

Teleconference Minutes of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
October 9, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Director's Office, 2222 W. Greenway Rd.
Phoenix, AZ

PRESENT: Commission (Telephone) Director's Staff (Department)

Chairman Joe Carter
Commissioner Sue Chilton
Commissioner W. Hays Gilstrap
Commissioner Joe Melton
Commissioner Michael M. Golightly

Director Duane L. Shroufe
Asst. A. G. Jim Odenkirk

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Roll call was taken and all commissioners were present. Other Department staff present were Dana Yost, Executive Staff Assistant; Carlos Ramirez, Rulewriter; Mark Naugle, Rules and Risk Manager; Chuck Emmert, Audio-Video Branch Chief and John Kennedy, Habitat Branch Chief.

1. Request to Approve a Revised Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Preliminary Economic, Small Business and Consumer Impact Statement for R12-4-101, Definitions; R12-4-104, Application Procedures for Issuance of Hunt Permit-tags by Drawing and R12-4-107, Bonus Point System

Presenter: Mark E. Naugle, Rules and Risk Manager

For additional background, see Commission meeting minutes for September 5, 2003, pages 23-24 and pages 25-26.

The Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) had changes in the rules. Counsel thought these were significant enough to have the Commission look at the wording. The Commission took action on these rules at its September meeting and was being asked to take action on GRRC's recommendations.

Mr. Naugle stated meetings were held throughout the state and additional written comment was received. He noted the rules needed to be filed tomorrow with the Secretary of State.

Motion: Melton moved and Chilton seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE A REVISED NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND PRELIMINARY ECONOMIC, SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER IMPACT STATEMENT FOR R12-4-101, DEFINITIONS; R12-4-104, APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF HUNT PERMIT-TAGS BY DRAWING AND R12-4-107, BONUS POINT SYSTEM, FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE PROPOSED RULEMAKING WILL AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF BONUS POINTS THROUGH A BONUS-POINT-ONLY HUNT NUMBER (LIMITED TO 1 BONUS POINT PER YEAR, PER GENUS, PER APPLICANT), AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF BONUS POINTS FOR THOSE WHO RETURN HUNT PERMIT-TAGS ISSUED THROUGH THE DRAW DUE TO ACTIVATION IN RESPONSE TO A STATE OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Commissioner Chilton suggested adding the word, "military" before "activation" for clarification. Mr. Naugle stated that could be done but it would not include all types of emergency responses and this language had been approved by GRRC and the Assistant Attorney General.

Vote: Unanimous

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2. Request for Commission to Approve a Letter and Provide Direction to the Department for Completing the Letter to the Members of the Arizona Congressional Delegation Requesting Support for the Mount Graham Sky Island Demonstration Project as Proposed by Graham County and the Environmental Economic Communities Organization

Presenter: Dana Yost, Executive Staff Assistant

Chairman Carter noted a potential conflict of interest with this item and stated he would not participate in any discussion or vote. This item was on the agenda for meetings of Graham County and the Environmental Economic Communities Organization.

Mr. Yost suggested the Commission take two actions: 1) approve the sending of the letter and 2) approve the draft language in the letter or make revisions.

Motion: Chilton moved and Melton seconded THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE SENDING THIS LETTER.

Vote: Chilton, Gilstrap, Melton and Golightly – Aye
Chair did not vote
Motion passed

Motion: Melton moved and Chilton seconded THAT THE COMMISSION ACCEPT THE LETTER AS WRITTEN.

Vote: Chilton, Gilstrap, Melton and Golightly – Aye
Chair did not vote
Motion passed

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Motion: Melton moved and Chilton seconded THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN.

Vote: Unanimous

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Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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