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National News:

- Dec. 10-13 National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses 3rd Annual Sportsman-Legislator Summit Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. – Tony Guiles, AGFD Legislative Liaison is privileged to attend. An update will be forth coming.
- A wrap up of the Congressional Session will be published soon.

Congressional Legislation

The Following Bills have not been acted on by Congress to date and will be dead once the new Congress (110th) takes office.

House Bills: 7
Senate Bills: 5
Total: 12

H.R.2720

Title: To further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to control salt cedar and Russian olive, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Pearce, Stevan [NM-2] (introduced 5/26/2005) Cosponsors (9)

Related Bills: S.177

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 109-320

House Reports: 109-341 Part 1

Game and Fish Provision(s): \$250,000 grant available

H.R.4761

Title: To provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Jindal, Bobby [LA-1] (introduced 2/15/2006) Cosponsors (114)

Related Bills: H.RES.897

Latest Major Action: Dead

House Reports: 109-531

Game and Fish Provision(s): Potential for Arizona related legislation. (Onshore mineral leases)

H.R.5136

Title: To establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities.

Sponsor: Rep Hall, Ralph M. [TX-4] (introduced 4/6/2006) Cosponsors (10)

Related Bills: S.2751

Latest Major Action: Dead

Game and Fish Provision(s): will improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities for the Arizona region, includes consultation with state government.

H.R.5180

Title: To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hayworth, J. D. [AZ-5] (introduced 4/25/2006) Cosponsors (7)

Related Bills: S.3841

Latest Major Action: Dead

Game and Fish Provision(s): Directly affects wildlife management for the LCR.

H.R.5386

Title: Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Taylor, Charles H. [NC-11] (introduced 5/15/2006) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: H.RES.818

Latest Major Action: Dead

Game and Fish Provision(s): several federal funds that the Department receives in match money.

H.R.5539

Title: To reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act.

Sponsor: Rep Pombo, Richard W. [CA-11] (introduced 6/7/2006) Cosponsors (6)

Latest Major Action: 10/15/2006 Became Public Law 109-322.

Game and Fish Provision(s): Grants and federal funding available to state agencies.

H.R.6061

Title: To establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States.

Sponsor: Rep King, Peter T. [NY-3] (introduced 9/13/2006) Cosponsors (42)

Latest Major Action: 10/15/2006 Signed by the President.

Game and Fish Provision(s): Significant impact to wildlife habitat and wildlife migration.

S.548

Title: A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

Sponsor: Sen Conrad, Kent [ND] (introduced 3/8/2005) Cosponsors (22)

Related Bills: H.R.1351

Latest Major Action: **Dead**

Game and Fish Provision(s): allow access to hunting/fishing

S.1496

Title: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 7/26/2005) Cosponsors (23)

Related Bills: H.R.1494

Latest Major Action: **Became Public Law No: 109-266**

Game and Fish Provision(s): Arizona possibly could sell these electronically in the future.

S.1926

Title: A bill to provide the Department of Justice the necessary authority to apprehend, prosecute, and convict individuals committing animal enterprise terror.

Sponsor: Sen Inhofe, James M. [OK] (introduced 10/27/2005) Cosponsors (4)

Related Bills: H.R.4239

Latest Major Action: **Dead**

Game and Fish Provision(s): Would apply to the state boundaries of Arizona. Enforced by the Federal Government?

S.3497

Title: A bill to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 6/13/2006) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: H.R.5016

Latest Major Action: **Dead (no action since 6/13/06)**

Game and Fish Provision(s): provides for transfer of land affecting wildlife and provides for *permanent legal public access* into the Coronado National Forest, Whetstone Mountains.

S.3711

Title: A bill to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Sen Domenici, Pete V. [NM] (introduced 7/20/2006) Cosponsors (14)

Latest Major Action: **Dead**

Game and Fish Provision(s): Possible affect on wildlife migrating from the Gulf of Mexico region.

S.3762

Title: A bill to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.

Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 7/28/2006) Cosponsors (1)

Related Bills: HR 5957

Latest Major Action: **Dead**

Game and Fish Provision(s): Conserves and allows access for future generations of hunters and anglers to enjoy Fossil Creek as well as protect native species programs in this area.

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