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## Arizona Game and Fish Commission held telephonic meeting on Jan. 10, 2012 then rejected proposed HB 2072 (sale of big game tags)

PHOENIX – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission voted unanimously on Jan. 10, 2012, to oppose proposed Arizona [House Bill 2072](#), a bill that would have reserved a large number of big game tags for a “qualified organization” to resell at auction or raffle.

As part of its 5-0 vote to oppose the bill, the commission also directed its representatives to “clearly inform the sponsor and supporters of this bill that our opposition is not just to the bill as written, but to the entire concept of removing or adding any big game tags from the pool of big game tags available for the general public and transferring them to any private organization.”

In discussion leading up to the vote, several commissioners expressed strong concerns over the bill. “We have a trust responsibility to manage wildlife for all the citizens of this state, and I see some real issues in this legislation that takes part of that away from us,” said Commission Chair Robert Woodhouse. “I think we need to speak on behalf of all citizens of this state.”

Among the concerns commissioners expressed over this particular legislation are which organizations would qualify, how money would be spent, who would benefit, and what accountability there would be over expenditures.

Commissioners pointed out that the proposed legislation differs from current law that authorizes the commission to issue a small number of big game tags to nonprofit organizations dedicated to wildlife conservation. Awarding these tags is through an open and competitive process that allows the organizations to auction or raffle those tags. All the proceeds come back to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for projects that support wildlife management.

“Public trust assets must never be diverted to benefit special interests,” said Commissioner Norm Freeman. “The language of the bill itself is fraught with problems, and the very premise should be discarded in its entirety.”

Chairman Woodhouse also made it clear during the meeting that neither the Arizona Game and Fish Commission nor the department were involved in the crafting of the bill, and this item has never been on a commission agenda.

Nine constituents representing organizations or themselves spoke in opposition to the bill. No constituents addressed the commission in the bill’s favor. Prior to today’s meeting, each commissioner had received many personal expressions of strong opposition from various members of the public.

HB 2072 was originally slated for a hearing in the House Commerce Committee on Jan. 11, but that meeting has since been delayed indefinitely.

To view HB 2072, visit [www.azleg.gov/legtext/50leg/2r/bills/hb2072p.pdf](http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/50leg/2r/bills/hb2072p.pdf) or [www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill\\_Number=HB2072&Session\\_ID=107](http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HB2072&Session_ID=107).

**January 10, 2012 Statement by Arizona Game Fish Commissioner Norm Freeman:**  
<http://www.cmccotter.org/azuho/Freeman2072.pdf>

“In my opinion this legislation epitomizes why many citizens distrust legislators and lobbyists. Of the 300,000 hunters in Arizona, only a few hundred belong to a “group” as defined in this bill. So- members of these special interest groups constitute a *minority* of the hunting population, yet

this legislation seeks to create a *new financial entitlement* potentially generating millions of dollars a year for that minority ... with no oversight whatsoever. Monies derived from government donated tags are to be applied to club parties and club “administration” which includes funding political action on at least five political objectives (which is not consistent with the North American Model) ... *These clubs need to stand on their own financially without government subsidy to fund their own political objectives.* “

“It is yet another example of government mandated funding of small special interest groups at the expense of the regular guy or gal who cannot afford to be or does not wish to be a member of a group. Awarding some three token commission tags per year is controversial in itself, but translates into a de minimus reward for the good things done by the volunteers of these groups ... Increasing the amount ten-fold is another thing altogether. If anything, the legislature should be reviewing the criteria for the current commission tag practice to reduce even the appearance of impropriety. There should be language introduced stating that eligible groups cannot have “political activity” as a purpose or activity of their club.”

“This may be the accepted practice of the political elite in Washington who are proud when they find clever ways to funnel cash to the subjects who kiss their rings (and donate to their re-election campaigns) ... but we should resist it here in Arizona. The language of the bill itself is fraught with problems, but the very premise should be discarded in its entirety. “

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**REFERENCE TITLE: sale of big game tags**

**State of Arizona**

**House of Representatives**

**Fiftieth Legislature**

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**HB 2072**

**Introduced by Representative Weiers JP on behalf of “Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation”**

**[http://www.arizonasportsmenforwildlifeconservation.org/about\\_us.html](http://www.arizonasportsmenforwildlifeconservation.org/about_us.html)** <sup>1</sup>

**AN ACT AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING**

**SECTION 17-347; RELATING TO BIG GAME TAGS AND PERMITS.**

**(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)**

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**1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:**

**2 Section 1. Title 17, chapter 3, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,**

**3 is amended by adding section 17-347, to read:**

**4 17-347. Big game tags; sale in bulk to qualified nonprofit**

**5 organization; definitions**

**6 A. EACH YEAR THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESERVE CERTAIN HUNT TAGS FOR TAKING**

**7 BIG GAME SPECIES AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION FOR A QUALIFIED**

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<sup>1</sup> Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation also administers the Arizona WCC license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat Fund) derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates.

8 ORGANIZATION TO RESELL RIGHTS TO THE RESERVED TAGS BY AUCTION AND RAFFLE AT  
9 AN ANNUAL SPORTSMEN EXPOSITION IN THIS STATE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE  
10 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION AND AT ANNUAL BANQUETS IN THIS STATE OF ANY OF ITS  
11 CHAPTERS. THE PROCEEDS OF RESALE SHALL BE USED AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS  
12 SECTION. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE  
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION THAT HAS MADE  
THE

14 REQUISITE PAYMENT AND ADVANCE DEPOSIT UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.  
15 THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT SHALL SPECIFY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONSISTENT  
WITH

16 THIS SECTION FOR SALE IN BULK OF RIGHTS TO RESERVED TAGS, FOR THE QUALIFIED  
17 ORGANIZATION TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO RESELL RIGHTS TO THE TAGS AT THE  
18 ANNUAL SPORTSMEN EXPOSITION AND COUNTY BANQUETS AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
TO

19 ISSUE THE RESERVED TAGS AFTER RESALE.

20 B. TAGS WHOSE RIGHTS ARE SOLD FOR RESALE BY AUCTION OR RAFFLE AND THAT  
21 ARE RESERVED FOR ISSUE BY THE DEPARTMENT AFTER RESALE SHALL BE KNOWN AS  
22 GOVERNOR TAGS, LEGISLATOR TAGS AND SPORTSMEN TAGS AS FOLLOWS:

23 1. GOVERNOR TAGS SHALL BE RESERVED FOR RESALE BY AUCTION, SHALL BE  
24 SPECIES SPECIFIC AND SHALL BE VALID FOR THAT SPECIES FOR ANY HUNT AREA WITH  
25 ANY LEGAL WEAPON FOR THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 15 OF  
26 EACH YEAR. GOVERNOR TAGS SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FOR ALL  
OF

27 THE FOLLOWING BIG GAME SPECIES:

28 (a) TWO TAGS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIES: ELK, MULE DEER,  
29 WHITETAIL DEER, BISON (BUFFALO) AND BEAR.

30 (b) ONE TAG FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIES: DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP,  
31 ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP, PRONGHORN (ANTELOPE), MERRIAM'S TURKEY, RIO  
32 GRANDE TURKEY AND GOULD'S TURKEY.

33 2. LEGISLATOR TAGS SHALL BE RESERVED FOR RESALE BY AUCTION, SHALL BE  
34 SPECIES SPECIFIC AND SHALL BE VALID FOR ANY OPEN SEASON FOR THAT SPECIES FOR  
35 A SPECIFIC HUNT AREA WITH THE LEGAL WEAPON ALLOWED FOR THAT  
36 SEASON. LEGISLATOR TAGS SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FOR ALL OF  
37 THE FOLLOWING BIG GAME SPECIES AND APPLY TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING HUNT  
AREAS:

38 (a) AT LEAST TEN TAGS, AND AT LEAST ONE TAG FOR EACH HUNT AREA, FOR  
39 BULL ELK IN HUNT AREAS THAT OFFER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING THREE TYPES OF HUNTS:

40 (i) EARLY ARCHERY BULL ELK HUNTS.

41 (ii) EITHER EARLY MUZZLELOADER BULL ELK HUNTS OR EARLY RIFLE BULL ELK  
42 HUNTS.

43 (iii) LATE BULL ELK HUNTS.

44 (b) ONE TAG FOR WHITETAIL DEER FOR EACH HUNT AREA THAT OFFERS LATE  
45 HUNTS.

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1 (c) ONE TAG FOR MULE DEER FOR EACH HUNT AREA THAT OFFERS A GENERAL  
2 SEASON HUNT AND IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE COLORADO RIVER.

3 (d) TWO TAGS FOR ANTELOPE VALID FOR ALL HUNT NUMBERS AS THE COMMISSION  
4 SPECIFIES IN ANY OF REGIONS 1, 2, 3 AND 5 AS IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2012,  
5 EXCEPT THAT BOTH TAGS SHALL NOT BE FROM THE SAME REGION.

6 3. SPORTSMEN TAGS SHALL BE RESERVED FOR RESALE BY RAFFLE AND SHALL BE  
7 VALID FOR A SPECIFIC HUNT NUMBER. SPORTSMEN TAGS SHALL BE ISSUED IN THE  
8 FOLLOWING NUMBERS FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BIG GAME SPECIES AND APPLY TO  
ALL

9 OF THE FOLLOWING HUNT NUMBERS:

10 (a) ONE TAG FOR EACH HUNT NUMBER FOR MULE DEER AND ONE TAG FOR EACH

11 HUNT NUMBER FOR WHITETAIL DEER.  
12 (b) AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE BULL ELK TAGS FOR EARLY BULL ELK HUNTS AS  
13 FOLLOWS:  
14 (i) AT LEAST EIGHT TAGS FOR RIFLE BULL ELK HUNTS WITH AT LEAST ONE TAG  
15 FOR EACH HUNT NUMBER.  
16 (ii) AT LEAST FIVE TAGS FOR MUZZLELOADER BULL ELK HUNTS COMPRISING AT  
17 LEAST ONE TAG FOR EACH BULL ELK HUNT NUMBER.  
18 (iii) EIGHT TAGS FOR ARCHERY-ONLY BULL ELK HUNTS COMPRISING ONE TAG  
19 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EIGHT HUNT AREAS AS IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1,  
20 2012: 1, 3A/3C, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23 AND 27.  
21 (c) TEN TAGS FOR LATE BULL ELK HUNTS FROM THE GENERAL SEASON WITH NOT  
22 MORE THAN ONE TAG IN ANY HUNT NUMBER AS THE COMMISSION SPECIFIES.  
23 (d) TWO PRONGHORN (ANTELOPE) TAGS FROM THE GENERAL SEASON COMPRISING  
24 ONE TAG FOR EACH OF HUNT AREAS 10 AND 19A AS IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2012.  
25 (e) FOURTEEN SPRING MERRIAM'S TURKEY TAGS WITH NOT MORE THAN TWO TAGS  
26 FOR EACH HUNT AREA AS THE COMMISSION SPECIFIES AND WITH HUNT DATES  
OCCURRING  
27 IN APRIL OR MAY.  
28 (f) TWENTY-FIVE PECCARY (JAVELINA) TAGS COMPRISING TEN TAGS FROM THE  
29 GENERAL SEASON, TEN TAGS FROM THE ARCHERY SEASON AND FIVE TAGS FROM THE  
HAM  
30 SEASON AS THE COMMISSION SPECIFIES. NOT MORE THAN TWO OF THE TWENTY-FIVE  
31 TAGS SHALL BE FOR THE SAME HUNT AREA.  
32 (g) FIFTY ANTLERLESS ELK TAGS AS THE COMMISSION SPECIFIES.  
33 (h) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY SUBDIVISION (f) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE  
34 DEPARTMENT SHALL RESERVE NO LEGISLATOR OR SPORTSMEN TAGS FOR HUNT  
NUMBERS  
35 THAT ARE EXCLUSIVELY FOR C.H.A.M.P. HUNTS, HAM HUNTS OR JUNIORS HUNTS AS  
36 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR FOR HUNTS ASSIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT ONLY  
FOR  
37 BONUS POINTS.  
38 C. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION MUST ENTER INTO THE  
39 ORIGINAL CONTRACT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
40 SECTION. THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
SELL  
41 IN BULK TO THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION THE RIGHTS TO RESELL ALL THE TAGS  
42 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH  
43 YEAR BEGINNING IN 2013. THE DATE IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST SALE  
44 IN BULK SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2012, UNLESS THE PARTIES MUTUALLY  
45 AGREE ON A LATER DATE. FOR THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND EACH CONTRACT  
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1 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR TAGS SOLD IN BULK SHALL BE FOR THE THREE HUNDRED  
2 SIXTY-FIVE DAY PERIOD BEGINNING THE FOLLOWING AUGUST 15, AND THE LEGISLATOR  
3 AND SPORTSMEN TAGS SOLD IN BULK SHALL BE FOR HUNT SEASONS AS SPECIFIED BY THE  
4 DEPARTMENT THAT ARE IN THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING THE FOLLOWING JULY 1.  
5 AS A CONDITION TO NEGOTIATING THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT  
6 AND THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A  
7 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL PAY THE DEPARTMENT:  
8 1. A NONREFUNDABLE ONE-TIME FEE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE COST  
9 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THIS SECTION.  
10 2. FOR THE FIRST BULK SALE OF RIGHTS TO RESELL TAGS AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT  
11 OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICH SHALL BE APPLIED AS A CREDIT TOWARD  
12 THE AMOUNT DUE FROM THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION D,  
PARAGRAPH  
13 2 OF THIS SECTION.

14 D. NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2013, THE  
15 DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO  
16 ORIGINAL CONTRACT TO CONFORM THE CONTRACT TO THE CURRENT FEES FOR TAGS.  
17 THE

17 ORIGINAL CONTRACT AND THE ANNUAL ADDENDA ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING  
18 CONDITIONS:

19 1. THE RIGHTS TO THE TAGS SHALL BE SOLD TO THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION  
20 AT THE GENERALLY APPLICABLE RESIDENT FEE FOR THOSE HUNT TAGS AS SPECIFIED  
21 AND  
22 PUBLISHED FOR THE APPLICABLE SEASON.

22 2. THE RIGHT TO RESELL THE RIGHTS TO THE TAGS FOR ISSUANCE BY THE  
23 DEPARTMENT AFTER RESALE VESTS IN THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION ON PAYMENT IN  
24 FULL OF THE TOTAL RESIDENT FEES FOR ALL TAGS RIGHTS TO WHICH ARE SOLD TO IT  
25 IN BULK.

26 E. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 17-332, SUBSECTION D, THE RIGHTS TO TAGS  
27 MAY BE RESOLD BY AUCTION AND RAFFLE AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION. THE  
28 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL ONLY DESIGNATE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ISSUANCE  
29 OF

29 A TAG INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PRESENTED TO THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION A VALID  
30 HUNTING OR COMBINATION LICENSE, EXCEPT A THREE-DAY CLASS H LICENSE.

31 F. UNDER THE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND AS PROVIDED BY THE ORIGINAL  
32 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION, THE  
33 DEPARTMENT

33 SHALL ISSUE THE RESERVED TAGS TO INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE QUALIFIED  
34 ORGANIZATION

34 DESIGNATES AS HAVING PURCHASED THE RIGHT TO A SPECIFIC RESERVED TAG BY  
35 AUCTION OR RAFFLE, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

36 1. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION, INCLUDING SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 2 OF  
37 THIS SECTION, REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A LEGISLATOR OR SPORTSMEN TAG  
38 IF A HUNT IS NOT ESTABLISHED FOR THE SPECIES AND HUNT AREA FOR WHICH THE TAG  
39 WAS RESERVED.

40 2. IF A NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES THE RIGHTS TO A TAG BY  
41 AUCTION OR RAFFLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE THE TAG UNTIL THE  
42 NONRESIDENT PAYS TO THE DEPARTMENT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLISHED  
43 RESIDENT FEE AND PUBLISHED NONRESIDENT FEE FOR THE TAG.

44 3. EXCEPT FOR PAYMENT AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
45 NONRESIDENT WHO PURCHASES A TAG BY AUCTION OR RAFFLE AT THE ANNUAL  
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1 EXPOSITION IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE RESTRICTION ON ISSUANCE  
2 OF THE TAG TO A NONRESIDENT.

3 4. AN INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A TAG MAY LATER  
4 TRANSFER THE TAG ONLY AS DEPARTMENT ALLOWS BY RULE.

5 G. THE TAG IS VALID FOR THE YEAR AND SEASON OF THE HUNT THAT THE  
6 COMMISSION PRESCRIBES, EXCEPT FOR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATOR TAGS AS  
7 PRESCRIBED

7 IN SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SECTION. THE QUALIFIED  
8 ORGANIZATION SHALL NOT RE-SELL TO AN INDIVIDUAL BY RAFFLE THE RIGHTS TO MORE  
9 THAN ONE TAG PER SPECIES PER YEAR, EXCEPT THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
10 LIMITATION MULE DEER AND WHITETAIL DEER ARE CONSIDERED SEPARATE SPECIES. BIG  
11 GAME TAKEN UNDER TAGS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DO NOT COUNT TOWARD  
12 NORMAL

12 BAG LIMITS FOR THE SPECIES THAT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES. THE DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL NOT IN ANY MANNER RESTRICT PARTICIPATION BY ANY INDIVIDUAL IN THE

14 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL DRAWS FOR TAGS BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S POSSESSION OF,  
15 OR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS TO PURCHASE RIGHTS TO RESERVED TAGS UNDER  
16 THIS SECTION.

[Note: the following legislative language parallels Idaho's S-1256 Governor's tags:]

17 H. THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL FIRST APPLY THE PROCEEDS FROM THE  
18 RESALE BY AUCTION AND RAFFLE OF THE RIGHTS TO TAGS TO COVER ALL COSTS  
19 ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNUAL SPORTSMEN EXPOSITION IN THIS STATE AND ANY COUNTY  
20 CHAPTER BANQUETS AT WHICH RIGHTS TO TAGS ARE AUCTIONED OR RAFFLED. THE  
21 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY THE REMAINING PROCEEDS FROM THE RESALE BY  
22 AUCTION AND RAFFLE OF THE RIGHTS TO TAGS IN THIS STATE FOR PROGRAMS TO  
23 ACHIEVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, INCLUDING THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION'S  
24 COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION:  
25 1. TO SUSTAIN OR CREATE SPORTSMEN EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR  
26 YOUTH OF THIS STATE.  
27 2. TO FACILITATE ACCESS FOR SPORTSMEN TO CROSS PRIVATE LANDS ONTO  
28 PUBLIC LANDS.  
29 3. TO SUSTAIN OR ENHANCE HABITAT IN THIS STATE AND TO INCREASE  
30 TARGETED SPECIES POPULATIONS FOR DEER, SHEEP, ELK, PRONGHORN (ANTELOPE) AND  
31 TURKEY IN THIS STATE.  
32 4. TO FACILITATE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS RELATING  
33 TO SPORTSMEN AND WILDLIFE ISSUES.  
34 5. TO PROTECT SPORTSMEN HERITAGE.  
35 6. TO CONDUCT OTHER PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE CONCEPTS  
36 CONSISTENT WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

37 I. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS THAT ALL OF THE PURPOSES IN SUBSECTION H,  
38 PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 6 OF THIS SECTION COMPLEMENT AND ENHANCE THE  
39 DEPARTMENT'S MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE IN THE PUBLIC TRUST UNDER THIS TITLE TO  
40 INCLUDE CURRENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S STRATEGIC PLAN  
AND  
41 COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY. FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED IN  
42 SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION, THE QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION MAY USE THE  
43 PROCEEDS, SOLELY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, TO MAKE  
MATCHING  
44 OR OTHER GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE QUALIFIED  
45 PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND WHOSE ARTICLES  
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1 OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS STIPULATE THAT THE MISSION OR PURPOSE OF THE  
2 ORGANIZATION IS TO INCREASE, SUSTAIN OR OTHERWISE CONSERVE SPECIFIC SPECIES  
3 OF WILDLIFE. BEGINNING IN 2014, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 31 OF EACH YEAR THE  
4 QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT A REPORT ADOPTED BY  
5 RESOLUTION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT SPECIFIES FOR THE PRECEDING  
6 CALENDAR YEAR THE AMOUNTS OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE BY AUCTION AND  
RAFFLE  
7 OF RIGHTS TO TAGS AT THE EXPOSITION AND ANNUAL BANQUETS, OF THE COSTS  
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPOSITION AND ANNUAL BANQUETS, OF THE MONIES PAID FOR  
9 EACH OF THE SIX PURPOSES LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION AND OF THE  
10 COSTS OF ADMINISTRATION. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "STRATEGIC  
11 PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY" MEANS THE  
DEPARTMENT'S  
12 "WILDLIFE 2012: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2007-2012" AND "ARIZONA'S  
13 COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY: 2005-2015" AND THEIR  
RESPECTIVE  
14 SUCCESSOR AND MODIFIED PLANS AND STRATEGIES.  
15 J. UNLESS DEFINED IN THIS SUBSECTION OR FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS

16 TITLE, THE TERMS USED IN THIS SECTION HAVE THE MEANINGS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
17 DEPARTMENT BY RULE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

18 1. "EARLY BULL ELK HUNTS" MEANS HUNTS FOR ELK WITH HUNT DATES  
19 OCCURRING DURING WEEKS 37, 38, 39 OR 40.

20 2. "HUNT AREA" MEANS AN AREA AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION AS OF  
21 JANUARY 1, 2012 OR AS LATER REDEFINED BUT PERTAINING TO THE SAME OR SIMILAR  
22 AREA.

23 3. "HUNT NUMBER" MEANS THE NUMBER ASSIGNED BY COMMISSION ORDER TO ANY  
24 HUNT AREA WHERE A LIMITED NUMBER OF HUNT TAGS IS AVAILABLE.

25 4. "LATE BULL ELK HUNTS" MEANS HUNTS FOR BULL ELK WITH HUNT DATES  
26 OCCURRING DURING WEEKS 47, 48 OR 49.

27 5. "LATE WHITETAIL DEER HUNTS" MEANS HUNTS FOR WHITETAIL DEER WITH  
28 HUNT DATES OCCURRING DURING WEEKS 50, 51 OR 52.

29 6. "QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS QUALIFIED  
30 PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND THAT MEETS ALL  
31 OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

32 (a) ITS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A SIGNIFICANT CROSS-SECTION OF  
33 SPECIES-SPECIFIC WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMEN ORGANIZATIONS FROM  
34 THROUGHOUT THIS STATE.

35 (b) IT IS NOT A MEMBER OF, DOES NOT HOLD A CHARTER FROM AND IS NOT A  
36 CHAPTER OF A NATIONAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OR SPORTSMEN ORGANIZATION.

37 (c) IT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

38 7. "TAG" MEANS THE APPLICABLE HUNT PERMIT-TAG AS DEFINED BY RULE.

39 Sec. 2. Implementation; exemption from rule making

40 A. Within thirty days after the effective date of this act, the  
41 Arizona game and fish commission shall adopt any rules that are necessary for  
42 the department to timely enter into the original contract and make the sale  
43 in bulk of rights to tags for the hunt seasons beginning July 1, 2013 for  
44 legislator and sportsmen tags and for the hunting period beginning August 15,  
45 2013 for governor tags.

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1 B. Except as provided by subsection A of this section, for the  
2 purposes of this act the Arizona game and fish commission is exempt from the  
3 rule making requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
4 for six months after the effective date of this act.

5 Sec. 3. Emergency

6 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
7 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
8 law.