

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

Recall the old adage, "there is a time for every season".

The "Legislative Season" is upon us here in Arizona! This is the time when elected officials feel compelled to change things, update things, make more rules, or make sure we toe the line, to cite a few examples.

I'll give you an update on some of the bills that are circulating through our Arizona Capitol below. More to follow in the coming weeks as the Session continues.

If you have an interest in looking them up yourself, you can click on this link: https://www.azleg.gov/

If you want to comment or express a position on any bills, click here for more information on Arizona's' Request To Speak (RTS) program. https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/Using the Request to Speak Program.pdf

AZSFWC is tracking the following bills:

<u>HB2219</u> G & F Trespass, 27 AZSFWC Member Groups have opted in to support. Passed the House 60 - 0, transmitted to the Senate, pending Committee assignment.

https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/72845?SessionId=122

HB2092 State consent to transfer Private land to Fed Gov't, 26 AZSFWC Member Groups have opted in to oppose. Passed Federal Relations Committee, being held in the Rules Committee. https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/72630?SessionId=122

SB1046 Companion bill in Senate to HB 2092, Sitting in Natural Resources & Energy Committee and Rules Committee, with no action taken.

SB1263 CARB Elimination, 26 AZSFWC Member Groups have opted in to oppose. Sitting in Natural Resources & Energy Committee and Rules Committee with no action taken. https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/73497?SessionId=122

Some other bills of interest:

SB1350 State Parks Heritage Funding. To be heard in Appropriations Committee this week.

https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/73616?SessionId=122

SB1624 Firearms sales, transfers and background checks. Sitting in Judicial and Rules Committees respectively.

https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/73975?SessionId=122

SB1625 Assault weapons ban. Sitting in Judicial and Rules Committees respectively.

https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/73976?SessionId=122

SB1626 Order of protection and firearm possession. Sitting in Judicial and Rules Committees respectively.

https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/73977?SessionId=122

Jim Unmacht Executive Director

More License Plate Funds at Work



Your Conserving Wildlife license plate purchases enabled us to help fund the AZ Game & Fish Watchable Wildlife Owl Cam. The AZNWTF applied for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to provide this live-streaming camera showing an unedited glimpse of a Great Horned Owl nest.

You can view the stream on the G&F website at

https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/viewing/webcamlist/greathornedowl/owlcam/

AZSFWC Member Group Receives Award

Congratulations to the Huachuca Gould's Chapter of NWTF who was awarded a "Save the Habitat Award" by the National Wild Turkey Federation. The chapter received the Volunteer Award, which is presented to the local chapter that dedicates volunteer hours toward habitat projects and programs within its state. AZSFWC's President Rich Williams was on hand to accept the award.



The Huachuca Gould's Chapter in Sierra Vista, is active

with projects throughout the local area improving habitat for Gould's wild turkeys and assisting the USDA Forest Service and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.



Read the complete article published by the Outdoor Wire HERE.

Upcoming Member Group Activities & Events



PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.AZDEER.ORG DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS 3/4/2020 NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

WE WILL BE AUCTIONING THE COMMISSIONERS'
TAGS FOR MULE DEER & COUES WHITETAIL DEER

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS
"BUCKETS OF OPPORTUNITY"
HUNTS · FIREARMS · OPTICS
OUTDOOR & CAMPING GEAR
ARTWORK · TRIPS · JEWELRY

TICKET PRICES:

\$75 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$750 RESERVED TABLE OF 10 \$850 ENHANCED TABLE OF 10 WITH \$200 OF BUCKET TICKETS









Free Community Fishing Class
March 7th, 2020 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
"Fishing for Black Bass"
"Aquatic Center" 100 Park Avenue Lake Havasu

This class is open to everyone regardless of age. Children under 10 will need an adult guardian with them. No fishing tackle is required. Contact Rod Hatchell rod.anglersunited@gmail.com or 928-733-0207.







Date: Saturday, May 9 Time: 8:00 am - 1: 00 pm (Check in at 8 am, shoot at 9 am, and lunch at 12 pm) Location: Ben Avery Shooting Facility (4044 W Black

Canyon Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85086)

It's Turkey Time



Hunt Raffle

SPRING 2020 KANSAS EASTERN TURKEY HUNT FOR 2 BELL WILDLIFE SPECIALTIES

Two day semi-guided hunt for two hunters who can harvest 1 turkey each. Dates to be scheduled with outfitter between 4/15 and 5/31/2020

Tickets \$10 Up to 400 tickets will be sold

CLICK HERE TO BUY



Winner responsible for non-resident hunting license and tag. Cost is \$150

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Members

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AZ Bass Federation Nation	AZ Big Game Super Raffle	AZ Bowhunters Association	
AZ Chapter NWTF	AZ Chapter SCI	AZ Council of Trout Unlimited	
AZ Deer Association	AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society	AZ Elk Society	
AZ Flycasters Club	AZ Houndsmen's Association	AZ Outdoor Adventures	
AZ Outdoor Sports	AZ Predator Callers	AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation	
AZ Taxidermy Association	Back Country Hunters & Anglers	Christian Hunters of America	
Kahuna's Kids	Mule Deer Foundation	Mohave Sportsman Cub	
Outdoor Experience 4 All	Southeastern AZ Sportsmen Club	SRT Outdoors Inc	
Southern Arizona Quail Forever	Southwest Wildlife Foundation (YVRGC)	The Bass Federation Arizona	
TRCP	Valley of the Sun Quail Forever	White Mountain Lakes Foundation	
Xtreme Predator Callers			

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By purchasing this plate you will be making a contribution to Arizona's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Seventeen dollars (\$17) of each twenty-five (\$25) special license fee will go to AZSFWC's conservation fund. AZSFWC will review and approve all grants from the special license plate program revenues. These grants will fund important outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and on-the-ground wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects. (More info HERE).

These plates can be purchased online and can also be personalized. To order an AZSFWC Conservation License Plate go to: http://www.servicearizona.com Click on "Personalized/Specialty Plates" then if you wish to personalize it, check its availability. Once you have verified the availability of your personalization, or if you only want to order the AZSFWC Conservation Special Plate, click on "Order My Plate". Order your plate as a sequential shelf plate for \$25.00 per year or as a personalized plate for \$50.00 per year.

Here is another helpful link when ordering your special license plate. You can have many of your questions answered here:

https://servicearizona.com/webapp/vehicle/plates/startChoice.do

The AZSFWC Conservation Plate gives all Arizonan's an opportunity to contribute to programs that benefit our wild creatures. **Step up and support "Wild Arizona".**

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat and to provide, via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives. The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (Wildlife Conservation Habitat Fund). The fund is derived from the sale of wildlife conservation license plates and member organizations as well as non-member organizations are eligible to apply for those funds.



