



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

During this week, the majority of bills we are tracking are close to being voted on, have been voted on or passed the chamber where they originated. Those that have not had a committee hearing are considered dead.

- Late Monday, on President's Day, the Legislature introduced its fiscal year 2012-2013 budget in each chamber (SB1523-SB1532 and HB2852-HB2861) and began Tuesday morning with 8am appropriations hearings. Although both chambers passed all bills out of their respective appropriations committees along party lines, these bills have a long road ahead given the Governor's request on Wednesday that her budget team halt talks with legislative aides until lawmakers address her concerns.
- Yesterday, the Department's [HB2322: watercraft; registration; fees](#) bill passed the House third read on a 59-0 vote and is now ready for the Senate. The only member not voting was former Rep. Richard Miranda who abruptly resigned last week from the Legislature, citing health problems and a desire to spend more time with his family.
- [HB2639: game and fish omnibus act](#) passed the House Committee of the Whole (COW) and was also third read passing the House 56-0.
- After being amended by Senator Griffin ([PDF](#)) to shorten the Department's continuation from 10 to 5 years, [SB1300: game and fish department; continuation](#) was deemed to be proper for consideration and is will next be discussed in the Committee of the Whole on the Senate floor.

Other Bills of interest that continue to advance through the legislative process include:

- [HB2640: hunting; firearm; magazine capacity](#) also passed the House third read on a 42-15 vote and now moves on to the Senate.

- [SB1453](#): **applying aquatic poisons**, sponsored by Sen. Griffin was approved by Senate Rules. 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 sportsfish stocking program.
- Strike Everything Amendment ([PDF](#)) to [HB2457](#): **possession of weapons while hunting** awaits approval from the House Rules Committee.
- [SB1521](#): **heritage fund; audit; hearing** received a do pass recommendation from the Senate COW and has been scheduled for a vote on Monday.
- [HB2728](#): **firearms; sound suppressors; hunting** has passed the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee and was found to be constitutional and in proper form by the Rules Committee.

Although no bill is ever truly dead until the legislature adjourns; the following measures have not received a committee hearing in their house of origin.

- HB2535: private possession of wildlife; permits
- HB2536: prohibit computer-assisted remote hunting
- HB2537: hunting endangered species; criminal penalty
- HB2538: game and fish appointment board
- HB2539: hunting at night; prohibited
- HB2072: sale of big game tags

Congress

- Congress has been on President's Day Recess the entire week.

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

H2130: DISEASE TESTING; PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES
Hearing: Senate Healthcare & Medical Liability Reform (Wednesday 02/29/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)

H2368: WORKERS' COMP; OMNIBUS
Calendar: [2/27 House COW](#)

H2376: COURT FEES; PAYMENT METHOD
Hearing: [House Rules](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

H2399: STATE AGENCY FEE COMMISSION
Calendar: [2/27 House COW](#)

H2410: PROCUREMENT; BRAND NAME; PROHIBITION
Hearing: [House Rules](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

H2493: WATER RESOURCES DEPT; FUNDING
Hearing: [House Rules](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

H2494: INTERSTATE COMPACT; FORESTS
Hearing: [Senate Border Security, Federalism & States' Sovereignty](#) (Thursday 03/01/12 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)

H2605: LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS; BITING
Hearing: [Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs](#) (Tuesday 02/28/12 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 3)

H2629: USE TAX; INDIVIDUALS; REPEAL
Calendar: [2/27 House COW](#)

H2664: CREDIT CARD AGREEMENTS
Hearing: [House Rules](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

H2676: GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; ATTORNEY FEES
Calendar: [2/27 House COW](#)

H2799: VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROG
Hearing: [House Rules](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

S1001: MILITARY PRESERVATION; LAND EXCHANGES
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Third Reading](#)

S1065: HOAS; DOGS; REGULATION
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Third Reading](#)

S1153: CAPITAL OUTLAY STABILIZATION FUND; REPORT
Calendar: [2/27 Senate COW](#)

S1204: SCHOOLS; PARENTAL INTERVENTION OPTIONS
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Third Reading](#)

S1415: PROPERTY STATUS STUDY; APPROP
Calendar: [2/27 Senate COW](#)

SCM1003: USFS; ADEQUATE FUNDING
Hearing: [House Energy & Natural Resources](#) (Monday 02/27/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)

SCM1008: MILITARY BASES; EXEMPTION FROM ESA
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Consent](#)

SCM1009: ROTENONE; EPA; DEREGISTRATION
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Consent](#)

SCR1001: MILITARY PRESERVATION; LAND EXCHANGES
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Third Reading](#)

SCR1031: STATEWIDE INITIATIVES; PERIODIC REAUTHORIZATION
Calendar: [2/27 Senate COW](#)
Calendar: [2/27 Senate Consent](#)

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