



THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
**GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT**

5000 W. CAREFREE HIGHWAY  
PHOENIX, AZ 85086-5000  
(602) 942-3000 • WWW.AZGFD.GOV

**GOVERNOR**  
DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

**COMMISSIONERS**  
CHAIRMAN, KURT R. DAVIS, PHOENIX  
EDWARD "PAT" MADDEN, FLAGSTAFF  
JAMES R. AMMONS, YUMA  
JAMES S. ZIELER, ST. JOHNS  
ERIC S. SPARKS, TUCSON

**DIRECTOR**  
LARRY D. VOYLES

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**  
TY E. GRAY



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**REVISION #1**

**March 1, 2016**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **March 4-5, 2016** at the **Sierra Vista City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Dr., Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635**, as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting at [http://www.azgfd.gov/inside\\_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml). On Friday only, members of the public may view the meeting from any one of the Department's six Regional Offices via video teleconference. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via video teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

**Friday, March 4, 2016 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome/Introductions of Commission, Department Staff and Local Community Attendees**

**Awards and Recognition**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
  - a. Commission Priorities Update. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Department will provide an update on efforts towards accomplishing Commission Priorities. The Commission may discuss and provide additional direction.
  - b. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat, Evaluation and Lands Branch**

**Chief.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to cooperate with the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization on forest restoration efforts through the Four Forests Restoration Initiative.

- c. Approve Renewal of a License Agreement with Valley TeleCom Group. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat, Evaluation and Lands Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve the renewal of a license agreement with Valley TeleCom Group across Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area
- 3. State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may 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.
- 4. Update on Temporary Price Reduction for Licenses per A.R.S. § 17-333.B. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Assistant Director, Information, Education, and Recreation Division.** The Department will provide an update on temporary license reductions for the purpose of facilitating promotions intended to sell more hunting and fishing licenses and expand the Department's customer base.
- 5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to cooperate with the National Shooting Sports Foundation on research and efforts to promote hunting and shooting sports.
- 6. Designate Patterson Ponds as a Community Fishing Water. Presenter: Scott Gurtin, Community Fish Program Manager.** The Commission will be asked to designate Patterson Ponds in St. Johns, Arizona, as Community Fishing Program (CFP) water and implement daily bag limits.
- 7. Terrestrial Wildlife Update - International and Borderlands Program Briefing. Presenter: Francisco Abarca, International and Borderlands Program Manager.** The Commission will be provided a briefing regarding the International and Borderlands Program highlighting binational wildlife recovery efforts and capacity-building projects. One of the key conservation efforts of this program is developing collaborative actions for management of Threatened and Endangered wildlife with transboundary occupancy.
- 8. Petition by Jeffrey Sweeney to Restore Bonus Points. Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Support Services.** Jeffrey Sweeney is petitioning the Commission to restore his bonus points. The Department will present a summary of the petition as well as the Department's findings for Mr. Sweeney's 2015 elk/antelope draw issue.
- 9. Petition by Aaron Bornstein for 2016 Elk and Antelope Draw. Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Support Services.** Mr. Bornstein is petitioning the Commission to accept his application to the 2016 elk/antelope draw. The Department will present a summary of the petition as well as the Department's findings for Mr. Bornstein's 2016 elk/antelope draw issue.

**\*NEW\***

- 9A. Petition by David Carpenter to Restore Bonus Points. Presenter: John Bullington, Assistant Director, Support Services.** David Carpenter is petitioning the Commission to restore his antelope bonus points. The Department will be present a summary of the petition as well as the Department’s findings for Mr. Carpenter’s purged antelope bonus points.
- 10. Appointments to Standing Commission Committees. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission Chair may appoint individual Commissioners to chair Commission committees.

**Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)**

**TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM**

- 11. Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Docket #</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Conviction</b>
Michael E. Morris	2016-0001	Count A:	Unlawful take of wildlife except as permitted by Title 17 (Coyote)
		Count B:	Unlawful take of wildlife except as permitted by Title 17 (Bobcat)
		Count C:	Unlawful possession of wildlife except as permitted by Title 17 (7 Bobcats)
Joseph W. Balma	2016-0019	Count D:	Take wildlife during a closed season (Javelina)
Irene M. Charette	2016-0020	Count A:	Possess unlawfully taken wildlife (Javelina)
Ramon A. De La Torre	2016-0021	Count A:	Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (Mule Deer)
		Count B:	Possess/transport wildlife without tag attached (Mule Deer)
Luigi Zanette	2016-0022	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
Luciano Turchet	2016-0023	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
Daniel Gaiotto	2016-0024	Count A:	Take in excess of possession limit (Dove)
			<b>Citation A07023</b>
			<b>Citation A01404</b>
Christopher M. Perez	2016-0026	Count A:	Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed deer)
			<b>Citation A01353</b>
		Count B:	Possession of unlawfully take wildlife (White-tailed deer Buck)
			<b>Citation A01406</b>
		Count A:	Take wildlife without a valid license (White-tailed deer Doe)
			<b>Citation A01435</b>
		Count A:	Take wildlife without a valid license (Gambel’s quail)
			<b>Citation A01433</b>
		Count A:	Take wildlife without a valid license (Red-tailed hawk)
			<b>Citation A07124</b>

Christopher J. Ball	2016-0027	<p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (Five White-tailed deer)</p> <p>Count C: Take wildlife by unlawful method (Five White-tailed deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A07122</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (2X2 White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01394</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01438</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (4X4 Trophy Mule Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01400</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01398</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01396</b></p> <p>Count A: Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (White-tailed Deer Doe)</p> <p><b>Citation A07127</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (Gray Fox)</p>
Christopher M. Perez	2016-0028	<p><b>Citation A01430</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (Five White-tailed deer)</p> <p>Count C: Take wildlife by unlawful method (Five White-tailed deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01428</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (2 X 2 White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01422</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01437</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (4X4 Trophy Mule Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01426</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01424</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (3X3 Trophy White-tailed Deer)</p> <p><b>Citation A01410</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (White-tailed Deer Doe)</p> <p><b>Citation A01434</b></p> <p>Count A: Take wildlife without a valid license (Gray Fox)</p>
James Duncan	2016-0029	<p><b>Citation A06836</b></p> <p>Count A: Obtain 2014 resident elk tag by fraud</p>

- 12. Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
- a. Litigation and Legal Advice.** 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 for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *Land Management Plan for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests*; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817 (AZ); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019 (AZ); *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, CV 15-00245 (AZ); *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, CV 15-00285 (AZ); *Harrison v. Dennerline* CV 15-01060 (AZ); *Safari Club International v. Jewell*, 15-0930 (NM); *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810.
  - b. Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice regarding Open Meeting Law and the Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Advisory Committee.
  - c. Litigation and Legal Advice.** 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 for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning the legal strategy recommendations from the Department's legal strategies team.
  - d. Purchase of Real Property and Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7) for the purpose of discussion or consultation with Department staff in order to consider its position and instruct its representative regarding the purchase of real property and for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice.
  - e. Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's duties, responsibilities and performance. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.
- 13. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB; *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, 15-CV-00245-CKJ; *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, 15-CV-00285; *Safari Club International v. Jewell*; *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810.
- 14. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission may approve the Commission meeting minutes from February 5-6, 2016.
- 15. Commissioner Committee Reports.** Commissioners may provide an update on the subcommittees that they chair regarding current events and issues. This item is for information

only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

**16. Director and Commissioner Comments.** The Director and the Commissioners may provide brief comment on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

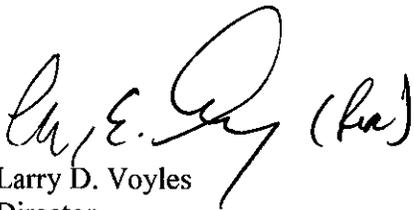
**17. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

\* \* \* \* \*

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**Field Trip:** From 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Commission and Department staff will participate in a field trip from the Wendemere Hotel, 2047 S. Highway 92, Sierra Vista, Arizona to Kartchner Caverns State Park, 2980 AZ-90, Benson, Arizona.

\* \* \* \* \*

  
Larry D. Voyles  
Director

\* \* \* \* \*

*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.*

**“Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow”**