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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA REVISION #1

February 4, 2014

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **February 7-8, 2014 at the Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 Boardroom, Building C, 2200 Havasupai Blvd., Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403,** as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting at http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml. On Friday only, members of the public may view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices via video teleconference. The Department's Headquarters will also be available for viewing this meeting via video teleconference on Friday only. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via video teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, February 7, 2014 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

2. **Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

   a. **Shooting Sports Activities Briefing. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports Branch Chief.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting sports including shooting programs and shooting range development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.

   b. **Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Activities Briefing**. **Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Assistant Director, Information, Education and Recreation Division.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information, Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs. The update covers activities and events that have

occurred since the last regular Commission meeting including the proposed Wildlife Center project.

c. **Law Enforcement Program Briefing. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will be updated on the activities and developments relating to the Department's Law Enforcement Program. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the last regular Commission meeting.

d. **Lands and Habitat Program Update. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Chief, Habitat Branch Chief.** The Commission will be provided an update on the latest developments since the last regular Commission meeting relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto.

e. **Proposed Project Sites and Restoration Concepts for the Department's In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program on Commissioned Owned Wildlife Areas. Presenter: Tim Wade, Chief, Wildlife Contracts Branch**. The Commission will be asked to consider, for approval, the proposed project sites to be included in the Department's In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program.

f. **Memorandum of Understanding with the Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief**. The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition on the implementation of the Verde River Cooperative Invasive Plant Management Plan.

3. **State and Federal Legislation**. **Presenter: Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.

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4. **Customer Portal Strategy. Presenter: Doug Cummings, Information Systems Branch Chief.** The Department will present an update on the development of the Customer Portal (website with Customer Login capabilities with improved customer access to information and products). The update will also include a discussion of potential services that could be provided through the Portal and challenges and opportunities for implementation.

5. **New Evolving Technologies Related to Hunting and Fair Chase. Presenter: Jim Hinkle, Assistant Director, Field Operations Division.** The Department will provide the Commission an update on some of the evolving new technologies and methods, such as smart guns and drones, as they relate to hunting and the concept of Fair Chase.

Agenda Items #6, #7 and #8 are first read items. The Commission may choose to take action on first read items as needed or may direct the Department to place first read items on the consent agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting.

6. **Request to Repeal Unnecessary Commission Policies That Are Outdated or Have Been Incorporated into Other Policies. Jennifer Stewart, Rules and Risk Branch Chief.** The Department will ask the Commission to approve recommendations to repeal the following Commission policies that are no longer necessary: A2.1. Appeals, Reports, and Public Hearings Relative to Relocation Assistance on Federal Aid Land Acquisition Programs; A2.10. Urban Wildlife; A2.14. Flood Control Program for the Middle Gila River 91st Avenue to Gillespie Dam; A2.17. Commission Position Statement on the Verde River; A2.23. Policy Statement on Heritage Fund Acquisitions of Sensitive Habitat for Endangered, Threatened and Candidate Species, as

Authorized Under the Provisions of A.R.S. § 17-298; A2.24. Department Five-Year Goals and Objectives; and A2.33. Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Expenditures.

7. **BASF Campground Fee Increase Request. Presenter: Jay Cook, Shooting Sports Branch Chief.** The Department will provide an update on campground fees at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility and request the Commission to approve the Department's proposal to increase campground fees at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.

8. **Briefing on the 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.** The Commission will be briefed on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife 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

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

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TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM
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10. **Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

Name	Docket #	Count	Conviction
Nathaniel J. Shaff	2013-0063	Count A:	Discharge Firearm W/I ¼ Mile of Residence While Hunting
		Count B:	Take Wildlife With Aid of Motor Vehicle
Nathaniel J. Shaff	2013-0064	Count A:	Take Wildlife Wrong Unit
David B. Clark	2014-0001	Count A:	Obtain 2012 Resident Hunting License by Misrepresentation
Larry R. Dowty	2014-0004	Count A:	**Citation: 230575** Fishing Without Valid License
Nathan D. Welsh	2014-0007	Count A:	**Citation: A11643** Apply for 2013 Resident Elk Tag by Misrepresentation
Kenneth A. Kelly	2014-0012	Count A:	Take Wildlife Without Valid Permit
Allen R. Husby	2014-0013	Count A:	**Citation: A08363** Obtain 2013 Resident License by Misrepresentation
		Count B:	Obtain 2013 Resident Tag by Misrepresentation
			Citation: A08364
		Count A:	Obtain 2012 Resident License by Misrepresentation
		Count B:	Obtain 2012 Resident Tag by Misrepresentation
			Citation: A08365
		Count A:	Obtain 2011 Resident License by Misrepresentation
		Count B:	Obtain 2011 Resident Tag by Misrepresentation

Citation: A08366
Count A: Obtain 2010 Resident License by Misrepresentation
Citation: A08367
Count A: Obtain 2010 Resident Tag by Misrepresentation

11. Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).

a. Litigation and Legal Counsel. The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wagner v. Personnel Board, LC2011-000683;* Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane, CIV 12-118; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service, CV 12-0817; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department*., 226 Ariz. 39 (2010).

b. Legal Counsel. The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice concerning the effect of court decisions on the Commission's previous license revocations.

c. Personnel Matters. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's performance. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.

12. Litigation Report. The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters*: In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wagner v. Personnel Board, LC2011-000683;* Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project NEPA; *WildEarth Guardians v. James Lane, CIV 12-118; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service, CV 12-08176.*

13. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes. The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from January 10-11, 2014.

14. Director's and Chairman's Reports. The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be for information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

15. Commissioners' Reports. The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be for information only. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

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Saturday, February 8, 2014, Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

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1. **Lake Havasu Community Forum. Presenter**: **Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** Regional staff and community residents and leaders will present an overview of ongoing collaborative work to the Commission and attendees, and then facilitate an open discussion for the

same. This item will be covered during an informal forum to allow for open discussion between participants during and after the individual presentations. Topics of discussion will include:

- Region IV North Sector Overview
- Lake Havasu and Recreational Boating
- Lake Havasu Branding Project
- Lake Havasu Fisheries Improvement Project
- OHV Trail System Planning
- Wrap-up

The Commission may provide the Department guidance or direction on matters covered in this open discussion for action at a future Commission meeting.

1. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Larry D. Voyles
Director

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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