



WEEKLY REPORT

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AGFD Legislation NEWS:

- **HCM 2008** *urge protection; Kofa herd* passed the House Committee on Natural Resources and Public Safety Committee (8-2) Voting No were Reps. Sinema (Phoenix) and Ulmer (Yuma).
- The AGFD **Budget** will purportedly be heard the first or second week in March by the Joint Appropriations Committee. *Updates will be forthcoming.*
- **HB 2443** *off-highway vehicles; user fees* does not have any posted meetings or hearings to date (the bill moves to the full House floor next).

POSTED CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

No Scheduled Hearings

Quick Reference
AGFD Related Legislation
 (For Period Ending Friday, February 16, 2007)

STATUS OF BILLS AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT

Support

H2093: GOLDWATER RANGE; CONCURRENT JURISDICTION	The list of lands for which the federal government may request concurrent criminal jurisdiction with the state is expanded by adding the Barry M. Goldwater Range.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Nelson.</u>	2/12 referred to Senate <u>jud.</u>
H2116: GAME & FISH; BIG GAME PERMITS; GRANDCHILDREN	The list of persons who may transfer a big game permit is expanded to include grandparents who may transfer a permit to a minor grandchild. The minor must be accompanied in the field by the transferring grandparent or the minor's parent or guardian. AS PASSED HOUSE.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Jerry Weiers.</u>	2/12 referred to Senate <u>nat res-rural.</u>
H2117: GAME & FISH; BIG GAME PERMITS; TRANSFERS	The list of people to whom a holder of a big game permit may transfer the permit is expanded to include a minor child with a permanent physical disability (defined). If the child is younger than 14, the child must complete the hunter education course offered by Dept of Game and Fish.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Jerry Weiers.</u>	2/12 referred to Senate <u>nat res-rural.</u>
H2443: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; USER FEE	Various changes in statutes related to operation of off-highway vehicles, including a requirement that off-highway vehicles display a sticker issued by the Dept of Transportation and that a fee is charged for the indicia. Proceeds from the sale of indicia shall be used by the state land dept Game and Fish, and State Parks to manage OHV's. Effective December 31, 2007.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Jerry Weiers.</u>	2/7 from House <u>nat res-pub</u> with amend <u>#3207.</u>
HCM2008: URGE PROTECTION; KOFA HERD	Urges Congress to designate the Arizona Game & Fish Commission as lead agency in the management of non-endangered state wildlife and further urges the commission to employ all tools and resources to recover the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge's bighorn sheep population, which has fallen from 812 in 2000 to 390 in 2006.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Jerry Weiers.</u>	2/14 House <u>nat res-pub</u> amended; report awaited.
S1305: VETERANS; DISABLED; FISHING LICENSES	The Game and Fish Commission may issue complimentary licenses to veterans who are receiving compensation for permanent service connected disabilities rated at least 70% disabling. Amendment deleted fishing only.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Rios.</u>	2/1 from Senate <u>nat res-rural</u> with amend <u>#3107.</u>
S1355: GOLDWATER RANGE; CONCURRENT JURISDICTION	The list of lands for which the federal government may request concurrent criminal jurisdiction with the state is expanded by adding the Barry M. Goldwater Range.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Aguirre.</u>	2/1 referred to Senate <u>jud.</u>

Oppose

S1492: LOTTERY PROCEEDS; UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	The list of uses of lottery proceeds is expanded by adding a requirement that \$10 million be paid to a university tuition scholarship fund created by this act administered by the Board of Regents. . Possible diversion of Revenue from the Heritage Fund.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Hale.</u>	1/30 referred to Senate <u>higher ed, appro.</u>
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Commission Direction

H2137: GAME & FISH LICENSES; DISABLED VETERANS	The Game and Fish Commission may issue complimentary licenses to veterans who have disabilities rated as less than 100% disabling, but who are rated as individually unemployable (previously, only veterans with disabilities that are 100% disabling were eligible). To qualify for complimentary licenses, disabled veterans must provide a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs stating their disability rating.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. Rios.</u>	1/22 withdrawn from House <u>trans</u> and additionally referred to <u>nat res-pub.</u>
H2227: RESTAURANTS; ILLEGAL FEEDING OF WILDLIFE	Patrons of a licensed restaurant are added to the list of situations that do not constitute illegal feeding of wildlife. Retroactive to September 21, 2006.	First sponsor: <u>Rep. McClure.</u>	1/18 referred to House <u>jud.</u>
S1026: EXTREME DUI; SENTENCE	Language giving a judge the discretion to suspend all but 10 days of a jail sentence for extreme DUI if the defendant completes a court-ordered alcohol or drug treatment program is deleted.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Waring.</u>	1/25 Senate COW approved with floor amend <u>#3064</u> ; amend 3018 was withdrawn.
S1029: DUI; EXTREME; 0.20 CONCENTRATION ENHANCEMENT	If a person who is convicted of extreme DUI has a BAC of 0.20 or more (exceeding the extreme DUI threshold of 0.15), sentencing minimums are increased, for example for a first violation the person must serve a minimum of 45 days in jail and pay a \$500 fine (increased from 30 days and \$250); for a second violation within 84 months, the minimums are 180 days in jail and a \$1000 fine (increased from 120 days and \$500). Additionally, for those convicted of extreme DUI with a BAC of less than 0.20, an ignition interlock device is required for 18 months; if the BAC is 0.20 or greater, the device is required for 24 months.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Waring.</u>	2/14 referred to House <u>trans, jud.</u>
S1252: EXTREME DUI; SENTENCING	Only designated representatives of an HOA may report violations. Designated representatives may be an HOA manager or employee, an HOA board member, a committee designated by the HOA board or a unit owner. Striker (S/E) changed Short title see S 1026.	First sponsor: <u>Sen. Waring.</u>	2/15 Senate COW approved with amend <u>#3190</u> and floor amend <u>#3431</u> . NOTE SHORT TITLE CHANGE.

LEGEND

- Commission Direction – The Game and Fish Commission has given direction to the Department on these bills OR the department would like to address the commission about these bills.
- Oppose – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

AMEND C&P Constitutional and Proper as Amended by the House Rules Committee

APPROP Appropriations Committee

AGFD Arizona Game and Fish Department

C&P Constitutional and Proper

COW Committee of the Whole

DP Do Pass

DPA Do Pass as Amended

GF General Fund

GOV Government Committee

GR Government and Retirement Committee

H House Bill

HCR House Concurrent Resolution

HHR House Hearing Room

Hse. House of Representatives

JUD Judiciary Committee

PFC Proper for Consideration

PFCA Proper for Consideration as Amended by the Senate Rules Committee

S Senate Bill

S/E Strike Everything Amendment

Sen. Senate

SHR Senate Hearing Room

WM Ways and Means Committee

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