

Telephone Conference Call Meeting Minutes
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Tuesday, August 21, 2001 – 1:00 p.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Director's Office, 2222 W. Greenway Road
Phoenix, AZ

PRESENT: Commission (Telephone) Director's Staff

Chairman Dennis D. Manning
Commissioner Joe Carter
Commissioner W. Hays Gilstrap

Director Duane L. Shroufe
Deputy Director Steve K. Ferrell
Asst. A.G. Jim Odenkirk
Richard Rico, Assistant Director
Special Services Division
Jim Burton, Assistant Director
Information & Education Division

The meeting came to order at 1:03 p.m.

Also present for the item were Marvel Meadows from the Hunt Draw Section and Linda Melker, Information Systems Branch.

Mr. Odenkirk noted there was a discrepancy in the notice for today's meeting in that there were conflicting times; one paragraph notes 1:00 p.m., another notes 2:00 p.m. There were two concerns he had with this: 1) members of the public could assume 2:00 p.m. was the time of the meeting and wait until then to show up and 2) a member of the Commission planned to call at 2:00 p.m. as opposed to 1:00 p.m. Given that most people reading the agenda would note the discrepancy and make an effort to contact the Department to find out the correct time and since that has not occurred, he did not think it would cause a problem. It would be all right for the Commission to proceed, but the Commission may want to qualify its decision upon the fact that someone may appear at 2:00 p.m. or a commissioner may call in at 2:00 p.m. If that occurs, the Department would be directed to reschedule this matter for a later time and date. This would let the Commission give some direction with respect to its action to address the problem.

Chairman Manning noted that Commissioner Chilton asked to be excluded and Commissioner Golightly stated he would call, if he could, from Pennsylvania at 1:00 p.m.

1. Revision of Commission Order 4: Elk, for 2001 Hunting Season

Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director

At the April Commission meeting for archery elk hunt in Game Management Unit 7M, the Commission authorized 80 bull tags and 40 cow tags. The exact opposite was programmed into the computer, i.e., 40 bull tags and 80 cow tags. To correct the problem, the Department proposed two things:

1. Reconstruct from random numbers already issued in the draw that occurred in July the successful applicants for would-be numbers 41-80 on the bull hunt. This was not a problem. The Commission needed to consider that in all likelihood

some of the 40 people already possessed an elk tag for this year's hunting season and the Department could tell who those people were from the Sportsman's Database. The Department proposed for the Commission's consideration that any of those 40 people that are issued tags 41-80 who already possess an elk tag would be given the opportunity to keep the tag that was already mailed or exchange it for a 7M bull permit.

- 2. The Commission was asked to approve the issuance of an additional 40 cow elk tags for Unit 7M. The Region has expressed no biological concern with doing so.

Motion: Gilstrap moved and Carter seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO AMEND COMMISSION ORDER 4-ELK, FOR THE 2001 HUNTING SEASON, TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL 40 COW ELK TAGS IN HUNT NUMBER 3185 AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER HUNTERS A CHOICE IF THEY PRESENTLY HOLD A 2001 ELK TAG AND ARE ALSO SELECTED FOR A 7M BULL TAG DURING THE COMPLETION OF THE DRAW FOR HUNT NUMBER 3157.

Vote: Carter and Gilstrap – Aye
Chair voted Aye
Golightly and Chilton – Absent
Motion carried

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Mr. Odenkirk recommended another motion THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO RECONSIDER THIS ITEM WITHIN 30 DAYS IF ONE OF TWO THINGS OCCUR: 1) AT 2:00 PM, ANY COMMISSIONER WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT CALLS AND WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGENDA ITEM OR 2) ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC APPEARS AND WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGENDA ITEM.

Motion: Carter moved and Gilstrap seconded the above recommendation.

Vote: Carter and Gilstrap – Aye
Chair voted Aye
Golightly and Chilton – Absent
Motion carried

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The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.