WORKSHOP AGENDA

October 30, 2026

A workshop of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **November 3-5, 2026,** at the Sipe Wildlife Area as authorized by A.R.S. § l7-20l(D). The Sipe Wildlife Area is located approximately two miles east of Eagar, AZ, and five miles south of highway 180/191 at milepost 404.7, on forest road 57. This will be a workshop session only and no legal action will be taken on the following matters:

Tuesday November 3, 2026. **Meeting starts at 1:00PM.**

1. **The Commission will discuss (1) Department Strategic and Revenue Initiatives, (2) Miscellaneous Briefings on Commission Assignments, History of Nonresident Fees/Tags, Open Meeting Law, Avoiding Ex Parte Communication, Role of Science Based Decision Making and the Public Trust Doctrine, Special Big Game Tag History, Scope of License Agreements, (3) Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Funding Sources, (4) Modifying Methods of Take for Specialized Seasons, (5) Threats to Wildlife Habitat, (6) Impacts to Commission Authority to Manage Wildlife, and (6) Commission Priorities.** The Commission will participate in an informal discussion with Department staff to include the topics listed herein.

Wednesday November 4, 2026. Meeting starts at 8:00AM.

1. Continued discussion from November 3, 2026, agenda item 1, as necessary.

Thursday November 5, 2026. Meeting starts at 8:00AM.

1. Continued discussion from November 3, 2026, agenda item 1, as necessary.

2. Meeting Wrap Up and Future Agenda Items.

Adjournment

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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.

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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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