



29 October 2024

Article 1 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
C/O rulemaking@azgfd.gov
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Re: Article 1. Definitions and General provisions, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Commissioners and Director Gray:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rulemaking for Article 1.

The proposed changes to Article 1 generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of wildlife while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. Specifically, SCI supports the proposed changes in R12-4-104, which allows a minor to apply for a draw hunt other than big game without having to purchase a license, and R12-4-107, allowing for a bonus point for sandhill crane unsuccessful applicants under the age of ten and allows the minor to apply for a hunt other than a big game without having to purchase a license. The proposed changes should assist in recruitment of new hunters.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits all wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rulemaking for Article 1. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the partnership with the Agency and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International