



Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation

Today is Day 50 of the Fifty-sixth Legislature's First Session. 1625 Bills, Memorials and Resolutions have been introduced. 14 bills have been passed by both chambers and submitted to Governor Hobbs, who has vetoed all of them. The stage is set for continued drama downtown.

If a bill hadn't been heard in Committee by last week, it is essentially dead, unless it becomes the product of a "striker".

HB2411 began as a water supply related bill and is now deals with grazing leases and renewable energy projects.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/HB2411P.pdf>

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/proposed/H.2411COOK%20SE.pdf>

Here are a few of the bills we have been tracking that are "dead", at least so far:

HB2236 would have granted any enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe wholly or partially in Arizona an exemption from any fees, licenses, permits, tags, stamps, or application fees prescribed by AZGFD.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/HB2236P.pdf>

SB1057, the Alpine Horse bill introduced by 2022's HSUS Legislator of the Year, would have essentially emulated on the Apache National Forest what is taking place on the Tonto National Forest with the Salt River horse herd.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1057P.pdf>

SB1364 was Senator Mendez' annual effort to eliminate the Commission Appointment Recommendation Board.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1364P.pdf>

Many bills continue to advance, however it's anyone's guess on their eventual outcome.

HCM2005 is a House Concurrent Memorial sponsored by Representative Griffin. If successful, it would urge the U.S. Congress to respect the historic and current use of Arizona's recreational areas by sportsmen and sportswomen, support the time-honored Arizona traditions of hunting and angling, and respect the administration of wildlife conservation through the science-based policies developed by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/HCM2005H.pdf>

Arizona's Livestock Loss Board (LLB) has two bills of interest that remain alive.

SB1002 would appropriate \$250,000 from the State's General Fund to the compensation fund of the LLB, for livestock depredation, not compensation for the Board, which was subsequently clarified in an amendment.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1002P.pdf>

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/proposed/S.1002KERN.pdf>

HB2644 would appropriate \$132,448 from the State's General Fund to the State's Department of Agriculture to employ a peace officer to investigate wolf depredation on livestock in Arizona. <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/HB2644P.pdf>

Off highway vehicles (OHV) remain on the legislative landscape.

SB1100 changes the definition of OHV's based on weight and reduces the commensurate vehicle license tax.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1100P.pdf>

SB1393 establishes the Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement Safety Fund (OHVLES Fund), to be administered by the State Treasurer and distributes the money by percentage to county sheriff's offices, as well as the governing authority.

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1393P.pdf>

Finally, on the water front two bills are still afloat, one would require engine cutoff switches and an audible signal device, and the other would exempt anyone under 12 from wearing a personal flotation device if you are in a "rowing shell".

HB2619 <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/HB2619P.pdf>

SB1010 <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1010P.pdf>

Arizona's Legislature affords the public an opportunity to express your opinion on any bills under consideration. It's called the Request to Speak Program. It doesn't mean you have to literally speak to a committee or at a hearing, but it lets you register your support or opposition on a bill you might be interested in. Here's the link that explains it.

https://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/Using_the_Request_to_Speak_Program.pdf

We'll continue to monitor the proceedings!

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht, Executive Director



L. Gary Stinson Grant Program



Funding decisions will be made at the end of May for this cycle. Information and application can be found here: <https://azsfwc.org/grant-information/>

MONTHLY 50/50 CASH RAFFLE



**Tickets
\$5 Each**

The winner of this monthly raffle splits the pot with AZSFWC! A new raffle and pot will commence at 12:00 am on the 1st of the month. Buyers through 11:59 pm on the last day of the month will have a chance to win before the pot is closed and reset.

There are no limits on the number of tickets sold or the number any one person can purchase. Winner will be drawn at random and announced on or before the 5th of the month.



ALL PURCHASERS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD & PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AT THE TIME TICKETS ARE PURCHASED.

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE](#)

Please support our Member Group Activities

The Arizona Big Game Super Raffle is now called Conservation First USA.



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Same great Arizona Special Big Game Tags and even more prizes!



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NEW FOR 2023

Buyers must be present in the state of Arizona to purchase and *now every ticket is just \$10.* Get your tickets online at conservationfirstusa.org

Winners of Arizona Special Big Game Tags can hunt for **365 DAYS!** The hunting season for all tags is 8/15/2023 – 8/14/2024.

Round One Species
Tickets Available

Jan. 1st – Feb. 28th

Elk, Antelope & Turkey



100% of funds raised from Arizona Special Big Game Tag raffles goes directly to AZ Game & Fish Department for wildlife conservation.

Round Two Species
Tickets Available

March 1st – April 30th

Mule Deer, Coues Whitetail & Mtn. Lion



Round Three Species
Tickets Available

May 1st – June 30th

Bighorn Sheep, Bear, Buffalo & Javelina



“Magnificent 7” Raffles

Swarovski Optics Package • New Mexico Bull Elk Hunt
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Texas Whitetail Deer Hunt • Texas Axis Deer Hunt
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Tickets Available January 1st – June 30th

Scan this QR Code with your smart phone.



Must be 21 years of age and present in the state of AZ to purchase tickets.

Visit conservationfirstusa.org for complete rules.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA QUAIL FOREVER

Family Day

Activities Include:

Trap Shooting
Archery
BB Gun Range
Fly-Fishing/Fly-Tying Intro
GPS Instruction
Animal Footprint ID
Live Bird Hunt Demonstration
Bird Cleaning
Police Dog Demo
Falconry
Free Breakfast & Lunch



****No Fee/All Ages Welcome****

Location: Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, Empire Ranch/Airfield Site (north of Sonoita, AZ)

Time/Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 (8:00am – 3:00pm)

Sponsored by: Southern Arizona Quail Forever Chapter

Register at AZ Game & Fish Outdoor Skills (<https://register-ed.com/events/view/183101>)

For additional info contact:

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Salt River Saturday Conservation and Fishing event March 4

Blue Point Recreation Area, Bush Hwy
9:00 - 11:30 AM

Register here: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/189234>



BANWR Restoration Workshop

JOIN US FOR A FREE WORKSHOP March 20-25, 2023

Learn from Restoration Experts

- Join the AVCA and restoration experts Brad Lancaster, Omar Ore-Giron, and Kyle Thompson as we restore arroyos on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge
- Learn about site assessment and design techniques applicable in rural and urban settings
- Build rock detention structures (one-rock dams, baffles, etc.) in the Puertocito Wash
- Work in a system where roads, tanks, and arroyos are modified together to harvest rainwater

Learn Maintenance & Monitoring

- Maintain existing structures at the Arroyo Hondo Wash using innovative rock and brush techniques
- Conduct monitoring of stream morphology and vegetation

Camping Available

- Camping is available on the Refuge, with sign-up.

Please register here:

Join us any and all days
from March 20th - 25th



QUESTIONS?

Contact Julia Guglielmo
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Sportsmen's Business Directory

Do you really know who you do business with? Do the businesses you patronize support the things you like to do?

Help us build the Sportsmen's Business Alliance online directory to help you find those businesses.

If you are a business owner, here is an opportunity for you to reach out to like-minded sportsmen & women and support organizations that promote causes important to them.

[Read more HERE.](#)

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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.

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The AZSFWC is responsible for managing the conservation license plate program (L. Gary Stinson Grant 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.



Got Wildlife?
Get Your License Plate
servicearizona.com

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 L. Gary Stinson Grant 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. <https://servicearizona.com/plateAvailability/plate?execution=e2s3>

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"**.

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