



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission AGENDA Jan 17, 2023

The Commission meets the THIRD Tuesday each month at 6:30pm. One hour meetings unless there is a speaker; half hour added. Agenda items and supporting info should be mailed to HCF&GAC; PO Box 922; Ferndale, CA 95536; Phone: 707.786.4902 email: [nkaytis4@gmail.com](mailto:nkaytis4@gmail.com) up to two weeks following previous meeting. **This meeting will be on ZOOM**, Meeting ID: 815 1714 4666; **Join Zoom Meeting via phone:** +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose). **Click below to join:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81517144666>

- 1) Call to Order: Jim Clark, John Clark, Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, Yadao B. Inong, Matt Nannizzi, Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn, Todd Wagner, Mike Zamboni
- 2) INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER(S) (If applicable) - Brief introduction, background, and areas of expertise.
- 3) SPEAKER: None
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Members of the public may address the Commission on any item of interest that is not on the current agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.) action or Commission discussion cannot be taken on open time matters, other than to receive the comments, and if deemed necessary, to refer the subject matter to the appropriate agency or department, for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent Commission Agenda.
- 5) OLD BUSINESS/APPROVE MINUTES –NONE AVAILABLE. NO MEETING WAS HELD IN DECEMBER DUE TO HOLIDAY SEASON
- 6) MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA: Change the order of or drop an item.
- 7) CORRESPONDENCE – Scanned and emailed to commissioners as received. Copies will be made for the public if requested.
- 8) CURRENT ISSUES/HOT TOPICS –
  - a) **Waterfowl Hunting** –
    - i) Opening day of waterfowl season is October 22 for balance of the state. The North Coast special management area for geese opens on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Update by **Commissioner Phil Grunert** regarding the Refuge including handicap access and any alterations being made by the refuge. Reformed Aleutian Goose Working Group – **Commissioner Jeffery Stackhouse will report**
    - ii) **Move the Aleutian goose season** for the North coast up a few weeks in the fall to provide more opportunity for sportsman and less depredation for agriculturalists on the North Coast. We have voted on this successfully as a group in the past, but have had roadblocks from unknown entities. The Aleutian goose working group is attempting to see this successfully pushed through for next fall and is hoping to gather HCFGC support.
      - (1) **ACTION: Send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to send to CF&G Commission, or send directly to and CF&G. (See ACTION section)**
  - b) **Salmon Habitat Restoration** – There has never been more funding available from the state and feds for salmon restoration than right now. CDFW cutting the Green Tape initiative started, Water Board passes a programmatic restoration permit and drought and fire resiliency restoration funds are available. **Any Commissioner**
  - c) **Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)** – Pacific Fishery Management Council to Hold a Meeting November 2-8, 2022 to Adopt Management Measures for Ocean Fisheries, Including Final Measures for Pacific Halibut, Highly Migratory Species Fisheries, and Groundfish. Update by **Commissioner Mike Zamboni on various fishery issues.**
  - d) **Fishing** –
    - i) Low flow regulations will have North Coast rivers closed to fishing until rains and increased river flows bring rivers above cfs thresholds. Potential Fisher Road closure. **Commissioner Kenny Priest** will bring issues of importance to the Commission.

**PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION: The Commission is established to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors in all matters concerning fish and wildlife within the County of Humboldt. (Ordinance 682, Section 3, 7/8/69; Ordinance 2050, Section 3, 9/13/94)**

- ii) Native Fish Society and Center for Biological Diversity have filed a petition with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to have **Chinook salmon listed as threatened or endangered. Commissioner Kenny Priest**
  - e) **Humboldt County Fishing accommodations:**
    - i) Humboldt County has no fish cleaning stations, and no bathrooms available for fishermen. The Commission felt if these things were available we would get more fishermen from inland coming to Humboldt. The Humboldt Area Salt Water Fishing Group may have some history on this issue. **Commissioner Brad Smith** will report on this issue.
    - ii) Fields Landing Boat Ramp – The ramp is at an unsafe for use angle. **Commissioner Ted Romo** will report.
  - f) **Fish Health – Commissioner Yadao Inong** will report on Coho and fish health in general.
  - g) **Hunting and Fishing Access** – Forest Service SPI, and BLM lands open this fall and not restricted by fires compared to recent years. **Commissioner Mike Zamboni** will continue to follow and report on these issues.
  - h) **Area River Updates:** Eel River dam removal / Klamath River dam removal / Trinity River / Mad River – The Reservoir drawdown is slated to begin on the Klamath River dams starting in early 2023, with dam removal to begin in the second half of 2023. 20-year process. Updates on area rivers including fish, water quality, dams, etc. **Any Commissioner** may report on this item
  - i) **Elk River Restoration – Commissioner Brad Smith** will update the group on project implementation.
  - j) **On land Fish Farming proposal:** Humboldt County Board of Supervisors upholds Nordic Aquafarms Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the Coastal Development Permit, and Special Permit for the Nordic Aquafarms project. Big step towards implementing the project. **Commissioner Ted Romo** will report on updates.
  - k) **Lake Earl Meeting: Commissioner Ted Romo** will report on this.
  - l) **Potential Commission coastal fishing communities policy.** Dec. 1 public workshop report. Any Commissioner may report.
  - m) **Offshore Wind Development.** Commissioner **Jeffrey Stackhouse** will report on this.
  - n) **Experimental Fishing Permit – Any Commissioner** may report on this.
- 9) NEW BUSINESS – The Chair will (1) announce each item, (2) open for discussion by Commission, (3 ) Open for 3 min. ea. public discussion, (4) bring item back to the commission for discussion.
- 10) ACTION ITEMS – The Chair will (1) announce each item, (2) open for discussion by Commission, (3) Open for 3 min. each public discussion, (4) bring item back to the commission for discussion.
- a) Aleutian Goose Season
    - i) Potential MOTION: ( ) Recommend attached letter to the Board of Supervisors to send to California Fish & Game Commission asking for a change in the Aleutian Goose season.
- 11) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Any commissioner or guest can bring legislative updates to the attention of the Commission
- 12) ANNOUNCEMENTS – Upcoming meetings, gatherings, new issues to consider having to do with fishing and hunting in Humboldt County or elsewhere.
- 13) NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA February 21, 2023

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ITEMS REMOVED or ON HOLD

- **Grants:** None of the grants submitted during this cycle were approved by the commission. Funds will be allotted to next solicitation. **Secretary** will report on this topic. On hold until next grant cycle

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