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TO: Larry D. Voyles, Director

FROM: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division

PRESENTER: Chantal O'Brien, Research Branch Chief

TITLE: Request for the Commission to approve a new Memorandum of Understanding with Westland Resources to cooperate on mutually beneficial wildlife projects.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Westland Resources that will allow for a mutually beneficial working relationship for the common purpose of developing wildlife research projects. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

DATE: April 12, 2010

Summary:

The Westland Resources has identified wildlife research and monitoring needs as an important component of wildlife resource projects within Arizona. Westland Resources has a need for wildlife expertise to work with engineers and planners to investigate wildlife resource projects.

The Department has the expertise and experience to help Westland Resources make informed decisions about wildlife resources. Therefore, matching the Department's expertise with Westland Resource's need under this Memorandum of Understanding will benefit wildlife by improving and expanding the information available for making wildlife resource decisions. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL ALLOW FOR A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP FOR THE COMMON PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING WILDLIFE RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR, AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AS APPROVED OR RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding