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February 19, 2008

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on March 7th, 2008, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, March 7, 2008, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Riverpark Inn 350 South Freeway, Tucson, Arizona 85745.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

1. Executive Session

- a. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch vs. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Pruett v. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-NVW.*
- b. Legal Counsel and Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) and (A)(3) for the purpose of discussing the creation of a Chief of Staff position for the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

2. Litigation Report. The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch vs. U.S. Fish; Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; and Pruett vs. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-nvw.* The Commission may vote to take action on any case.

3. Presenter: Jim Odenkirk, Assistant Attorney General, Espee Ranch Option Agreement. The Commission may vote to enter into an option purchase agreement with Babbitt Ranches for the exclusive right to acquire an access and open space conservation easement on Espee Ranch.

4. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison, State and Federal Legislation. The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.

5. Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information and Education Activities Briefing. The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information and Education Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the February 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

6. Presenter: Jay Cook, Education Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing. The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the February 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

7. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto. The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the February 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

8. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for Commission Approval of the Exchange of Land at the Becker Lake Wildlife Area in Apache County, Arizona. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the exchange of .87 acres of land at the Becker Lake Wildlife Area for 1.11 acres of land and one acre-foot of water right and authorize the Department to execute all documents associated with this exchange in Apache County.

9. Call to the Public. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

10. Presenter: Harry Seck, Assistant Director, Special Services Division. Request by Mr. Rick Jones to be awarded two bonus points from the 2007 fall draw. Mr. Rick Jones' 2007 fall draw deer application was rejected because he included two applications and one check in a single envelope. Mr. Jones has indicated in his petition he had followed what he believed to be the correct procedure in applying for a deer hunt. The Commission will vote to accept or deny Mr. Jones' petition.

11. Presenter: Harry Seck, Assistant Director, Special Services Division. Request by Mr. Leroy L. Krieg for a Hearing to Issue Him a 2008 Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag or Reinstate His Bonus Points for Bighorn Sheep from the Fall 2007 Draw. Mr. Leroy L. Krieg is

requesting a hearing before the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to request issuance of a 2008 desert bighorn sheep tag or reinstatement of his bonus points earned for bighorn sheep prior to his successful drawing for the fall 2007 hunting season. The Commission will vote to accept or deny Mr. Krieg's petition.

12. Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division. Establishment of the Commission's Conservationist Committee. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the charter for the newly established Conservationist Committee. The Commission may discuss or vote to take action or provide further direction to the Department regarding the charter and future development of the Committee.

13. Presenter: Bob Broscheid, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division. Memorandum of Understanding Among Several State of Arizona Cooperators to Implement an Arizona Approach to Prevention and Management of Invasive Species Management and an Arizona Center for Invasive Species. The Commission will be asked to vote to authorize the Department to finalize negotiations, execute, and amend as necessary a new Memorandum of Understanding among the Department and the Departments of Agriculture, Health Services, Water Resources, State Land, Transportation, the Arizona Board of Regents, and the Office of the Governor to implement an Arizona Approach to Prevention and Management of Invasive Species and an Arizona Center for Invasive Species.

Lunch Break

14. Presenter: Pat Barber, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Request for the Commission Approval of the Program Narrative for U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Funds (Federal FY 2008 / State FY 2009). The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's U.S. Coast Guard funding pursuant to the Federal Boating Safety Act of 1971. Funds will be used in the State FY 2009 to supplement the Department's watercraft efforts in areas of law enforcement, administration, information, education, aids to navigation and watercraft registration.

15. Presenter: Pat Barber, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m. The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Jackson, Clint W.	Count A: Take javelina in wrong unit.
javelina.	Count B: Possession/transportation of unlawfully taken javelina.
Scott, Benjamin T.	Count A: Take javelina in wrong unit.
javelina.	Count B: Possession/transportation of unlawfully taken javelina.
Scott, Elisha	Count A: Take javelina in wrong unit.
	Count B: Possession of unlawfully taken javelina.

Mulhall, Kody Kyle A.	Count A:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Gila monster).
	Count B:	Possession of unlawfully taken wildlife (Gila monster).
Bentley, Jeff A.	Count A:	Take turkey (decoy) without permit.
Shero, Richard J.	Count A:	Take turkey (decoy) without a valid permit.
	Count B:	Shoot from maintained roadway.
Anderson, Ralph E.	Count A:	Knowingly take wildlife during a closed season (Gould's turkey).

16. Presenter: Bob Miles, Information Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Web-casting of Commission Meetings. The Commission will be presented a proposal to web-cast future Commission meetings. The presentation will describe the development, installation, operation and maintenance of the system that will allow the public to view live and on-demand via the World Wide Web all Commission meetings conducted in the Quail Room located at the Department's Headquarters. The Commission may vote to approve, modify or deny the Department's proposal.

17. Presenter: Steve Ferrell, Deputy Director. Supplemental Spending Plan For The Wildlife Conservation Fund. The Department will brief the Commission on the Wildlife Conservation Fund. The briefing will include modification of a supplemental spending plan for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, approved by the Commission in September 2007. The Commission may vote to approve and/or provide changes to the proposed plan and provide further direction regarding this item.

18. Call to the Public. Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

19. Director's and Chairman's Reports. The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

20. Commissioners' Reports. The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

21. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes. The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes from January 25, 26, 28, and February 8-9, 2008, and if approved, the signing of the minutes from January 25, 26, 28, and February 8-9, 2008.

22. Future Agenda Items.

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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