in areas of the range where they were once plentiful.

Education

Online Bat Activities

A new series of educational activities on bats joins the "Focus: WILD Arizona" environmental education program. The activities, designed to dispel myths and encourage bat conservation, aim to provide Arizonans with information about how to better coexist with bats and other urban wildlife in our state. The "Focus: WILD Arizona" program also recently added a new study unit on the reintroduction of Mexican wolves into Arizona. "Focus: WILD Arizona" offers the state's teachers and students a suite of lessons available online or by CD. 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." Other educational efforts by department staff have included presentation of the "Wildlife Adaptations" program to more than 4,000 fourth-grade students in schools throughout Arizona.

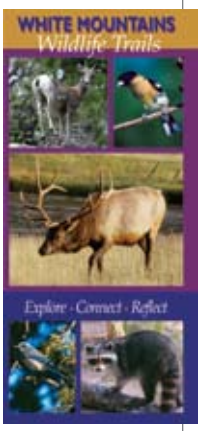
Landowner Relations

The department's Landowner Relations Program continues to work with ranchers on cooperative projects that mutually benefit the landowner and the department's wildlife management efforts, and also help maintain access for the public. One component of the program uses department equipment to grade roads on ranches in exchange for access to those private lands for recreational activities or access to public lands that may only be reached through private property. Another part of the program, the Adopt-A-Ranch Program, completed several projects during the past year. Under the Adopt-A-Ranch Program, sportsmen's groups, Boy Scouts, off-highway vehicle clubs and other groups perform periodic maintenance, such as rebuilding fences, picking up trash or helping with various ranch projects, in exchange for guaranteeing recreational access to the public.

New Trail Map

A new department-produced field guide called "White Mountains Wildlife Trails" helps outdoors enthusiasts and their families map out fun trips to enjoy nature in eastern Arizona. The free guide comes complete with a map and descriptions of several prime areas where the public can view a variety of animals. The guide gives directions to local wildlife-viewing spots and information about how to best navigate through them. Some sites have hiking trails, while others are driving loops of longer mileage. The guide also provides information on what types of facilities, such as restrooms, campsites, picnic areas and parking, are available at each location. A comprehensive description of what types of animals can be found in each spot, from elk or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep to hawks, wild turkeys and songbirds, is also included in the guide.

The Department's Sport Fishing Program provides the opportunity for everyone to learn how to fish.



The new "White Mountains Wildlife Trails" guide.

Fishing Clinics

Eight department-sponsored events held across the state on Free Fishing Day gave anglers of all experience levels the opportunity to fish state waters without a license. The department provided loaner rods, reels and tackle at the events, along with free instruction from staff and volunteers. The department sent out a news release and notices in its electronic publications to promote Free Fishing Day.

The Department urges boaters to participate in a boating education course.

Outreach

Avian Influenza

The department worked closely with the Governor's office and other state agencies on planning for potential outbreaks of bird flu. The department continues to monitor and test wild birds, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As part of its continuing bird flu planning and education efforts, the department created a fact sheet for its customer service representatives; a customer handout about the Asian strain of highly pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza; an information section on the department's Web site; and video footage for media outlets for use in informing the public.

Drought and Wildlife

In response to a continuing 10-year drought in Arizona, the department ramped up its efforts to educate the public on the impact of drought on wildlife, particularly the possibility of wildlife coming into outlying urban areas seeking food and water. Department experts conveyed helpful tips to the media and public on ways to keep wild animals from becoming habituated to humans, such as removing attractants and not feeding wildlife.

Boating Safety

With more recreational boaters taking to the water this year, the department disseminated boating safety messages through the news media and participation in community events. The department collaborated with several other state and federal agencies to support the Lake Mead Safe Boating Partnership's first "Safe Boating Day" in Boulder City, Nevada. The event promoted safe boating practices at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave and included life jacket instruction and boating safety demonstrations. The department also partnered with other agencies on the Tri-State Boating Fair in Bullhead City, Arizona. Visitors learned about state laws that govern use of the Colorado River, and about boating dangers, such as excessive speed, alcohol abuse on the water and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Golden Algae

The department continued monitoring and responding to blooms of golden algae in some of the urban lakes and central Arizona reservoirs. Catfish stockings at a couple of urban lakes were suspended until the department could work with municipal officials to control the algae through the use of algaecides. The department disseminated information to the public on steps they can take to help keep golden algae and other aquatic nuisances from spreading. Such steps include eliminating water from your boat (especially live wells) before leaving the lake, and cleaning and drying anything that comes into contact with water. Golden algae does not harm humans, but it does adversely affect fish and can lead to fish kills.

New Online Tool

A new online tool that shows if a proposed development project in Arizona could affect threatened or endangered animals and plants was developed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The free, Web-based Arizona Online Environmental Review generates a list of special-status species potentially affected within a project area, a process that used to take weeks, but now takes only minutes.

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 and Pinetop Bald Eagle Workshops, 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. The department also hosted Arizona legislators and their staffs at the Arizona Game and Fish Legislative Day, where more than a dozen booths and activities were presented on the state Capitol grounds.

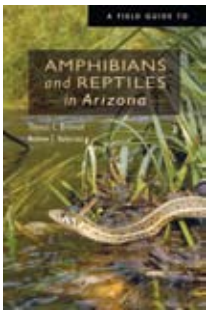
Informational Materials

The department produced hunting, fishing and urban fishing regulation booklets, as well as several new and revised brochures: Living with Javelina; Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center Living in Lion Country Safety Tips; Bats of Arizona; Alamo Wildlife Area; Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area Trail Guide; and Sport Fish of Arizona.

Grants

Boating Grants

Five funding grants totaling more than $620,000 were awarded by the department for projects across Arizona to improve boating access facilities. Individual projects on the Colorado River, Lake Havasu, Saguaro Lake and Roosevelt Lake will be implemented over the next two years by various land management and local government agencies. The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program provides the grant funding, with revenues collected from federal excise taxes and import duties on sport fishing equipment, motorboat fuel, and pleasure boats and yachts. The grant funds include a 25-percent match of non-federal funds from the department.



The Department partnered with Arizona State University to produce "A Field Guide to Amphibians and Reptiles in Arizona".

The Department's Scholastic Clay Target Program continues to be popular with youth.

Planning continued for the construction of the Department's new headquarters building at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2007.

Heritage Grants

More than $645,000 of Heritage Fund grant money was awarded by the department to 22 projects, mostly research and education projects that benefit wildlife and the people of Arizona. When combined with matching money from other sources, the projects being funded total more than $1.2 million invested in Arizona. Heritage Fund money comes from lottery ticket sales. Among the projects that won Heritage grants in 2006 are:

1. Creation and distribution of a color brochure with a map by Pima County Natural Resources to help the public better enjoy Tucson Mountain Park, the largest natural resource park in Pima County.
2. Construction of an aluminum pier at Betty's Kitchen Wildlife and Interpretive Area by the Bureau of Land Management to improve public access to wildlife viewing and fishing in the recreational area near Yuma.
3. Design of various wildlife movement corridors by Northern Arizona University to help better ensure the safety of both humans and six to 12 animal species that live within 5 miles of incorporated cities in Arizona.
4. Work on the first phase of a University of Arizona study about bobcats living and moving around on the urban edges of the Tucson area.
5. Development of an outreach program to involve Native American communities and schools in wildlife observation and education, in conjunction with an existing environmental education program run by Northern Arizona University.

The Department's off-highway vehicle program urges riders to stay on roads and trails.

Department and Personnel Awards

Employees

- Director Duane Shroufe was presented the Thomas E. McCullough Memorial Award by the Arizona Wildlife Federation to recognize his professional conservation efforts that go above and beyond his normal duties. Shroufe also received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Wildlife Management Institute. The award honors his substantial contributions to conservation of the continent's wildlife and habitats. In addition, he was presented with the International Canvasback Award from the North American Waterfowl Management Plan for making major contributions to wetland conservation on national, international and state levels.
- Francisco Abarca, international and borderlands projects manager, received the prestigious 2006 National Wetlands Award from the Environmental Law Institute and five government agencies, for his decade of work in promoting the importance of wetlands and waterfowl as international resources in the United States, Mexico and Canada. The Government of Mexico also recognized Abarca's efforts by giving him the 2006 Wetlands Conservation Award.
- Brian Wakeling, big game supervisor, received the prestigious Henry S. Mosby Award from the National Wild Turkey Federation for his dedication to research,

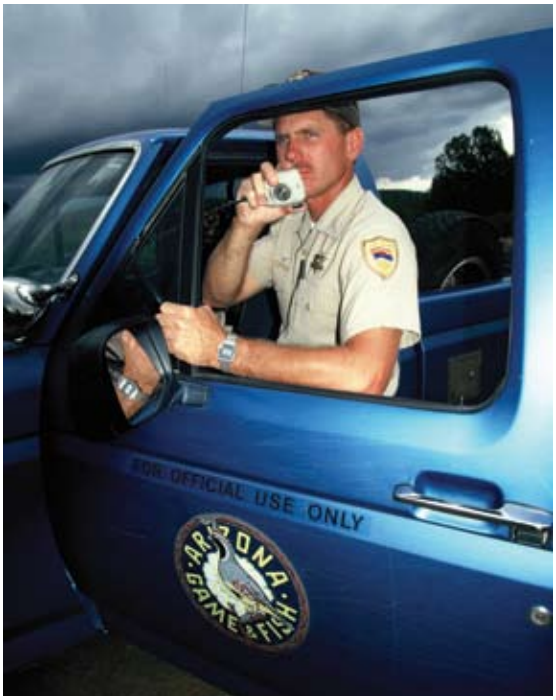
management and restoration of wild turkeys, including helping to spearhead Arizona's Gould's turkey reintroduction program.

- Dave Weedman, aquatic habitat program coordinator, received the 2005 Professional of the Year Award from the Arizona/New Mexico chapter of the American Fisheries Society in recognition of his work on the Fossil Creek restoration project.
- Gerry Perry, Tucson regional supervisor, was named Arizona Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- Shawn Wagner, wildlife manager in the Pinetop region, received the Shikar Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award for Arizona.

Department

- "Arizona Wildlife Views" magazine received an Award of Excellence in The Communicators Awards competition, placing it among the top publications in the government magazine category in this international competition. The magazine also won two Awards of Distinction in the design and feature story categories.
- "Arizona Wildlife Views," the department's PBS wildlife television show, again won awards from various organizations for outstanding television programs, including: three Emmy Awards; four Telly Awards; and five Excellence in Craft Awards from the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA). The show's producers are Carol Lynde and Gary Schafer.

Relocation of wildlife to increase populations continues to be a priority for the Department.



Department employees received wide recognition for their efforts.

- Two Arizona Game and Fish Department public relations campaigns won top awards from the Public Relations Society of America, the most prominent pubic relations professional society in the country. The mountain lion awareness campaign and the Fish Arizona! campaign each won the top award, the Copper Anvil, from the Phoenix chapter in their respective categories. The department competed against the largest private public relations firms, nonprofit groups and other governmental agencies from the Phoenix area.
- The Association for Conservation Information (ACI) recognized the department's communication efforts with five national awards this year. Arizona Game and Fish received awards for: its "Focus WILD Arizona" environmental education program; the department's mountain lion awareness campaign; the "Arizona Breeding Bird Atlas;" the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund brochure; and the "Bats of Arizona" poster.

The Focus Wildlife Arizona newsletter informs educators about the Department's environmental education program.

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Revenues by Fund	2004–05	2005–06
Game and Fish Fund	$20,570,249	$22,330,234
Watercraft Licensing Fund	2,390,159	4,517,064
Game, Nongame Fund	179,595	220,009
Federal Assistance (Includes Matching Funds)	24,142,309	22,575,435
Heritage Fund	10,742,145	10,460,496
Off-highway Vehicle Fund	1,014,652	852,001
Capital Improvement/Conservation Dev. Funds	841,716	1,033,402
Wildlife Conservation Fund	4,564,680	5,847,115
Indirect Cost Fund	1,645,201	1,025,959
Other Funds (See Detail Below)	3,841,293	3,589,349
Total Revenue All Sources	**$69,931,999**	**$72,451,064**

Other Funds Detail		
GF Land and Water Conservation/ Recreation Development	$623	$974
Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund	194,420	145,936
Waterfowl Conservation Fund	60,797	65,047
Wildlife Endowment Fund	116,900	182,815
Trust/Donation Fund	1,488,177	2,857,470
Firearms Safety and Ranges Fund	1,758,518	67,355
Publications Revolving Fund	221,859	269,753
Total Other Funds	**$3,841,293**	**$3,589,349**

Fiscal Year Expenditures by Fund	2004–05	2005–06
Game and Fish Fund	$18,873,731	$22,208,395
Watercraft Licensing Fund	1,970,773	1,932,821
Game, Nongame Fund	154,879	156,125
Federal Assistance (Includes Matching Funds)	23,585,845	22,681,194
Heritage Fund	16,651,418	13,068,367
Off-highway Vehicle Fund	655,404	990,388
Capital Improvement/Conservation Dev. Funds[1]	40,741	954,421
Wildlife Conservation Fund	4,482,292	3,756,370
Indirect Cost Fund	1,906,368	1,752,222
Other Funds (See Detail Below)	1,533,954	1,875,183
Total Revenue All Sources	**$69,855,436**	**$69,375,485**

Other Funds Detail		
Game and Fish Land and Water Conservation/Recreation Dev.	$ 0	$ 0
Wildlife Theft Prevention Fund	180,531	146,062
Waterfowl Conservation Fund	78,165	56,247
Wildlife Endowment Fund	11,702	0
Trust/Donation Fund	1,004,681	1,453,255
Publications Revolving Fund	258,876	219,618
Total Other Funds	**$1,533,954**	**$1,875,183**

Fiscal Year Heritage Funds Allocation	2004–05	2005–06
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	2004	2005
Licenses (see detail below)	426,330	463,929
Trout stamps	78,504	90,600
Tags	140,551	146,654
Misc permits/licenses	3,158	3,002
Special use licenses/stamps	37,483	63,560
Two Pole Stamp	59,062	63,596
Waterfowl Stamps	6,396	6,702
Migratory Bird Stamps	51,542	53,028
Utah Lake Powell Stamps	1,342	1,355
Kaibab 12A Archery Deer Stamps	3,687	4,312
Restricted Non-permit Tags	N/A	357
Supplemental Hunt Tags	N/A	64
Bonus Point Hunt Tags	N/A	0
Totals	**$808,055**	**$463,929**

Lifetime License/Stamp Sales	2005
Lifetime License Sales Fish	68
Lifetime License Sales Hunt	131
Lifetime License Sales Combo	202
Lifetime License Sales Trout Stamp	37
Totals	**$438**

Calendar Year License Sales by Category	2004	2005
Resident General Fish	154,339	166,230
Nonresident General Fish	2,227	2,273
Family/Primary Fish	4,998	3,472
Family/Spouse Fish		1,481
Family/Child Fish		1,734
Resident General Hunt	60,520	64,353
Nonresident General Hunt	20,034	22,733
Resident Hunt/Fish	71,842	77,314
Nonresident Hunt/Fish	821	789
Nonresident 3-Day Hunt	6,983	7,440
Urban Fishing	29,894	32,365
Nonresident Colorado River Fish	1,627	1,791
Nonresident 5-Day Fish	12,001	12,974
Resident Youth Group Hunt/Fish		23,335
Nonresident 4-Month Fish		6,598
Resident/Nonresident 1-Day Fish	30,527	34,028
Resident Youth Group 2-Day Fish	94	92
Resident General Fish Nov/Dec		4,498
Nonresident General Fish Nov/Dec	256	395
Comp Family/Primary Half Fish Nov/Dec		29
Comp Spouse/Primary Half Fish Nov/Dec		5
Grand Totals	$**426,330**	$**463,929**

Calendar Year License and Tag Sales	2004	2005
Licenses	12,615,395	14,072,347
Stamps	1,492,213	1,651,399
Tags	4,371,559	5,088,132
Total Value	**18,646,383**	**20,811,878**

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.

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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.

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