



# WEEKLY REPORT

## ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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## Arizona Game and Fish Commission

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Day of Session:	19
Bills Posted:	868
Bills Passed:	4
Bills Vetoed:	0
Bills Signed:	0
Mem, Res Posted:	68
Mem, Res Passed:	4

**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 Legislative Affairs](#)

### Legislative News:

Legislation continues to drop in the House and Senate. Committees are now meeting to consider various measures. The Department is tracking a variety of bills, please view the lists at the bottom of this update for more information on other bills of interest to the Department.

#### Commission Supported State Legislation

##### [HB 2303 permits or tags; transfer; veterans](#)

Summary: The Game and Fish Commission is authorized to prescribe the manner and conditions of transferring and using big game permits and tags to allow a person to transfer a permit or tag to a qualified organization for use by a veteran of the U.S. armed forces who has a service-connected disability.

**Position:** Support

##### [SB 1118 hunting on private land; trespassing](#)

Summary: The list of circumstances under which the entry of a person for the taking of wildlife is grounds for an action for criminal trespassing is expanded to include that the person knowingly remains unlawfully on the property after a reasonable request to leave by a law enforcement officer acting at the request of the owner.

**Position:** Support

#### Hearings on Bills of Interest:

[SB 1211 Mexican wolf; taking reporting](#)

**Summary:** Notwithstanding any federal law, a Department of Agriculture employee is permitted to take any wolf that has been documented or caught in the act of killing livestock, and is not subject to penalty under federal law for doing so. The list of animals that may be taken by a livestock operator when that animal has attacked or killed livestock is expanded to include wolves, and livestock operators are not subject to penalty under federal law for doing so. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service is required to provide the Game and Fish Department and the Department of Agriculture with a full DNA profile on each animal reintroduced in Arizona as part of the Mexican Wolf recovery program.

**Hearing:** Senate Government & Environment (2/3 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

[SB 1212 appropriations; wolf recovery; litigation costs](#)

**Summary:** Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund in FY2014-15 to the Department of Law for litigation expenses relating to the expansion of the Mexican Wolf recovery program in Arizona.

**Hearing:** Senate Government & Environment (2/3 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

[SB 1292 Arizona resource advisory council](#)

**Summary:** Establishes a 15-member Arizona Resource Advisory Council to act as an advisory body regarding the planning and management of federal land resources in Arizona. The Council must submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31 of each year. The Council terminates on July 1, 2024.

**Hearing:** Senate Government & Environment (2/3 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

[SCR 1006 Mexican wolf; population rule](#)

**Summary:** The members of the Legislature support focusing future Mexican Wolf introduction efforts on remote areas within the northern Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range, support shifting primary responsibility for administration of the Mexican Wolf introduction program in Arizona and New Mexico to the game and fish departments of those states, and believe that private landowners in Arizona and New Mexico should be authorized to take Mexican Wolves that are killing, wounding or threatening humans, pets or livestock on private land.

**Hearing:** Senate Government & Environment (2/3 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)

[HB 2483 firearms; private land; lawful discharge](#)

**Summary:** County ordinances are prohibited from preventing, restricting or otherwise regulating the lawful discharge of a firearm or air gun or use of archery equipment on a private lot or parcel of land that is not open to the public on a commercial or membership basis. The otherwise lawful discharge of a firearm or air gun or use of archery equipment cannot be enjoined by the court except under specified circumstances shown by clear and convincing evidence. Impacts Title 17.

**Hearing:** House Judiciary (Thursday 02/06/14 at 9:00AM, House Rm. 4)

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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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