

**PROPOSED ARIZONA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (AZPDES)
RENEWAL PERMIT**

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R18-9-A907, the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) Permit to discharge pollutants to Waters of the United States to the following applicant, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

AZPDES Permit No. AZ0021211
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

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Arizona Game and Fish Department applied for a renewal AZPDES permit for the proposed discharge of up to 2.74 million gallons per day (mgd) of used and treated process water from concentrated aquatic animal production (CAAP) operations from the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery to Tonto Creek in the Salt River Basin in Township 12 N, Range 12 E, Section 33, in Gila County, Arizona. The Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery is a flow-through raceway CAAP facility that receives spring water from Tonto Springs, the perennial source of Tonto Creek, to produce trout. Used process water undergoes removal of solid debris by a passive separation system followed by polishing to decrease nutrient loading in artificial wetlands prior to discharged to Tonto Creek.

The permit and fact sheet may be viewed online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/notices> by typing the permit number in the “Keywords” search box. The public notice and related documentation also are available for public review, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the [ADEQ Records Center](#), 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. In Phoenix, please call (602) 771-4380 or e-mail recordscenter@azdeq.gov 24 hours in advance to schedule an appointment to review the file.

Persons may submit comments or request a public hearing on the proposed action in writing, to Corin Hammond, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007, or electronically to hammond.corin@azdeq.gov. All written comments received by ADEQ by the close of business on the date 30 days after publication of this notice will be considered in the final permit decision. A public hearing request must be in writing and must include the reasons for such request. If there is a significant degree of public interest, the Director will hold a hearing in accordance with A.A.C. R18-9-A908(B).

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write or understand English and/or to those with disabilities. Requests for language translation, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Leonard Drago, at 602-771-2288 or Drago.Leonard@azdeq.gov. For a TTY or other device, Telecommunications Relay Services are available by calling 711.

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