

Minutes of the Telephonic Meeting of the
Arizona Game and Fish Commission
Wednesday, August 4, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.
Arizona Game and Fish Department
2222 W. Greenway Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

PRESENT – On Site: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Director Duane L. Shroufe
Deputy Director Steve K. Ferrell

PRESENT – Phone (Commission)

Chairman Sue Chilton
W. Hays Gilstrap, Commissioner
Commissioner Joe Melton
Commissioner Michael M. Golightly
Commissioner William H. McLean

Assistant. A.G. Jim Odenkirk

Chairman Chilton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting followed an agenda dated August 3, 2004 for a special meeting of the Commission. Roll call was taken and all commissioners were present. Other Department staff present were: Dana Yost, Executive Staff Assistant; Brian Wakeling, Big Game Supervisor; Mike Senn, Assistant Director, FOD.

1. Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Commission Order 29 for Special Big Game License Tag for Antelope for 2004.

Presenter: Brian Wakeling, Big Game Supervisor

Brian Wakeling stated that the Department recently received a request from Tony Grimmatt, who is a guide. He will be guiding Wayne Webber, who is the purchaser of the Arizona Special Antelope tag this year. His hunt is scheduled for August 1 through October 9, 2004. The request was regarding a recommended change to Commission Order 29, specifically the antelope special big game hunt. The Commission previously certified open areas for the Commission Order 29 hunt back in October 2003. The open areas for the general and the archery only antelope hunts in Unit 19A were certified in April 2004. These latter hunts took into account the recently completed new Fain road being built within the unit. This road had not been considered during the special antelope hunt, which had been certified in October 2003. Mr. Grimmatt has asked that the Department and Commission consider amending Commission Order 29, specifically in regards to the open areas for the antelope hunting in Unit 19A, so that the special hunt Commission Order 29 matched the open areas offered for the general and archery only season hunts offered in Commission Order 3. The recommended change is minor in alteration and basically provides a little additional habitat in Unit 19A that would be open to the special big game license holder.

Motion: Melton moved and McLean seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO COMMISSION ORDER 29: SPECIAL HUNTS, AMENDING OPEN AREAS FOR ANTELOPE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. 17-346.

Jim Odenkirk stated this is consistent with the Commission's authority to change its existing orders and the season is already open for the special permit, you are merely expanding the geographical area of the open area. I think that is consistent with your authority.

Vote: Unanimous

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

Vote: Unanimous.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

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Sue Chilton, Chairman

W. Hays Gilstrap, Member

Joe Melton, Member

Michael M. Golightly, Member

William H. McLean, Member

ATTEST:

Duane L. Shroufe
Secretary and Director