



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

April 3, 2020

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on April 17, 2020 through the use of technological means members of the public **may view the meeting at www.azgfd.gov/commissioncam** or **may listen to the meeting by calling 602-666-0783, Access code: 280 046 234##**. Members who listen by phone should keep their phones on mute. Copies of any presentations, documents, etc. discussed during the meeting will be available on the Department's webpage prior to the meeting. Members of the Commission will attend by telephone conference call. Unless expressly provided otherwise with any matter, **the Commission may discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:**

Friday, April 17, 2020 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Welcome/Introductions

1. **Consideration of Proposed Commission Order 7 and an amendment to Commission Order 2 for the 2020 Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Program Supervisor.** The Commission will consider and may approve Commission Orders 7 (bighorn sheep) establishing seasons and season dates, bag limit, permit numbers, and open areas for the 2020 seasons. The Commission will also consider and may approve an amendment to Commission Order 2, deer permit numbers and season dates, in two units for the 2019 fall hunting seasons.
2. **Consideration of proposed amendments to Commission Orders 11, 12, 14, 15, and 16 (Small Game) for the 2020-2021 hunting seasons and proposed hunting seasons for Commission Orders 19-22, and 24 (Migratory Game Birds) for 2020-2021. Presenter: Johnathan O'Dell, Small Game Biologist.** The Commission will consider and may approve amendments to Commission Orders 11 (tree squirrel), 12 (cottontail rabbit), 14 (other birds and mammals), 15 (pheasant), and 16 (quail) for the 2020-2021 hunting season. The Commission will also consider and may approve Commission Orders 19-22 (dove, band-tailed pigeon, waterfowl, and snipe), and 24 (Sandhill crane) establishing seasons and season dates, legal species, open and closed areas, bag and possession limits, permit numbers for the 2020-2021.
3. **Approval of Law Enforcement Boating Safety Fund (LEBSF) Grant Allocation Formula for FY 2021. Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Department will provide the Commission with the proposed LEBSF Grant Allocation Formula per ARS §5-383.

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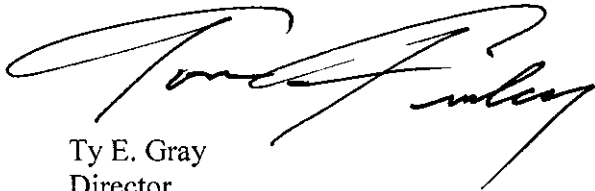
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4. **Information Item Announcing 2020 Heritage Grant Awards. Presenter: LouAnn DeHart, Heritage Fund and Grants Coordinator.** The Department will announce the applications recommended for the 2020 Heritage Grant awards.
5. **Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take on 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 *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Zuni water rights settlement agreement; Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817 (AZ); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Zinke*, CV 15-00019 (AZ); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Zinke*, CV 18-00047; *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, CV 15-00285 (AZ); *Safari Club International v. Zinke*, 16-00094 (AZ); *Hamberlin v. State of Arizona, et al.*, CV 2018-010149; *State of Arizona v. Hamberlin, No. 1 CA-CV 18-0435*; *State of Arizona v. Tim Downs, Pinal County Justice Court No. CM2018-000584*; *State of Arizona v. James Hamberlin, Pinal County Justice Court No. CM2018-000583*; *Slater v. State of Arizona, et al.*, CV 2018-097090.; Center for Biological Diversity's NOI concerning the New Mexico jumping mouse on A-S National Forest; *The National Trust for Historic Preservation v. Bernhardt*, CV 19-05008; *Wildearth Guardians v. Bernhardt*, CV-19-00441; *State of California v. Bernhardt*, CV 19-06013 and companion cases challenging the USFWS's ESA rule changes; Owens notice of claim; Center for Biological Diversity's NOI for Mexican spotted owl.
 - 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. **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 regarding the Department's legal authority when stray livestock present the potential for catastrophic destruction to wildlife.
 - d. **Litigation and Legal Advice.** The Commission may meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purposes 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 an alleged criminal damage claim against an individual the Commission has taken license revocation action.

- e. **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 the Commission's authority to close state trust lands to hunting and to close roads providing access to state trust lands.
- f. **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.
- g. **Contract Negotiations.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for purposes of discussion or consultation with the Commission's legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position on negotiations over the GCNP Draft Bison Reduction Agreement.
- h. **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.

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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.

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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