



Are you a native? Everyone is a "native"...from somewhere!

Arizona natives are shrinking in numbers, and as that happens, these "endangered" natives are becoming more proud, and a lot harder to find. What pray tell has that got to do with conservation, wildlife and outdoor recreation? Really nothing, but it's important to know "non-natives" are moving to Arizona at a record pace.

I'm not talking about Quagga mussels, or horses, or burros, or buffle grass, or the god awful globe chamomile, I'm talking about non-hunting, non-shooting, and non-angling voting urban dwellers.

Those folks aren't bad people, but chances are pretty good many know nothing about what our Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) does. Educating these folks about the AZGFD, the conservation of wildlife, the North American Model, and the role sportsmen and women play in this realm is the critical issue. At the June Commission meeting, progress was made in moving forward to ensure appropriate funding is available to make sure this education effort is solvent.

Another piece to the education issue lies within our collective ranks and falls on our shoulders. This includes things like Fair Chase, hunting and angling ethics, wise use of social media, responsible target shooting and respect for all the public and private land we have access to in Arizona. While none of these matters are necessarily "hard" or "difficult" to comply with, in all too many cases you wouldn't know that to be true. All of us as individuals and organizations need to not just police ourselves, but also send the right message to fellow sportsmen and women, at the very least by setting a good example.

It's now quiet in downtown Phoenix on the legislative front, after 1318 bills were introduced this session. 331 were passed and forwarded to Governor Ducey. He has signed 320 and vetoed 11. The AZGFD supported bills all passed and were signed by the Governor.

Notably, one bill we advocated strongly for was HB2433, which eliminated the definition of "trophy" from statute. What was the big deal with this you ask, Arizona does not have any "trophy" hunts defined in any of the regulations. Cleaning up the statute eliminates not only the definition the Commission was subjected to relative to fines and violations, but also eliminates any ambiguity from the anti-hunting drumbeat relative to "trophy" hunting. This action also gives the Commission flexibility in the ability to levy fines against wildlife violators, which they did not have before.

While Arizona's Capitol is quiet, the Nation's Capitol is not. Cutting through the morass, some of the legislation we're following, includes; Pittman-Robertson Modernization, funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Modernization of the Endangered Species Act, Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act and the Inventoried Roadless Area Protection Act to name a few. Who knows, maybe the Grand Canyon Bison bill will gain some traction in this session?

Finally, it was just announced that Wildlife for Tomorrow has selected four individuals and one group to be inducted into the Arizona Outdoor Hall of Fame.

<https://www.wildlifefortomorrow.org/hall-of-fame>

Congratulations to this year's inductees, but in particular, kudos to AZSFWC's President Rich Williams and Past President John Koleszar!

Yours in Conservation,
Jim Unmacht Executive Director
(IA Native & AZ Conservationist)



We invite you to join us for the 3rd Annual Sportsmen's Summit and Banquet. The Summit's program will include updates about AZSFWC activities and issues, AZSFWC Member, Associate and Affiliate Organizations, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department and

Commission. After the Summit's program, there will be a Social Hour, which will be followed by dinner and a Fundraiser with an Auction, Blitzes, Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction.

SATURDAY - AUGUST 3, 2019 BEN AVERY CLAY TARGET CENTER

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Featured Associate Member Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Hello Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation,

It is my absolute pleasure to have the privilege of introducing myself as the new Inter-Mountain Western States Coordinator for the **Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF)**. In this new role, my objective is to help support the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) and the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus members in the western United States, specifically in the states of Arizona, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Utah. I am honored to be stepping into this new role and look forward to developing a relationship with AZSFWC and others from Arizona's world class sportsmen's community. Arizona is very near and dear to my heart as some of my most fond childhood memories with my grandfather are of exploring the Mule Mountains near his home in Bisbee.



Ellary TuckerWilliams

CSF's mission is to work with Congress, governors, and state legislatures to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping. To achieve this mission, CSF set out to create a network of state legislative sportsmen's caucuses, which lead to the formation of NASC in 2004. Unified under the NASC umbrella, totaling 49 state legislative sportsmen's caucuses, NASC facilitates the interaction and idea exchange among state caucus leaders and the outdoor community. We are thrilled that Arizona Legislators for Wildlife remains an active member of the NASC and that Arizona's own Rep. Regina Cobb (Kingman) currently serves on the NASC Executive Council, a group of state legislators elected by their peers

to provide guidance to the NASC program.

Read the complete article [HERE](#).

From our friends at Southern Arizona Quail Forever

BANWR needs help to do call surveys for the masked bobwhite this year. Charles was able to help put together some maps and points on the washes we are interested in surveying, as well as designing a data sheet to record your findings. (Thanks sooo much Charles!) Each wash is where we either released birds last year, or tracked them in that area since then. The birds are calling in captivity and in the wild already, so I would like to get these started in June and continue through August. My thoughts would be to do each wash at least 2x/month on the most humid mornings. Both Charles and Shawn, a BANWR fire crew member, have pointed out some good websites that pretty accurately predict humidity in fairly precise areas. The exact mornings would be up to the surveyors within about a week window each time.

The 6 washes to be surveyed are in 2 areas of the refuge- around mile 16 in the flatter, northern area and in the SE area near the boundary with USFS. One survey is actually just across the boundary on Forest Service land. They are each around 2500m long and 1-2 may be mostly accessible by vehicle near the wash if desired.

Please let me know your interest and availability and if you'd prefer northern or southeastern routes, or if you'd prefer a wash that has a road paralleling it. If a refuge vehicle would be needed, I can send a code for a mandatory defensive driving course that takes about 3-4 hours. Also, a Volunteer Service Agreement needs to be signed beforehand if you haven't done so already.

You'll also need a GPS unit or phone with GPS capability. Charles says Gaia GPS app is a good one to download onto your phone. We will want to use WGS 84 or NAD 83 datum.

Thanks everyone for your interest!
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Other activities from BHA:


Link to our youth public lands writing contest:

https://www.backcountryhunters.org/public_lands_writing_contest

Link to send a thank you letter to the Senate members who voted down HB2557:

https://www.backcountryhunters.org/take_action#/104z

Arizona Antelope Foundation



**27th Annual
Recognition Banquet
Fundraiser
and
Hunter Clinic**

June 22nd 2019
Clinic 12:00pm - 4:00 pm
Banquet 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Embassy Suites
4400 S. Rural Rd
Tempe Az

Register at AzAntelope.org

**Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International (AZSCI)
Annual Banquet**

When: June 29th, 2019, Doors open at 4:00pm
**Where: Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson (Discounted
room rates available!)**
For tickets: Visit www.azsci.com/shop

The Arizona Chapter of SCI retains 70% of the net proceeds from this event to fund projects like our Junior Deer Camp in the fall and the Junior Jack Kamp in the spring. The Chapter has also funded numerous water catchment projects in Arizona. We will be giving away 50 guns on the night and will have a number of great trips and hunts up for bid, including some AZGFD Commissioner's Tags.

Special Drawings to Benefit Youth Hunting Camps

Special Drawings to Benefit Youth Hunting Camps and Water Catchment Projects in Arizona



Kansas Whitetail

Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$25 each



Canyon Cooler

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



Sitka Ascent Pack

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 each



Custom Mattress

Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$10 each

Tickets only available online at www.azsci.com



HUNT.



Chapter Name : AZ. Wheelin' Sportsmen

Event : Hunting Heritage Banquet

Date/Time : June 22nd / Doors open at 4:30 pm

Location : Tempe Elks Lodge / 2320 S. Hardy Dr. Tempe

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WORKGROUP R3 GATHERING
July 13-14, 2019, in Flagstaff

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Arizona Nordic Village
16848 US-180, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HUNTING AND ANGLING HERITAGE WORKGROUP, THE OUTDOOR SKILLS
NETWORK AND TO ACCESS THE ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, VISIT: WWW.AZGFD.GOV/OUTDOORSKILLS



Mentoring Kids

Fishing Derby



Fishing Derby

Patagonia Lake, Arizona
Saturday, September 9, 2019
7 am to 1 pm

Hosted By:

Del Norte Bass Anglers
&
Kahuna's Kids
 a Leo A. Longoria, Jr. Memorial Foundation

This annual event is looking for more volunteers, especially boaters! Help is also needed on shore with getting these young anglers ready for their day on the water, launching boats, and lunch preparation. This is a one-day event that introduces kids to the sport of fishing and it is a truly rewarding experience! If you are an angler in need of fulfilling your community service requirement, this event would be a great way for you to do so. *Donations are always needed, very much appreciated and tax deductible.* Kahuna's Kids is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is 100% volunteer run.



To encourage youth participation in the sport of fishing and appreciation for the great outdoors.

For more information: 520-241-8527 or visit www.kahunaskids.org

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An advertisement for the Arizona Wildlife License Plate. On the left is an image of the license plate which says "ARIZONA WLDLIFE" and "CONSERVING WILDLIFE". On the right, the text reads "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 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.

