WEEKLY REPORT

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AGFD Legislation NEWS:

- **HB 2443** *off-highway vehicle; user fee* has successfully passed the Senate Appropriations by a vote of 10-0. The bill now moves to the full Senate for consideration, your support is appreciated. Please visit www.azleg.gov for contact information for your State Senator.
- **Robert Woodhouse** confirmation hearing has been referred to the Senate Natural Resources Committee, an agenda is forthcoming.
- **HB 2116** *big game permits; grandchildren* passed the Senate 27-0 and has been sent to the Governor.
- **SB 1326** *goldwater range; concurrent jurisdiction* **striker** was held in House Appropriations, no word on whether this will be heard again.

POSTED CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

H2443: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; USER FEE

Senate Rules
Monday 04/09/07, 2nd Flr. Caucus Rm.

Will meet upon recess or adjournment of floor.

HCM2008: URGE PROTECTION; KOFA HERD

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Quick Reference
AGFD Related Legislation
(For Period Ending Thursday, April 5, 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: Rep. Nelson		3/26 Senate jud held.
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: Rep. Jerry Weiers		4/2 passed Senate 27-0; ready for governor.
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: Rep. Jerry Weiers		3/27 From Senate rules okay.
H2443: OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; USER FEE	Effective July 1, 2008, various changes in statutes related to operation of off-highway vehicles, including a requirement that off-highway vehicles display a sticker (or indicia) issued by the Department of Transportation and that a fee is charged for the indicia. Proceeds from the sale of indicia will be used by the State Land Department to mitigate the impact of vehicles on its land. Off-highway vehicles must have certain equipment and minors operating an off-highway vehicle must wear helmets. Violations are considered civil traffic violations. New license plates are established for off-highway vehicles, which must systematically replace the current plates, and which are no longer valid for the life of the vehicle. Off-highway vehicles are subject to a vehicle license tax of $3 instead of the regular VLT rate. It is a class 3 misdemeanor to drive an off-highway vehicle off of an existing road or trail in a way that causes damage to wildlife habitat, cultural or natural resources, or property; to drive an off-highway vehicle on closed roads or trails; to operate an off-highway vehicle in connection with acts of vandalism or other crimes; or for anyone other than a government agent to place or remove a regulatory sign governing off-highway vehicle use on any public or state	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 04/09/07, 2nd Flr. Caucus Rm.)	4/5 from Senate appro do pass.

	land. AS PASSED HOUSE.			
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 declined from 812 in 2000 to 390 in 2006. AS PASSED HOUSE.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 04/09/07, 2nd Flr. Caucus Rm.)	3/29 from Senate nat res-rural do pass.
S1305: VETERANS; DISABLED; FISHING LICENSES	The Game and Fish Commission may issue complimentary fishing licenses to veterans who are receiving compensation for permanent service connected disabilities rated at least 70% disabling.	First sponsor: Sen. Rios		2/1 from Senate nat res-rural with amend #3107.
S1326: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; DNA EVIDENCE	If DNA evidence was collected during an investigation of a serious offense (for example murder, manslaughter, aggravated or sexual assault, and dangerous crimes against children), prosecution may continue after the statute of limitations has expired if new DNA evidence is uncovered. AS PASSED SENATE. STRIKER	First sponsor: Sen. Leff		4/4 House appro held.
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: Sen. Aguirre		2/1 referred to Senate jud.

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: Sen. Hale.		1/30 referred to Senate higher ed, appro. DEAD

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: Rep. Rios		1/22 withdrawn from House trans and additionally referred to nat res-pub.
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. DEAD	First sponsor: Rep. McClure		1/18 referred to House jud.
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: Sen. Waring		1/25 Senate COW approved with floor amend #3064; 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: Sen. Waring		3/8 from House jud do pass.
S1252: EXTREME DUI; SENTENCING	The option for a judge to suspend all but 10 days of the required 30 day jail sentence for first offenders of extreme DUI if the person completes a court ordered alcohol or other drug treatment program is eliminated. AS PASSED SENATE.	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		3/22 from House jud do pass.

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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