



# WEEKLY REPORT

## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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Day of Session:	19
Bills Posted:	945
Bills Passed:	1
Bills Vetoed:	0
Bills Signed:	1
Mem, Res Posted:	64
Mem, Res Passed:	2

### February Session Deadlines

2 5 p.m.: Last day for Senate bills to be introduced without special permission.

**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: [AZGFD Government Affairs](#)

**Legislative News:** Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be the deadline for Senate members to introduce bills without special permission. We anticipate an avalanche of bills and longer Committee agendas. Two Commission supported bills were heard in the House Military Affairs and Public Safety committee and passed unanimously.

### Upcoming Committee Meetings of Interest:

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senate Rural Affairs and Environment 9am, SHR109

[SCM1003](#): **Strike everything amendment, relating to Mexican wolf; urging USFWS**

Expresses the Legislature's concerns regarding the presence of Mexican wolves in Arizona and encourages Arizona's Governor and Attorney General to defend against overreaching federal action.

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senate Federalism, Mandates & Fiscal Responsibility 9am, SHR3

[SCM1009](#): **military bases, endangered species act**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation exempting U.S. military bases and training facilities from the regulations and restrictions of the Endangered Species Act. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the President of the U.S., the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House and each member of Congress from Arizona.

[SCM1012](#): **endangered species transparency act**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to enact the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the

President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House and each member of Congress from Arizona.

Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Senate Appropriations 2pm, SHR109

[SB1185](#): **appropriation; wolf recovery; litigation costs**

Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund in FY2015-16 to the Department of law for litigation expenses relating to a challenge against any expansion of the Mexican wolf recovery program in Arizona.

**Commission Supported Legislation:**

House Military Affairs and Public Safety Thursday, 1/28/15 9am HRR 5- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

[HB2396](#): **wildlife; guides; firearms**

Would allow hunting guides, while on a hunt, to carry firearms other than a revolver or pistol. Would strike A.R.S. § 17-362(D) *No person acting as guide shall carry firearms other than a revolver or pistol.*

Position: Support

House Military Affairs and Public Safety Thursday, 1/28/15 9am HRR 5- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

[HB2399](#): **G&F; hunter harassment**

Would add A.R.S § 17-316 (*Interference with rights of hunters; classification; civil action; exceptions*) to the list of revocable offences under A.R.S 17-340 *Revocation, suspension and denial of right to obtain license; notice; violation; classification*. It would allow the Commission to revoke a person's license that has violated hunter harassment statutes.

Position: Support

[HB2365](#): **off-highway vehicles; enforcement**

Would provide state, county and local peace officers the flexibility of enforcing Title 28 laws on federally managed lands.

Position: Support

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

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

[MONITOR](#)  
[SUPPORT](#)  
[OPPOSE](#)

**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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