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Commissioner Woodhouse

Bills Supported by the Commission

The Following Bills are pending and are supported by the Game and Fish Commission:

- **HB 2443** *off-highway vehicles; user fee*

Senate Confirms Governors AGFD Nominees

PHOENIX – The Arizona State Senate on May 15 confirmed Robert “Robbie” Woodhouse from the Yuma area and Jennifer Martin from Phoenix as Arizona Game and Fish Commissioners.

Martin was appointed last year by Governor Janet Napolitano but the Senate did not act upon her confirmation at that time.

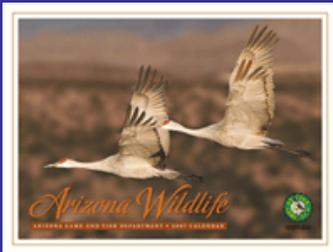
Woodhouse, from the Wellton-Mohawk Valley town of Roll, was appointed this year to replace Joseph Melton of Yuma, whose term on the Game and Fish Commission expired in January.

Woodhouse is a third-generation Arizonan and a third generation farmer. He is a lifelong sportsman who wants to give something back to the wildlife resources of this state. He is the owner of Casa de Lena Farms and president of the Woodhouse & Son Inc. Trucking Company.

Martin of Phoenix operates a technical writing business, and is experienced in the areas of strategic planning, project design and grant writing. She grew up in the foothills of Superstition Mountain, where she developed a strong interest in nature and wildlife.

Martin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Northern Arizona University and worked as a biologist in a

AGFD Photo Contest



variety of roles, which included coordination of a statewide bird conservation initiative and administration of a granting program for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Game and Fish Commissioners serve staggered five-year terms.

AGFD Photo Calendar Contest

You don't have to be a professional photographer to take great pictures of Arizona's wildlife. Phyllis Picardi of Mesa, best-in-show winner of last year's Arizona Game and Fish Department wildlife calendar photo contest, proved that with her stunning photo of sandhill cranes in flight. Now you have the opportunity to show your best wildlife photos, whether taken in your backyard or in scenic locations across the state. The Arizona Game and Fish Department is inviting everyone to participate in its 2008 calendar photo contest.

The competition, which runs through July 6, features the theme "Wildlife Being Wild!" Capture critters in their natural habitat eating, playing, sleeping, running, fighting and flying; the possibilities are endless.

The best-in-show winner will have his or her photo published on the cover of the department's 2008 wildlife calendar and will receive a cash prize of \$400. Twelve first-place photographs will also grace the pages of the calendar and receive \$250 each.

"We hope people will dig out their cameras and go visit the places where they enjoy the natural beauty and the vast array of wildlife of Arizona," said Game and Fish Arizona Wildlife Views magazine editor Heidi Hougham. "This contest will display the diverse and unique wildlife of the state while encouraging photographers to produce breathtaking pictures for all to enjoy."

When heading out to capture the spirit of the outdoors, Game and Fish is offering these helpful tips:

- Choose a focal point, and make all background scenery enhance it.
- Use a tripod.
- Follow the rule of thirds when framing the image in your viewfinder. Divide an image into three parts

OUI Wolf Pack



June Events



horizontally and vertically.

- Respect wildlife by viewing it from a safe distance. Do not interrupt its behavior, whether it is feeding or resting. Do not come between a parent and its offspring.
- Do not damage or remove any plant or habitat.
- Be patient—wait for the ideal shot.
- Use a faster shutter speed when photographing animals in motion, such as birds; Use a slower shutter speed when photographing moving water to create a softer image.

OUI Checkpoints taking place on Lake Pleasant this Weekend.

Interested in attending??? Call 602-789-3533

As part of an ongoing effort to make Arizona's waterways safer for everyone, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, will operate an Operating Under the Influence (OUI) checkpoint at Lake Pleasant this weekend to apprehend boat operators who are impaired by alcohol or drugs.

All boat operators passing through the checkpoint will be checked for alcohol impairment and to make sure their watercraft are equipped with proper safety gear, such as life jackets and working fire extinguishers.

State law prohibits the operation of a motorized watercraft with a blood alcohol level of .08 or above.

"The checkpoint is part of an ongoing effort to enforce the law, educate people and create a safer boating environment," says Kevin Bergersen, boating law administrator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

June Happenings

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2007

7:30 a.m.

Arboretum at Flagstaff Birdwalks

Find out why The Arboretum is such a great place for birdwatching on one of the Saturday Morning Birdwalks. Volunteer guides from the Audubon Society will help visitors to identify many migratory and resident species of birds that enjoy the pond and plant diversity in the gardens. Visit thearb.org for more information.

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7:00 p.m.

Predator Calling

The Phoenix Varmint Callers will hold its monthly meeting at 12851 North 19th Ave., Lodge #2, Phoenix, AZ. Learn about reloading with a predator-calling demonstration included. Public is welcome. For more information please visit our website pvc.org.



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