



WEEKLY REPORT

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W *Weekly Report* is published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Legislative and Government Affairs Division. While the state's Legislature is in session, Legislative staff provides a summary of bills that pertain to the Department, or that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to support or oppose, and a tracking list of bills that may have potential impacts to the state's wildlife and wildlife resources. The Legislative and Government Affairs staff also actively monitors and reports on Congressional Legislation with potential impacts to the Department, and those reports (Congressional Courant) are also available online at: http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/edits/legislative_update.shtml

Legislative News:

State Legislature

This week, bills continued to move through the process in both chambers. The legislature also passed and sent to the Governor two measures dealing with the definition of drugs and another with corporate tax allocations. This was also the last week for Committees to hold hearings on bills introduced in their respective chambers.

- On Monday, the Senate Natural Resources & Transportation Committee, on a voice vote, adopted Senator Griffin's hostile amendment ([PDF](#)) to the Department and Commission continuation bill [SB1300](#): **game and fish department; continuation** shortening the continuation from 10 to 5 years. The bill was then passed as amended (6-0) by the Committee. SB1300 extends the statutory life of the Department and Commission.
- The Committee also approved Sen. Shooter's friendly amendment ([PDF](#)) addressing technical issues to [SB1305](#): **game and fish omnibus act** and passed the bill as amended (5-0).
- On the House side, the Strike Everything Amendment ([PDF](#)) to [HB2457](#): **possession of weapons while hunting** was also approved in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee (8-0).
- On Wednesday, [SB1453](#): **applying aquatic poisons**, sponsored by Sen. Griffin passed (4-2) out of the Senate Water, Land Use and Rural Development Committee. This bill prohibits the application of rotenone or antimycin A to any body of water unless an impact analysis (Environmental Impact Statement) of risks is submitted to the Game and Fish Commission. The bill places costly, excessive and duplicative regulatory burdens on the Department when conducting native fish reintroduction projects necessary to comply with federal requirements for the Department's statewide sportfish stocking program.

- Both [HB2639: game and fish omnibus act](#) as amended ([PDF](#)) and [HB2322: watercraft; registration; fees](#) passed the House Rules Committee and were found to be constitutional and in proper form. Next, these measures will be debated on the House floor during Committee of the Whole.

Congress

- On Monday, President Obama sent Congress a \$3.8 trillion budget for the federal government.
- On Wednesday, [H.R.1904: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011](#) was heard by the House Natural Resources Committee. The hearing officially concerned the Department of Interior's proposed 2013 budget, but most lawmakers instead took turns Wednesday drilling Secretary Ken Salazar on issues from around the country, including one in southeast Arizona. Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Flagstaff, was one of them, using the House Natural Resources Committee hearing to ask Salazar why his department is opposing HR 1904, a bill that would clear the way for the proposed Resolution Copper Co. mine near Superior. The Resolution mine would create an estimated 3,700 jobs and have a \$61 billion impact on the state over the coming decades. But its location is considered sacred by nearby tribes. At a Senate hearing last week, the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona said the Resolution mine would not only destroy holy land but it would also contaminate surrounding water sources.

A Quick Reference to the Department's Monitored, Opposed, and Supported Legislation

To view the most current language please click the links below.

[MONITOR](#)

[OPPOSE](#)

[SUPPORT](#)

LEGEND

- Monitor – The Game and Fish Department is monitoring the progress of these measures, and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has not taken a position.
- Oppose – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

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Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

H2071: STATE PARKS; RESERVATION SURCHARGE FUND

Hearing: House Appropriations (Wednesday 02/22/12 at 10:00 AM, House Rm. 1)

H2332: HEALTHY FOREST ENTERPRISE INCENTIVES; EXTENSION

Hearing: House Appropriations (Wednesday 02/22/12 at 10:00 AM, House Rm. 1)

H2493: WATER RESOURCES DEPT; FUNDING

Hearing: House Appropriations (Wednesday 02/22/12 at 10:00 AM, House Rm. 1)

S1087: FIREARMS; STATE PREEMPTION

Hearing: House Judiciary (Thursday 02/23/12 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 4)

S1122: TAX REFUND CHECKOFF BOXES

Hearing: House Ways & Means (Monday 02/20/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)

S1135: GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS

Hearing: House Banking & Insurance (Monday 02/20/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 5)

S1153: CAPITAL OUTLAY STABILIZATION FUND; REPORT

Hearing: Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/21/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

S1193: PROPOSED RULES; ACCEPTABLE DATA

Hearing: House Commerce (Wednesday 02/22/12 at 10:00 AM, House Rm. 5)

S1204: TECH CORRECTION; TAXES; GAME; FISH

Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/20/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)

S1233: AGRICULTURAL TRUST FUNDS

Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/20/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)

S1422: WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS; FEES

Hearing: Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/21/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

S1488: FED MONIES; LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/20/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)

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