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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**REVISION #2**

**February 1, 2017**

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **February 3, 2017** at **Santiago Hall, Room 109, ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City, 100 University Way, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403**, 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). Members of the public may view the meeting from any Department Regional Office 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, February 3, 2017 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Awards and Recognition**

- 1. Overview of the Havasu Riviera Project. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be provided an informational presentation from Lake Havasu City Staff on the Havasu Riviera Project.
- 2. Overview of the Havasu Watercraft Registration Pilot Project. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Commission will be provided a presentation on the results of the Lake Havasu Satellite Watercraft Registration Pilot Program (June – December 2016).
- 3. 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.
- 4. State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Ed Sanchez, 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.

5. **Commission Priorities Update. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will provide an update on efforts towards accomplishing Commission Priorities. The Commission may discuss and provide additional direction.
6. **Briefing on the Development of a Long Term State-wide Public Awareness Campaign. Presenter: Tony Guiles, Assistant Director.** The Commission will be briefed on efforts to devise and implement a long term state-wide outreach campaign to increase public awareness of the Department, its mission, and how it is funded.
7. **Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Summary Briefing including a Resolution in Support of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (AFWA) Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations. Presenter: Josh Avey, Terrestrial Branch Chief.** The Commission will be provided a summary briefing on the Department's threatened and endangered species program and will consider and may approve a resolution in support of AFWA's Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendation to the United States Congress to dedicate up to \$1.3 billion annually to support the State Wildlife Action Plan and wildlife diversity funding.

**Agenda Items #8-9 are first read items. The Commission may choose to take action on first read items as needed or may direct the Department to place first read items on the consent agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting.**

8. **Memorandum of Understanding with Arizona Antelope Foundation. Presenter: Josh Avey, Chief, Terrestrial Wildlife Branch.** The Commission may vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to partner with Arizona Antelope Foundation on conservation and education programs. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.
9. **License Agreement with Triskee Farms LLC at Quigley-Achee Wildlife Area. Presenter: Pat Barber, Yuma Regional Supervisor.** The Commission may approve a License Agreement with Triskee Farms LLC for the purpose of planting and harvesting crops on the Quigley-Achee Wildlife Area.

**TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00 AM**

10. **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>
Rondo Rawlings	2017-0013	Count A:	Obtain license by fraud
Bret Daniels	2017-0016	Count A:	Take turkey in closed season
		Count B:	Take turkey without a valid tag
			<b>Citation A14621</b>
Kenneth R. Mehlberg	2017-0017	Count A:	Apply for/obtain 2014 resident hunt/fish license by misrepresentation

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

11. **Request Regarding Previous License Revocation/Civil Assessment. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** David Silva has requested that his license revocation

be placed on the agenda for the Commission to consider modifying the terms of his license revocation.

- 11A. Request to Commission to Permit Department to Contract with OAH to Conduct a Hearing for the Commission. Presenter: Linda Pollock, Assistant Attorney General.** The Commission may elect to have the Arizona Office of Administrative Hearings conduct the administrative hearing of the appeal of Lisa Bates, dba Tucson Wildlife Center, of the Department's decision to issue a Wildlife Rehabilitation License with stipulations.
- 12. Preview of Five-year Rule Review Report Recommendations for Article 3 Taking and Handling of Wildlife. Presenter: Jay Cook, Mesa Regional Manager.** The Commission will be asked to review, for future approval, proposed recommendations to be included in the five-year rule review report for Article 3, regarding taking and handling of wildlife.
- 13. A Briefing on Public Comment Received on Hunt Guidelines. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Program Supervisor.** The Commission will be briefed on the comment received thus far on the existing hunt guidelines and on the timeline that will be followed in review and approval for the remainder of this guideline cycle.
- 14. 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 Plans for the Prescott and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests*; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Zuni water rights settlement agreement*; 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*, 16-00094 (AZ); *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*, 16-2189.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 on Arizona's Public Records Law and disclosure of personal identifying information.
  - 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.

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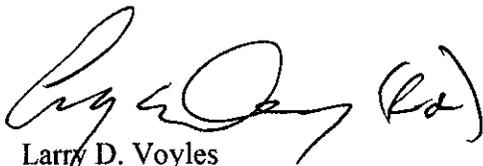
- e. **Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position on state permitting for release or capture of wildlife.
  - f. **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.
- 15. 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*, CV 16-00094; *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*, 16-2189.
- 16. Approve and Sign Minutes.** The Commission may approve and sign the Commission meeting minutes from January 13-14, 2017.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**Field Trip:** Leaders from the Lake Havasu community will lead a field trip/boat tour to visit and explain conservation and recreation projects on Lake Havasu. The Commission and staff will board the tour boat at the Nautical Resort at 8:00 a.m. The tour will be led by community members and may visit the site of the Arizona State Parks Havasu Riviera project, the Contact Point law enforcement station, the BLM Partners Point work station, artificial aquatic habitat locations, and other potential points of interest. Space on the tour boats is expected to be limited but should be able to accommodate members of the public who wish to attend. The tour can also accommodate members of the public who wish to follow the tour in their own boats. No legal action will be taken by the Commission during the field trip. The Commission may provide the Department guidance or direction on matters covered in this briefing for future agenda items.

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Larry D. Voyles  
Director

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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.*

**"Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow"**