

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced.

SP.007-A2.33 Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Expenditures

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

March 22, 2004

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statements:

Administration of the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund is vested with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. All monies in the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund shall be spent by the Commission to conserve, enhance, and restore Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and habitats for the present and future generations.

The Game and Fish Commission deems the mandate of the public initiative to include the expenditure of funds for shooting ranges and shooting sports programs because these programs are integrally and historically part of our wildlife management mission.

One of the most important wildlife conservation programs ever enacted was the Federal Aid to Wildlife Conservation Act of 1937. This legislation has channeled billions of dollars directly back to the states for wildlife conservation activities through an excise tax on firearms, ammunition and other related sporting equipment. The funds generated are directed to support wildlife management programs, habitat acquisition, hunter education, development of wildlife areas and shooting ranges.

A.R.S. 17-231 authorizes the expenditure of funds for training in the safe and legal handling of firearms, and this responsibility is integral to the wildlife management duties of the Commission related to prescribing the manner and methods that may be used in taking wildlife in order to maintain a balance between wildlife populations and habitat capacity.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

This is a new substantive policy statement.

5. The name and address of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

A copy of the substantive policy statement may be obtained from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Rules and Risk Management Section, 2222 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85023.