A2.27 Disposal of Exceptional Trophy Quality Heads, Hides, Horns, and Antlers

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Commission Position: The Arizona Game and Fish Commission recognizes the value of wildlife parts (heads, horns, antlers, hides, feet, skins, etc.) and associated assets, such as trophy quality heads that come into the Department's ownership through seizures, road kills, donations, and other means. To provide an equitable means to dispose of or retain this property, the Commission establishes a committee to be named the Wildlife Parts and Associated Assets Committee. This Committee will be composed of six members to include: No more than three representatives from Regions, a Game Branch representative, the Assistant Director of Field Operations, a Support Services Branch representative, and a Commissioner who will serve as chairman.

Objectives: The Committee will meet as needed to determine suitability of acquired wildlife parts for retention by the Department or disposal either through a special auction arranged through citizen wildlife organizations, a State or Department auction, or other A.D.O.A. approved methods. All items sold in this manner will have a minimum value placed upon them by the Committee. Those items submitted through this process will not be sold unless the minimum value is returned to the Department. Monies derived from this source will be deposited to the General Game and Fish Fund. Funds received through the program will be reported to the Law Branch Chief, who will prepare a budget request for equivalent amounts through the Department budget process for funding law enforcement activities.

A budget will be established in the Law Enforcement Branch to support mounting and preservation of the items identified for possible inclusion in this auction process. Proceeds deposited to the Policy A2.27 Donation Account may be used for these purposes.

Guidelines: All wildlife parts and associated assets obtained by the Department will be referred to the Committee for inclusion in a Wildlife Assets Inventory and consideration for disposal. Seized items that become Department property will be referred only after completion of all related investigations and actions by the courts. Items identified for sale will be identified to Department employees through notification in paycheck stuffers. Employees may submit requests to the Committee to retain any individual item for use in Department programs. Requests will include the name of the employee that will receive the item as inventory if a decision to retain is made. The Committee will make a final decision on whether the item will be retained for that program or made available for disposal.