

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Friday, May 2, 2014
Saturday, May 3, 2014
Yavapai Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
1015 Fair Street
Prescott, Arizona 86305

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director and Staff)

Chairman John W. Harris
Vice Chairman Robert E. Mansell
Commissioner Kurt R. Davis
Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden
Commissioner James R. Ammons

Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Ty E. Gray
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led those present through the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Commission, Director, and Director's staff introductions. This meeting followed an agenda revision #1 dated April 30, 2014.

Chairman Harris requested a moment of silence for those going through difficult times.

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1. Call to the Public

There were no requests to speak to the Commission.

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8A. Consideration of Proposed New Game Management Unit to Encompass the Grand Canyon National Park.

Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief

Chairman Harris requested to remove agenda item 8A from the agenda.

Motion: Madden moved and Davis seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY REMOVING ITEM 8A AND TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Vote: Unanimous

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2. Consent Agenda

The following items were grouped together and noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, and/or they were previously presented to the Commission as a "first

read” item. These items were provided to the Commission prior to this meeting and the Department requested that the Commission approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Director Voyles presented each item to the Commission and no items were removed for discussion.

a. Shooting Sports Activities Briefing

Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports Branch Chief

The Commission was provided with a written Shooting Sports Activities Briefing prior to this meeting (also available to the public) of Department activities related to shooting sports, including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide. The briefing covers activities that have occurred since the last Commission meeting. The briefing was placed on the consent agenda for approval or to be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and/or discussion.

b. Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing

Presenter: Anthony A. Guiles, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division

The Commission was provided with a written Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities briefing prior to this meeting (also available to the public) of Department activities and events related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs. The briefing covers activities and events that have occurred since the last Commission meeting, including the proposed Wildlife Center project. The briefing was placed on the consent agenda for approval or to be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and/or discussion.

c. Law Enforcement Program Briefing

Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief

The Commission was provided with a written Law Enforcement Program Briefing prior to this meeting of Department activities and developments relating to the Department’s Law Enforcement Program. The briefing covers activities and events that have occurred since the last Commission meeting. The briefing was placed on the consent agenda for approval or to be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and/or discussion.

d. Lands and Habitat Program Update

Presenter: Dr. Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

The Commission was provided with a written Lands and Habitat Program Update (attached) prior to this meeting (also available to the public) of Department activities and events related 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 covers activities and events that have occurred since the last Commission meeting. The update was placed on the consent agenda for approval or to be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and/or discussion.

e. Update on Reprioritization of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Hatchery System and the Cessation of Trout Production at Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery.

Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Fisheries Branch Chief

At the February, March and April Commission Meetings, the Commission was briefed on activities regarding the termination of trout production at Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery and the cessation of trout stocking in the lower Colorado River below Hoover Dam. This decision was based on the failure of the water delivery system that supports the trout production portion of the facility and a priority shift away from sport fish production in the National Fish Hatchery System of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service). Per Commission direction, the Commission is kept updated on the Service's decision to redirect priorities at the national level to production of native species and the cessation of trout production at Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery. There were no additional updates at this time, however, this item was placed on the consent agenda for approval or to be pulled from the consent agenda for questions and/or discussion.

f. License Agreement Renewal with the Town of Eagar at the Springerville Marsh Wildlife Area

Presenter: Dr. Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

The Town of Eagar (Town) and the Department have been operating under a License Agreement that allows for the acceptance of overflow wastewater since 2007. Approval of this license agreement (Agreement) will renew the same terms under the existing agreement. If approved, the new 20-year Agreement will serve to grant the Town access to use the premises as an overflow sewage treatment and disposal site. This Agreement benefits the Department by supporting the wetlands as wildlife habitat for waterfowl, which provides important nesting, feeding and resting areas for waterfowl and other wildlife.

The Department recommends THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF EAGAR, AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

g. Memorandum of Understanding with the Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

Presenter: Dr. Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

The Arizona Game and Fish Department desires to work with Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District to cooperatively manage the Jacques Marsh Wildlife Area. The Commission has been a partner in several agreements for this purpose since 1999. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides a framework for use of Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District treated effluent water to maintain marshes located on forest service land and managed by the Department. This MOU commits the Department to: cooperate with the Sanitary District in maintaining improvements; maintain and maximize waterfowl habitat; provide public hunting opportunities, and consult with the Forest Service and the Sanitary

District concerning the management of Jacques Marsh. This action provides mutual benefit to each agency and for wildlife and public recreation.

The Department recommends THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AMEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT AND APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST AS RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Motion: Mansell moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, C, D, E, F AND G.

Vote: Unanimous

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3. Legislative Engagement and State and Federal Legislation

Presenter: Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison

Mr. Canaca briefed the Commission on the current status of selected state and federal legislative matters. The Department provides the Commission with regular monthly updates and provided informational materials at this meeting (also available to the public). The briefing included the following updates:

Arizona's 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session, adjourned Sine Die on April 24, 2014.

- Days of Regular Session: 101
- Bills Posted: 1205
- Bills Passed: 303
- Bills Vetoed: 19
- Bills Signed: 241

Commission Legislative Agenda

SB1118: hunting on private land; trespassing (Landowner Compact)

- Signed by Governor on 4/23

HB2303: permits or tags; transfer; veterans

- Signed by Governor on 4/16

Commission Supported Legislation

HB2003: watercraft; civil and criminal penalties

- Signed by Governor on 4/22

HB2443: hunting and fishing licenses; military

- Signed by Governor 4/17

SB1212: appropriation; wolf recovery litigations costs

- Was not heard in Appropriations Committee - Died

Bill of Interest

SCR1006: Mexican wolf; population rule

- Passed Legislature, filed with SOS

SB1211: Mexican wolf; taking; reporting

- Vetoed

HB2699: ESA programs; rescission; reimbursement

- Vetoed

Natural Resources Bills of Interest

HB2343: wildfire prevention; state trust land

- Signed by Governor on 4/23

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery Proclamation

- Passed and signed (as presented to the Commission at its April meeting)

Congressional Update – Commission Supported Bills of Interest

H.R. 4309: DoD Sikes Act agreements

- Possible inclusion in National Defense Authorization Act
- Awaiting hearing in Armed Services (May 7)

S. 1996: Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act

- Senate Action early May

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4. Statewide Shooting Range Grant Requests for FY 2015

Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports Branch Chief

Mr. Cook briefed the Commission using a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Shooting Range Grants Program. The Commission was provided with a summary of the six application requests for fiscal year 2015, along with the Department's recommendations totaling \$99,130.00 as follows:

City of Winslow Shooting Range (Winslow): The City of Winslow requested \$50,000 to do the first phase in development of a new shooting range including land preparation, construction of safety berms and fencing the perimeter of the proposed range. The Department recommends funding the total amount requested.

Pima Pistol Club (Catalina): The Pima Pistol Club, Inc. requested \$16,495.66.00 for hydro seeding of riparian habitat areas, construction of observation tower for public pistol range, installation of noise reduction baffles on the 100 yard range and to install a video surveillance system. The Department recommends partial funding \$8,330.00 to hydro seed, construct the range tower and install noise reduction baffles.

Chino Valley Shooting Facility (Chino Valley): The Town of Chino Valley requested \$50,000.00 to continue phase 1 of the master plan with the development and construction of additional parking. The Department recommends partial funding of \$15,000 to additional parking.

Northern Arizona Shooting Range (Flagstaff): The Northern Arizona Shooting Foundation requested \$8,800.00 to construct two trap fields including houses and a concrete pad for an additional trap house. The Department recommends funding the total amount requested.

Tri-State Shooting Park (Bullhead City): The Tri-State Shooting Park requested \$50,000.00 to install electricity to the range. The Department recommends partial funding of \$12,000.

Town of Oro Valley Archery Range (Oro Valley): The Town of Oro Valley requested \$35,000.00 to develop and install shade structures on the fixed distance shooting range. The Department recommends partial funding of \$5,000.00.

Motion: Davis moved and Mansell seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S SHOOTING RANGE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY INSTEAD OF MOVING TO NEXT MONTH'S CONSENT AGENDA.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Madden moved and Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE SHOOTING RANGE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FY15 GRANT CYCLE FOR A TOTAL OF \$99,130.00.

Vote: Unanimous

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5. Customer Portal Project

Presenter: Doug Cummings, Branch Chief, Information Systems

Mr. Cummings presented an update using a PowerPoint presentation on the development of the Customer Portal (website with Customer Login capabilities with improved customer access to information, products and services). The presentation included a mock up and examples of what the Portal will look like, both on a personal computer (including laptop and tablet) and on a mobile phone device, and how the Portal would adapt to a customers device.

Scott Lavin, Wildlife Recreation Branch Chief, added to the presentation a briefing on the club development process and potential bundled services proposed for January 2015. Mr. Lavin presented the following club membership possibilities:

Basic Hunt Club Services:

- Unique personalized license background
- Tag Surrender (1 species)
- Early access to draw results
- 1 year online subscription to Wildlife Views

Ultimate Club Membership Services:

- Unique personalized license background
- Tag Surrender (all species)
- Priority opportunity for surrendered tags; For unit and species put in for
- Early access to draw results
- 1 year online subscription to Wildlife Views

Proposed for Future Development:

- Membership automatic renewal
- Online digital Hunter Education certificate
- Exclusive sales or special offers (tie in with guides / retail partners); Legal and legislative process pending
- Opportunities for Department gift / credit cards
- Personalized fish stocking / reports
- Explore Cross Marketing / Conversion opportunities with hunters & shooters

Mr. Cummings summarized that the Department has been working on all of the foundational requirements including:

- Login (with ID/password reset)
- Customer account/access information
- eCommerce (purchases/shopping cart)
- Access to bundled services
- Department communications
- Advertising

The Department is currently developing a working prototype as presented and is on schedule for a release January 2015.

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6. Request to Approve Out-of-Cycle Proposed Rulemaking for a Membership Program Tag Surrender, Tag Transfer, Bonus Point Reinstatement, and Issuance and Use of Tags.

Presenter: Jennifer Stewart, Rules and Risk Branch Chief

Ms. Stewart briefed the Commission on a Notice of Docket Opening and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Amending Rules within Article 1 addressing definitions and general provisions,

Article 3 addressing the taking and handling of wildlife, and Article 6 addressing rules of practice before the Commission. The Department proposes the following rule amendments:

R12-4-101. Definitions: Establish a definition for "proof of purchase" to clarify what is needed to establish proof of purchase. The change will also enable the Department to offer tags online when future electronic capabilities are available.

R12-4-107. Bonus Point System: Enable the Department to reinstate forfeited bonus points when a person donates an original, unused hunt permit-tag to a qualified non-profit organization and has an active and valid membership in the Department's membership program.

R12-4-114. Issuance of Nonpermit-tags and Hunt Permit-tags: Remove descriptive language relating to tag features to increase the Department's flexibility in procuring permit- and nonpermit-tags and enable the Department to offer tags online when future electronic capabilities are available.

R12-4-118. Tag Surrender: Establish tag surrender options available through a membership program; Enable the Department to restore bonus points forfeited for the surrendered tag and award any bonus points a member of the Department program would have accrued had the person been unsuccessful in the computer draw for the surrendered tag; Allow the Department to re-issue or destroy the surrendered tag; Establish methods for reissuing a surrendered tag.

R12-4-121. Big Game Permit or Tag Transfer: Enable the Department to restore bonus points forfeited for the donated tag and award any bonus points a member of the Department program would have accrued had the person been unsuccessful in the computer draw for the donated tag when the person transfers their tag to an eligible organization.

R12-4-302. Use of Tags: Remove descriptive language relating to the manner in which the tag is attached to enable the Department to offer tags online when future electronic capabilities are available.

R12-4-611. Petition for Hearing Before the Commission When No Remedy is Provided in Statute, Rule, or Policy: Prohibit persons from petitioning the Commission for reinstatement of any forfeited bonus points, except as currently authorized under R12-4-107.

If approved by the Commission and in accordance with the exemption authorized under item #4 of Executive Order 2012-03 State Regulatory Review, Moratorium and Streamlining to Promote Job Creation and Retention, the Department will submit this rulemaking to the Secretary of State's office for publication in the *Arizona Administrative Register*. The Department will accept public comment for 30 days after the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is published. Once the public comment period has passed, the Department will present Final Rulemaking to the Commission at the August meeting for their consideration.

Motion: Davis moved and Mansell seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE OUT-OF-CYCLE NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AMENDING RULES WITHIN ARTICLE 1 ADDRESSING DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE 3 ADDRESSING

THE TAKING AND HANDLING OF WILDLIFE, AND ARTICLE 6 ADDRESSING RULES OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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Meeting recessed for a break at 9:10 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

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7. Request to Approve Proposed Rulemaking Amending Article 2 Rules Addressing Licenses, Permits, Stamps, and Tags.

Presenter: Johnathan O'Dell, WMGM Small Game Biologist

Mr. O'Dell presented the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation and request to approve a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Economic Impact Statement amending rules within Article 2, addressing licenses, permits, stamps, and tags. The Department proposes to amend rules within Article 2 rules, governing licenses, permits, tags, and stamps issued by the Department, to enact amendments developed during the preceding Five-year Review Report approved by the Commission at the September 2013 meeting and by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council at their December 2013 meeting. In addition to nonsubstantive amendments made to ensure compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Secretary of State, and Governor's Regulatory Review Council; the Department proposes the following rule amendments:

R12-4-201. Pioneer License and R12-4-202. Disabled Veteran's License

- Clarify license requirements
- Clarify licenses (originals and duplicates) are complimentary (no-fee) lifetime license
- Clarify the duplicate paper license is also complimentary.

R12-4-208. Guide License

- Increase consistency between Title 17/Article 2 rules by citing definition of aquatic wildlife
- Clarify the guide license holder is responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements
- Incorporate questions regarding off-highway vehicle laws into the guide license exam
- Require acceptable proof of identity to ensure the person taking the exam is the applicant
- Allow an applicant who failed an exam to retake it again on the same day or as otherwise agreed upon to ease the burden on the Department and the applicant
- Require an applicant who failed the exam twice on the same day to wait at least seven calendar days before retaking the exam to ease the burden on the Department and allow the applicant time to study for the exam
- Allow the Department to deny a guide license to an applicant who provided false information on the annual report within the previous three years immediately preceding application to ensure consistency between the guide rule and A.R.S. § 17-340
- Clarify date of receipt for guide license applications and guide reports.

R12-4-216. Crossbow Permit

- Define "healthcare provider" and clarify who may complete the Physician's Certification portion of the crossbow permit application to ease the burden on the Department and the applicant. These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Allow a person who possesses a valid CHAMP to qualify for a permanent crossbow permit without having to obtain the medical certification. These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Establish a temporary crossbow permit for applicants who are temporarily disabled to reduce the regulatory burden on the applicant. These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Expand the list of qualifying medical conditions. These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Clarify the crossbow permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement and that the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation.

R12-4-217. Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP)

- Define "healthcare provider" and clarify who may complete the Physician's Certification portion of the crossbow permit application to ease the burden on the Department and the applicant. These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Expand the list of qualifying medical conditions by defining "severe permanent disability." These changes are in response to customer comments received by the Department
- Clarify the CHAMP holder is responsible for compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements and the permit does not exempt the permit holder from any other applicable method of take or licensing requirement and is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the medical documentation.

If approved by the Commission and in accordance with the exemption authorized under item #4 of Executive Order 2012-03 State Regulatory Review, Moratorium and Streamlining to Promote Job Creation and Retention, the Department will submit this rulemaking to the Secretary of State's office for publication in the *Arizona Administrative Register*. The Department will accept public comment for 30 days after the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is published. Once the public comment period has passed, the Department will present Final Rulemaking to the Commission for their consideration.

Motion: Madden moved and Mansell seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE NOTICE OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING, NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT AMENDING RULES WITHIN ARTICLE 2, ADDRESSING LICENSES; PERMITS; STAMPS; TAGS.

Vote: Unanimous

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8. Rulemaking Recommendations for Article 4 Live Wildlife.

Presenter: Pat Crouch, FOR6 Field Supervisor

Mr. Crouch provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing recommendations for proposed amendments to rules within Article 4, which address live wildlife. The recommendations are the result of amendments proposed in the most recent Article 4 Five-year Review Report (approved by the Commission on September 6, 2013 and by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council on December 3, 2013), and amendments proposed by the Article 4 rulemaking team. The team's recommendations include amendments intended to address:

- Responsibility for costs related to the possession/handling of the wildlife
- Use of reptiles or amphibians for aversion training
- Restricted live wildlife
- Special licenses
- Special licenses application requirements
- Special licenses reporting requirements
- Cervids
- Possession of non-human primates.

This presentation was for informational purposes and to garner input and direction from the Commission. Any direction provided will be incorporated into a proposed rulemaking package for Commission approval at a future Commission meeting. The presentation included the following proposed rule amendments:

Update & Housekeeping Proposed Changes

- Definitions were added or modified to improve clarity and utilize current terminology
- Referenced laws, rules, and taxonomic information were updated for consistency
- Several rules were consolidated for clarity of purpose and to increase efficient administration of licenses
- Replace "designated employee" with "Dept." to allow flexibility of personnel addressing license issues.

R-12-4-402. Live Wildlife: Unlawful Acts

- Establish the Dept.'s authority to euthanize acquired/seized wildlife to provide a mechanism to dispose of said wildlife
- Establish the person possessing the wildlife is responsible for all costs related to the possession/handling of the wildlife.

R12-4-403. Escaped or Released Live Wildlife

- Clarify no person may release wildlife unless authorized by the Dept. to protect wildlife habitat and public safety, health, welfare, and property
- Establish the person possessing the wildlife is responsible for all costs related to the possession and handling of wildlife.

R12-4-404. Possession of live wildlife taken under a hunting/fishing license

- Replace “personal use” with “noncommercial use” as "personal use" is an ambiguous term
- Clarify where/how temporarily taken wildlife may be released to reduce the likelihood of the transmission of wildlife disease
- Allow the use of reptiles/amphibians for aversion training as this activity is currently allowed, but is not addressed in rule.

R12-4-406. Restricted Live Wildlife

- Indicate that threatened/endangered species and all transgenic wildlife are restricted live wildlife
- Incorporate the online taxonomic authority as the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS) is nationally recognized and easily accessed
- Remove hedgehogs from the restricted live wildlife list to allow their use as pets
- Expand “restricted primates” to include all non-human primates to improve the Dept.’s ability to regulate the importation and personal possession of primates
- Improve consistency between federal and state rules by listing all MBTA birds as restricted live wildlife
- Include the red shiner, paddlefish, sturgeon, certain tilapia spp., Chinese mystery snail, and false dark mussel as restricted live wildlife as they pose a significant threat to native fishes when establishing themselves in native waters
- Add wildlife species listed in Director’s Order #1 by inclusion.

R12-4-407. Exemptions from Special License Requirements for Restricted Live Wildlife

- Allow the use of wildlife for commercial photography provided public health and safety are protected
- Revise falconry license exemption to include R12-4-422 language to increase consistency between Article 4 rules
- Incorporate the most recent version of the Animal Welfare Act.

R12-4-409. General Provisions and Penalties for Special Licenses

- Clarify a special license does not exempt the license holder from complying with all applicable city, county, state, and federal codes, ordinances, rules, laws, and regulations
- Expand the Dept.'s ability to deny a special license to an applicant convicted of illegally holding/possessing wildlife from 3 to 5 years to increase consistency between Commission rules
- Expand the Dept.’s ability to deny a special license to include an applicant who’s hunting, fishing, or trapping license is currently revoked.

R12-4-413. Private Game Farm License

- Clarify language regarding propagation as it may be misinterpreted as preventing the possession of domestic animals with captive game animals. This improves clarity without compromising the intent of the rule
- Clarify the allowable locations for a Northern Bobwhite Private Game Farm License as this non-native quail poses a threat to an endangered native bird if were to escape or is released.

R12-4-414. Game Bird License

- Combine R12-4-414, R12-4-415, R12-4-416, and R12-4-419 into one rule to provide one point of reference for all requirements related to the handling of pen-reared game birds
- Replace the term “wildlife” with “game birds” to clarify the license authorizes the use of game birds, only.

R12-4-417. Wildlife Holding License

- Clarify activities authorized under this rule
- Allow the issuance of a wildlife holding license for photography to broaden the scope of the rule
- Clarify the rule applies to the transportation and shipment of live wildlife
- Clarify the educational component of the wildlife holding license
- Allow the applicant to submit a certification issued by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee using an agreed- upon national standard similar to those described under R12-4-428
- Allow an agent to assist the license holder to increase consistency between rules within Article 4.

R12-4-418. Scientific Collecting Permit

- Allow the applicant to submit a certification issued by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee using a national standard similar to those described under R12-4-428
- Allow the Dept. to determine where license activities can take place
- Clarify methods of take to be used by the scientific collecting license holder
- Expand the requirement that the license holder dispose of wildlife as directed by the Dept. to include wildlife parts and offspring of wildlife held under the license.

R12-4-420. Zoo License

- Restrict the disposition of restricted live wildlife from zoos to a private game farm in an effort to protect wildlife resources and prevent unregulated commercial breeding of wildlife
- Allow the transfer of wildlife held under a zoo license to appropriately licensed facilities or persons in other states to provide the Dept. with greater flexibility
- Clarify Dept. authorization is required prior to acquisition only when adding a new species of restricted wildlife not previously held under that license
- Requiring zoo license holders to comply with R12-4-426.

R12-4-422. Sport Falconry License

- Reference the definition of “resident” under A.R.S. § 17-101 to increase consistency between Title 17 and Commission rules
- Clarify when a license holder may capture an adult raptor
- Require the license holder to remove “any other falconry equipment” prior to releasing a raptor
- Clarify that a raptor may only be transferred to a person who possesses an appropriate license
- Prohibit the transfer of permit-tag, non-permit-tag, and quota-regulated raptor species to out-of-state falconers within 1 year of capture.

R12-4-423. Wildlife Rehabilitation License

- Clarify the purpose of the wildlife rehabilitation license

- Add “turkey” and “small game mammals” to the list of wildlife that may be possessed/rehabilitated
- Allow a license holder to dispose of bird remains by transferring them to a USFWS feather repository
- Clarify all expenses incurred under this license are the responsibility of the rehabilitation license holder
- Remove option for applicant to use Dept. wildlife center as health treatment provider as medical care should be provided by a licensed veterinarian instead of wildlife center staff
- Remove donations language as it may imply the Dept. is the regulatory body for monetary collections. This is not the Dept.’s role.

R12-4-425. Restricted Live Wildlife Lawfully Possessed without License or Permit Before the Effective Date of Article 4 or Any Subsequent Amendments

- Require a person to include the specific wildlife to be possessed on the notification
- Restrict propagation of live wildlife lawfully possessed under this rule
- Require a person to permanently mark wildlife possessed under this rule
- Specify the transfer of wildlife held under this rule will nullify the exemption
- Remove language implying that offspring are also exempt since propagation is no longer allowed under this section
- Require a person to report any previous offspring in order to exempt offspring from the requirements of this Article.

R12-4-426. Possession of Primates

- Restrict the possession of primates to zoo license holders, research facilities, and persons exempt under R12-4-425
- Allow a zoo license holder or research facility to use quarantine and testing procedures recommended by the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians and Centers for Disease Control as the recommended procedures are more stringent than the rule
- Require persons to comply with R12-4-428 to ensure the animal’s health and social needs are met.

R12-4-430. Importation, Handling and Possession of Cervids

- Clarify the cervid species covered by the rule
- Reference R12-4-305, which establishes the requirements for transporting cervid carcasses or its parts from a private game farm
- Expand disease testing options to reduce the Dept.'s and regulated community's burden and costs
- Clarify disease testing requirements
- Clarify recordkeeping requirements.

Desert Tortoise Propagation

The Team has been directed to conduct an analysis of the impacts of captive desert tortoise propagation. Preliminarily:

- There is an overabundance of unwanted captive desert tortoises available for adoption, many of which are captive hatchlings
- Captive tortoises and hatchlings cannot be released into the wild

- The Dept. does not have a rule amendment recommendation regarding this issue at this time, but is currently working on a full analysis.

Rulemaking timeline:

- Recommendations presented to Commission - May 2014
- Commission approves Draft Rules – June 2014
- Public comment period - June/August 2014
- Commission approves Final Rules – December 2014
- GRRC approves Rules – February 2015
- Rules effective – No earlier than April 2015

Commissioner Davis requested that the language in R12-4-426 be written in a way that allows for Commission and Department flexibility and does not lock the State into federal policies and processes that are subject to change.

Director Voyles stated that the Department will do the analytics and determine whether or not there is a mechanism whereby the Department may exert a different regulatory structure, as well as related non-governmental structures and standards.

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9. Briefing on Research Branch activities and projects

Presenter: Esther Rubin, Research Branch Chief

Dr. Rubin provided a PowerPoint presentation and update on Research Branch projects and activities. In May 2013, the Commission was briefed on the Department's process for identifying programmatic management information needs, and the subsequent identification of several new research projects to address these needs. This was an informational presentation and update on current research projects and activities being conducted in continued support of programmatic needs. The presentation included the following:

Research Branch Mission: To conduct robust research and provide scientific expertise to inform and support the sound management and professional stewardship of Arizona's fish and wildlife resources, and to ensure the credibility of the Department's science.

Research Branch Objectives:

- Research: Provide data and expertise to address the Department's management information needs
- Information Transfer: Transfer research, scientific, and wildlife health information
- Partnerships: Build and maintain partnerships with external experts
- Capacity Building: Maintain staff expertise, develop new techniques, and obtain additional funding
- Wildlife Health: Serve as Department's wildlife health experts.

Funding sources utilized by the Research Branch include: Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson); Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Dingle-Johnson); and Grants and

Contracts (e.g. USFWS Landscape Conservation Collaborative Program, University of California, Davis, US Bureau of Reclamation, and USGS).

The Research Branch manages the following three major programs, Terrestrial Research, Aquatic Research and Wildlife Health.

Current Terrestrial Research Program projects include:

- Elk Survey Methods (Evaluate methods for estimating elk abundance; Provide comparison of accuracy, precision, and cost)
- Bighorn Sheep Predation (Examine factors that put bighorn sheep at risk of mortality; Habitat selection in relation to risk; Lion social structure and space use; Lion prey composition; Quantitative evaluation of factors influencing bighorn sheep population persistence)
- Factors Influencing Aspen (Examine the biotic and abiotic factors influencing aspen viability; A longitudinal and cross-sectional study)
- Forest Restoration (Evaluate effects of forest treatment alternatives on wildlife; Small mammals and birds)
- Kaibab Mule Deer (Evaluate seasonal movement and habitat use/selection by mule deer)
- Cheatgrass (Test and develop methods to reverse and/or control cheatgrass invasion).

Current Aquatic Research Program projects include:

- Colorado River Mainstem (Annual native and nonnative fish monitoring of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon)
- Lees Ferry Monitoring (Rainbow trout monitoring)
- Little Colorado Humpback Chub (Surveys of the lower 1200 meters of the Little Colorado River to assess the humpback chub population)
- Predator Avoidance (Train native fish to recognize and avoid predators to reduce stocking mortalities attributed to predation; Test if frequency of training improves post-stocking survival; Determine if fish retain training)
- CAP Native Fish Project (Improve techniques for propagating spikedeace and loach minnow; Provide refuge populations)
- Cameras and Trout Survival/Movement (Evaluate cameras as alternative to creel surveys; Evaluate stocking densities; Examine movement and survival of stocked Apache and rainbow trout; Evaluate potential for interaction of trout with Gila app)
- Environmental DNA (eDNA) (Evaluate use of eDNA as alternative to electrofishing and gill netting).

Current Wildlife Health Program activities and projects include:

- Mortality surveillance (167 cases investigated to date this year)
- Captures/Transplants (Bighorn sheep, American pronghorn, Sonoran pronghorn)
- Chronic Wasting Disease (1372 samples this year; 59% from high risk areas)
- Rabies (Skunks in Santa Cruz and Pima counties; Coordinated multi-partner response)
- Avian Health (Examine potential impacts of Pigeon paramyxovirus 1 and Trichomonas gallinae on mourning and white-winged doves)
- Wildlife and Agriculture (Evaluate E. Coli and Salmonella in wildlife species associated with fresh vegetable production in Yuma)

- Bighorn Sheep Disease and Demographics (Explore potential relationships between disease profiles and demographic patterns)
- Pronghorn Population Health (Identification of pathogens of pronghorn populations).

Future Direction and Challenges:

- Future research priorities will be by programs
- Challenges: Lack of personnel and funding, and addressing management information needs within meaningful timeframes.

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10. Page Springs Cellars and Vineyards Encroachment at the Page Springs Hatchery

Presenter: Dr. Joyce M. Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

Dr. Francis briefed the Commission on the Department's request to dispose of approximately 0.65 acres to Page Springs Cellars and Vineyards (Vineyards) at the Page Springs Hatchery. In 2011, the Department commissioned a boundary survey of the Page Springs Hatchery and discovered the Vineyards constructed an addition to a storage space and office that according to the survey was encroaching on Hatchery property by approximately 500 square feet and an approximately 4,500 square foot parking lot. The Vineyards acknowledges the encroachment and would like to purchase approximately 0.65 acres to allow the building to remain in place and resolve the parking lot encroachment. The Vineyards is prepared to pay all due diligence costs including two appraisals, appraisal review, cultural resource survey, and public notice along with payment of the estimated fair market value of \$20,000 to \$25,000 (\$45,000/acre) for the parcel. The Vineyard has also agreed to reimburse the Department for any other expenses related to the disposal including staff time. Since the Hatchery was included in the Department's Federal Aid Program in 1993, an Environmental Assessment (EA) would need to be completed and the exchange approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). USFWS and Department staff would draft the EA.

This briefing was a follow up to the April 11-12, 2014 Commission meeting. At the April meeting, the Commission requested that the Department look into some potential options. One of those options was to see if the Vineyards may have any riparian property or quality habitat to trade. Dr. Francis reported that they did not have any riparian or quality habitat property to trade. Another potential option was to investigate exchanging only the property that the building was trespassing on, in which case the Department would maintain ownership of the parking lot area and possibly rent that to the Vineyards. This is doable, but will place a large administrative burden on the Lands and Water Acquisition program for a very nominal amount of income. A third option is to sell approximately 0.65 acres to the Vineyards.

Commissioner Mansell stated that he will not support a motion to sell the property. Doing anything other than asking the Vineyards to remove the encroachment is the same as rewarding them. Selling the property is not something that the Commission wanted to do, but is now considering it because of the encroachment. Commissioner Mansell stated that he will not support a motion to sell the property, but may support renting it.

Motion: Ammons moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 0.65 ACRES TO PAGE SPRINGS

CELLARS AND VINEYARDS AT THE PAGE SPRINGS HATCHERY, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Chairman Harris stated that he will support the motion, but noted that this is not going to set a precedent for people in the future to encroach on the Department and then come to the Commission at a later date to propose that the Commission sell them the property.

Vote: Aye – Harris, Madden, Ammons
Nay - Mansell, Davis
Passed 3 to 2

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11. Up the Creek Grill Encroachment at the Page Springs Hatchery

Presenter: Dr. Joyce M. Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

Dr. Francis provided a PowerPoint presentation that included maps, photos and historical information on the Up the Creek Grill at the Page Springs Hatchery. A 1990 Department commissioned survey determined that a portion of the Page Springs Restaurant, now known as Up the Creek Grill, encroached upon Page Springs Hatchery land. The Department took no action at that time. A portion of the restaurant, the parking area, and the leach field are on Commission-owned property. In addition, patrons of the restaurant often park on the south side of Page Springs Road and walk across the road to access the restaurant. The current owners purchased the restaurant in January 2012. On June 22, 2012, the Commission approved the Department entering into an interim license agreement and to proceed with disposal of 0.32 acres of the Page Springs Hatchery to the Page Springs Restaurant, now known as Up the Creek Grill.

The owners have requested the Department cost share on a 50/50 basis the due diligence costs associated with the disposal. The due diligence costs include two appraisals, appraisal review, cultural resource survey, and public notice. The estimated total cost for due diligence is \$21,100. Since the Hatchery was included in our Federal Aid Program in 1993, an Environmental Assessment must be completed and the exchange approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). USFWS and Department staff will draft the EA. The estimated fair market value of the property is \$14,500 (\$45,000/acre) for the parcel.

Public Comment

Greg Koss, owner of Up the Creek Grill, addressed the Commission on behalf of his request. He stated that three surveys have been done and they are all different. This issue has been around for a long time and was never corrected. Prior to purchasing the property two years ago, there were discussions that sharing the costs for this kind of situation was customary.

Commissioner Mansell stated that fixing the problem was to the benefit of Mr. Koss and not to the benefit of the Commission, and therefore the costs should be paid by Mr. Koss.

Commissioner Harris requested more information from Dr. Francis on the surveys and whether or not they are in conflict.

The Commission was in consensus that the Department bring this back for discussion at the next regular Commission meeting.

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Meeting recessed for a break at 10:40 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

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12. Memorandum of Understanding with the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance for Cooperative Activities.

Presenter: Brian F. Wakeling, Game Branch Chief

Mr. Wakeling briefed the Commission on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow the Department to cooperate with the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance on projects for public information and wildlife habitat enhancement. The Department and the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (AVCA) agree to work cooperatively where mutually beneficial to meet common objectives for public information and wildlife management and habitat enhancement. This MOU provides a framework for the relationship with regard to future activities. AVCA is a 501(c)(3) organization that wishes to develop a formal agreement with the Department and Commission through this MOU.

The Commission was in consensus to place this on the consent agenda for the June Commission meeting.

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13. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of Verde River Greenway

Presenter: Tom Finley, Kingman Regional Supervisor

Mr. Finley briefed the Commission on an MOU that will allow the Department to collaborate with Friends of Verde River Greenway (FVRG) in support of normal wildlife and habitat management projects and property maintenance of the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area. The Department has a need for a labor force and/or intern program to support its normal wildlife and habitat management projects, and property maintenance of the Upper Verde River Wildlife Area. The FVRG, an affiliate of Arizona State Parks Foundation, is a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve, enhance and promote the scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources of the Verde River Greenway corridor. Through direct, hands-on service, FVRG work crew members implement projects for state and federal land management and conservation agencies. Over recent years, FVRG has developed a program with a proven track record of meeting land management agencies' resource management needs in a cost effective and professional manner. Both the Department and FVRG derive mutual benefit from the enhancement of environmental and recreational resources and opportunities on lands within the state of Arizona.

The Commission was in consensus to place this MOU on the consent agenda for the June Commission meeting.

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14. License Agreement with Triskee Farms at Quigley Wildlife Area

Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor

Mr. Barber provided a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed License Agreement with Triskee Farms LLC for the purpose of planting and harvesting crops on the Quigley Wildlife Area. The Department's Region IV would like to authorize Triskee Farms LLC to grow and harvest not more than 113 acres of commercial crops on the Quigley Wildlife Area. Crops to be grown will consist of Bermuda grass and alfalfa. Triskee Farms LLC will use the Commission's surface water right and existing water delivery system. In return for this approval, Triskee Farms LLC shall fix and maintain the Department's water delivery infrastructure, including canals, ditches, inlet/outlets, drains and valves. They will also plant 12-foot borders of wildlife food crops around the perimeter of each commercial crop and leave this in the ground for wildlife use. Also, Triskee Farms LLC will clear a 13-acre plot of mostly salt cedar and recover the soil to agricultural quality. Triskee Farms LLC will also grow harvest and store 2,000 bales of alfalfa for Department use with the Pronghorn antelope project. The agreement will be for 10 years. There are no operation and maintenance funds identified to accomplish this amount of upgrade and maintenance at the facility without this type of an arrangement.

Motion: Davis moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TRISKEE FARMS LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANTING AND HARVESTING CROPS ON THE QUIGLEY WILDLIFE AREA AS RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Vote: Unanimous

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15. FY 16 Proposed Budget & FY 15 Modification

Presenter: Lizette Morgan, CFO, Business & Finance

Ms. Morgan provided a PowerPoint presentation on the fiscal year 2016 draft budget and proposed modifications to the fiscal year 2015 budget. The Commission was provided with a booklet of detailed information on the Department funding sources, including appropriated funds, non-appropriated funds, revenue based non-appropriated funds, a Department budget summary, Department budget requests, and a request to expend previously unspent balances. The final budget will be presented to the Commission for approval at the June Commission meeting. Prior to that meeting, Ms. Morgan will meet with each Commissioner individually to discuss and answer any questions they may have.

Commissioner Mansell requested an overview of sport fishing and Department efforts as it relates to the budget, which was identified in March 2013 as one of the Commission’s number one priorities.

Commissioner Davis requested the sport fishing overview to be provided at the June Commission meeting.

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16. Commission Policy on Engagement at the Regional and National Level

Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director

Mr. Gray presented the Commission with a new Commission Policy ensuring the Commission and Department’s engagement, including leadership and involvement in conservation issues, at regional and national levels, to preserve Arizona’s status as the nation’s leading wildlife agency and conservation leader, and ensuring Arizona’s interests are fully protected and represented. This policy is in response to direction given by the Commission at the April 2014 meeting.

The Commission was in consensus to place this on the consent agenda for the June Commission meeting.

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

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20. Executive Session

The Commission voted to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussion and consultation with legal counsel.

Motion: Madden moved and Harris seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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17. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife

Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief

Record of these proceedings is maintained in a separate minutes book in the Director’s Office.

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18. Rehearing Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment

Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief

On April 11, 2014, the Commission revoked Mario D. Barragan's hunting, fishing and trapping license for a period of ten years, imposed a civil assessment of \$3,000.00 and required the completion of a hunter education course prior to obtaining another license to take wildlife in the state. Mr. Barragan was not present for the hearing and shortly after the hearing had concluded the Department learned that Mr. Barragan had submitted a letter to the Commission that was not introduced during the hearing. As a result, the Department has requested a rehearing to allow the Commission to review and consider the letter. Mr. Barragan was notified of the hearing by certified mail. The Commission was provided with all pertinent documents related to this case.

Motion: Davis moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO DENY THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR A REHEARING.

Vote: Aye - Harris, Davis, Madden, Ammons
Nay - Mansell
Passed 4 to 1

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Meeting recessed for lunch at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

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19. Petition by Michael Sisk to reinstate his bonus points. His petition states that a cache issue caused an inquiry of the results to show him as unsuccessful and he received his tag two weeks after the season began.

Presenter: Lizette Morgan, CFO, Business & Finance

Ms. Morgan briefed the Commission on a petition by Dr. Michael Sisk to reinstate his bonus points. Dr. Sisk's petition states that a cache issue caused an inquiry of the results to show him as unsuccessful and he received his tag two weeks after the season began. Dr. Sisk applied for hunt 1184, archery deer in Unit 13A for August 23-September 12, 2013. On July 18, 2013, results were posted and his friend checked online and told him that the system indicated he was not drawn. According to Dr. Sisk he received a tag in the mail two weeks after the archery season had begun. When he spoke to Department staff, they confirmed that he had been drawn and that what likely occurred was a cache issue. The issue occurred when users of the online system used the "back" button on the web browser instead of clicking "done" when checking results. The result was that the new hunters name would populate, but with the previous hunters results information. The Department mailed the tags on the posted deadline of August 9, 2013 and Dr. Sisk's was sent to his correct address.

Dr. Sisk and his friend, Erik Swanson, were present and addressed the Commission on behalf of Dr. Sisk's request.

The Commission discussed the issue with Department staff and determined that this was likely a Department error.

Motion: Harris moved and Davis seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO REINSTATE THE BONUS POINTS OF DR. MICHAEL SISK BECAUSE THEY HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE ISSUE WAS A DEPARTMENT ERROR.

Vote: Aye – Harris, Davis, Madden, Ammons
Nay - Mansell
Passed 4 to 1

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Motion: Madden moved and Harris seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Vote: Unanimous

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21. Litigation Report

There were no comments or questions on the Litigation Report (attached).

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22. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes

Motion: Madden moved and Ammons seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 11-12, 2014.

Vote: Unanimous

The Commission signed the minutes following approval.

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23. Director’s and Chairman’s Reports

The Commission was in consensus to waive the Director’s and Chairman’s reports.

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24. Commissioners' Reports

The Commission was in consensus to waive the Commissioner's reports.

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Meeting recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

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Chairman Harris called the meeting back to order and led those present through the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions. Chairman Harris announced that this is an informal meeting for presentations and discussions with regional staff and the public. The Commission decided about a year ago to take Commission meetings back on the road for the purpose of interacting with the community and to learn about matters in each region.

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1. Prescott Community Forum

Presenter: Tom Finley, Kingman Regional Supervisor

Mr. Finley facilitated an informal forum and discussion of current and future matters involving the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Prescott community. The community forum included presentations from five outside agencies/organizations on the partnerships developed with Arizona Game and Fish with a focus on the Prescott-Prescott Valley area. Topics presented and discussed included the following:

- City of Prescott – Fishing and Prescott Great Outdoors presented by Eric Smith with the City of Prescott Parks and Recreation. The presentation included partnerships, events and collaborative efforts at Wilson, Watson and Goldwater lakes, including Kids Fishing Days and potential future partnering.
- Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary – Collaboration on Nuisance/Injured Wildlife Calls presented by Pam McLaren. The presentation included collaboration efforts in wildlife rescue and triage, permanent placement efforts, sharing the education message, and a new Desert Tortoise adoption program.
- Prescott Audubon Society – Collaboration on Upper Verde River Wildlife Area being named an Important Bird Area (IBA) presented by Karen O'Neil. The presentation included an overview of Upper Verde River State Wildlife Area IBA and Aubrey Valley and Cliffs IBA, as well as historical and ongoing bird surveys and activities in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- Prescott National Forest – Large Scale Habitat Improvement Projects presented by Pete Gordon. The presentation included an overview of partnerships with the Arizona Game & Fish Region III, Mule Deer Foundation, Prescott Habitat Partnership Committee and

the Prescott National Forest Fire, Fuels, & Aviation Program, in a collaborative effort of fuel treatment projects relating to forest fires.

- Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office – Partnership Addressing Natural Resource Recreation and Community Service presented by Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher. The presentation included an overview of partnership and collaboration efforts with the Arizona Game and Fish Department as it relates to public land uses including hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, OHV use and watercraft recreation.

The Commission expressed their appreciation for the community members that participated in this forum and for the presentations. There were no additional topics raised or discussed.

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2. Future Agenda Items and Action Items

Deputy Director Ty Gray captured the following action and agenda items:

- Regarding Article 4 rulemaking, the Department will ensure that the rulemaking package does not lock the Department into any federal rules or non-governmental agency standards
- Regarding the budget, The Department will increase the appropriations request to reflect the projected increase in revenue due to the license simplification; the Department will bring back to the Commission information on what the Department is doing to meet the Commission’s sportfish priority; and will address the law enforcement equipment needs

Chairman Harris confirmed with Mr. Gray that the Department will bring back the topic of hunter orange for discussion at the June meeting.

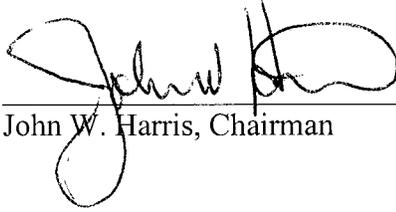
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Chairman Harris adjourned the meeting.

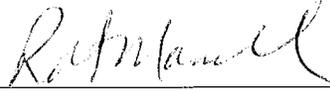
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Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

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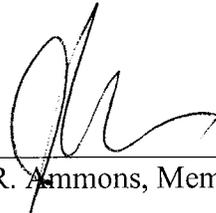
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Robert E. Mansell, Vice Chair

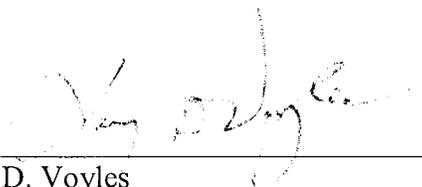
Kurt R. Davis, Member

Edward "Pat" Madden, Member



James R. Ammons, Member

ATTEST:



Larry D. Voyles
Secretary and Director