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MEMORANDUM

September 22, 2017

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

From: Jon Sjöberg, Administrator, Fisheries Division

Title: **Memorandum of Understanding for Reciprocal Fishing and Watercraft Registration Requirements on the Waters of the Colorado River in Common to the States of Nevada and Arizona –For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission may consider changes to the Memorandum of Understanding for Reciprocal Fishing and Watercraft Registration Requirements on the Waters of the Colorado River in Common to the States of Nevada and Arizona (MOU)

Presenter: Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg

Summary:

The Commission may consider changes to the Memorandum of Understanding for Reciprocal Fishing and Watercraft Registration Requirements on the Waters of the Colorado River in Common to the States of Nevada and Arizona (MOU) between the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD). The MOU currently identifies a requirement for Nevada anglers to possess a Colorado River Special Use Stamp when fishing on common waters of the Colorado River or on the Arizona shoreline. That language is no longer needed as the Colorado River Special Use Stamp will be eliminated on January 1, 2018 as part of proposed Nevada fishing license changes. The included version of the MOU has been reviewed by AGFD and recommended for approval by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends Commission approval of the MOU after consideration of public and Commission input. This will insure consistent enforcement of fishing license requirements on reciprocal waters of the Colorado River system.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RECIPROCAL FISHING AND WATERCRAFT
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS ON THE WATERS
OF THE COLORADO RIVER
IN COMMON TO THE STATES OF
NEVADA AND ARIZONA

The State of Nevada, by and through the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, under the authority of Title 45, Chapter 502, Section 502.045 entitled "Reciprocal Agreements with Adjoining States for Hunting and Fishing Licenses", and the State of Arizona, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, under the authority of Title 17, Chapter 2, Article 3, Section 17-232 entitled "Agreements with Other States for Reciprocal Use of Licenses," hereby seek to enter into an agreement wherein the fishing opportunities afforded by the Colorado River, Lake Mead, and Lake Mohave may be mutually enjoyed by residents and nonresidents of both states. Accordingly, the State of Nevada and the State of Arizona agree:

Fishing Privileges

1. Arizona shall recognize a valid Nevada resident or nonresident fishing license or short-term permit to fish on the Arizona shore or on the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam, where the Colorado River forms a mutual boundary between Arizona and Nevada.
2. Nevada shall recognize a valid Arizona resident or nonresident fishing license or short-term permit to fish on the Nevada shore or on the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam, where the Colorado River forms a mutual boundary between Arizona and Nevada.
3. Each state will recognize the reciprocal state's privilege of a minor to fish.

Watercraft Registration

4. Any person possessing a valid Nevada registered watercraft on the Arizona shore or on the waters specified above shall also possess and display an Aquatic Invasive Species Decal offered for sale by Nevada.
5. Nevada shall recognize a valid Arizona registered watercraft, on the Nevada shore or on the waters of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam, where the Colorado River forms a mutual boundary between Arizona and Nevada, as fulfilling Nevada's requirement for a non-resident Aquatic Invasive Species decal.

Other Provisions

6. No attempt shall be made by either state to promote the sales of its licenses to the detriment of the other state.
7. Each state shall agree to cooperatively work together in establishing regulations regarding fishing seasons, creel limits, hours, types of fishing tackle and live bait regulations, and shall adequately advise the fishing public.
8. This MOU is effective on January 1, 2017 and expires twenty-five (25) years from that date and will automatically renew for an additional term, unless either party decides to terminate. This MOU supersedes the 2013 signed Memorandum of Understanding regarding Reciprocal Fishing on the Waters of the Colorado River.
9. The provisions of this MOU may be amended or terminated only by mutual written consent of the Parties.
10. All written notices concerning this MOU shall be delivered in person or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Parties as follows:
 - A. For the Arizona Game and Fish Commission: Director
Attn: Fisheries Branch Chief Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W
Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086
 - B. For the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners:
Director
Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this MOU entitled "Reciprocal Fishing Privileges and Watercraft Registration on the Waters of the Colorado River in Common to the States of Nevada and Arizona" as of the dates below:

STATE OF ARIZONA

Ty E. Gray
Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department
Secretary to the Commission

Date

This MOU is in proper form and is within the power and authority granted under the laws of the State of Arizona.

Linda Pollock
Assistant Attorney General

Date

STATE OF NEVADA

Grant Wallace
Chairman, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

Date

Approved as to form:

Josh Woodbury
Deputy Attorney General

Date

