



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission AGENDA

The Commission meets the THIRD Tuesday each month from 6:30pm through 8:30pm. 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 up to two weeks following previous meeting. MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE ELK'S CLUB; 445 HERRICK AVENUE, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

January 21, 2020

1. Call to Order. Introduction of guests.
2. SPEAKER:
3. 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.
4. Approve minutes – November 19, 2019 (MOTION). No quorum in October, no quorum in December.
5. MODIFICATIONS: Change the order of, or drop an item.
6. CORRESPONDENCE – Scanned and emailed to commissioners as received. Passed around the table during the meeting. Copies will be made for the public if requested.
7. OLD BUSINESS – Reports
 - a. Area River Updates: Potter Valley / Eel River water / Klamath River / Trinity River / Mad River – Commissioner Denver Nelson updates on area rivers including fish, water quality, dams, etc.
 - b. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge – Update by Commissioner Phil Grunert regarding the Refuge including handicap access, alterations being made by the refuge, successful hunts on the Refuge, etc.
 - c. Oak and Meadow Management – Update by Commissioner Harry Vaughn on Oak and Meadow Management.
 - d. Salmon Habitat Restoration – Harry Vaughn reports on salmon sightings off the South Fork of the Eel River.
 - e. Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council – Commissioner Harry Vaughn will report on this newly formed council.
 - f. Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) proposals – Update by Commissioner Mike Zamboni on various fishery issues.
 - g. Marine Life Protection Areas (MLPA) monitoring – Update by Mike Zamboni regarding new information or proposed laws.
 - h. Crab Fishing – Commissioner Mike Zamboni discusses the crabbing industry.
 - i. Cannabis – Commissioner Hollie Hall will report on any updates to the environmental impact of Cannabis to fish and wildlife habitat.
 - j. Update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Commissioner Hollie Hall.
 - k. On land Fish Farming proposal: Commissioner Ted Romo will report on updates.
 - l. Offshore Wind Energy – Commissioner Ted Romo – pending
 - m. Wolves introduced into Western California – Commissioner Mike Zamboni will report.
 - n. Elk Herd: Commissioner Mike Zamboni reports on updates to monitoring the herd(s)
 - o. Mountain Lions – Commissioner Mike Zamboni will report on the impact of mountain lions on livestock and game.

- p. Juvenile Salmonid health in Upper Klamath River: Commissioner Yadao Inong will discuss and report on this subject.
- q. Humboldt County Fish and Game Advisory Commission (HCFGAC) Commissioner Qualification and Name Update Proposal – New (old) information on this to be presented at the meeting for consideration. – Secretary Kaytis-Slocum

8. 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. Proposed regulation changes concerning the 2020-2021 mammal hunting (annual) – Commissioner Jeffery Stackhouse request
 - a. ACTION: Recommend to the Board of Supervisors to write a letter of support for the proposed changes to the NW Elk Hunts. (See attached agenda item)

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.

- a. Hunting Access – Commissioner Mike Zamboni has a report after his talk with Warden
- b. Copper Ammo – Commissioner Brad Smith has a one-time report on this issue
- c. Pesticides – Commissioner Brad Smith has a one-time report on this issue.
- d. Pike Minnow spearing – Commissioner Brad Smith will have ongoing reports on this issue.
- e. Klamath Spawn Update – Commissioner Yadao Inong, Fisheries Tech II will report.
- f. Trinity Redd Update - Commissioner Yadao Inong, Fisheries Tech II will report.
- g. Notification of members by phone – Change to commissioners let secretary know when they receive agenda whether they will be able to attend meeting or not – Secretary Kaytis-Slocum
- h. CF&GC proposed regulation changes concerning the 2020-2021 waterfowl hunting season – how these changes affect Aleutian goose season on North coast and how they calculate the start date for that season – Information requested by Commissioner Jeffery Stackhouse
 - a. NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the Natural Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California, on Friday, February 21, 2020, 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

- 10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Any commissioner or guest can bring legislative updates to the attention of the Commission.
- 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Upcoming meetings, gatherings, new issues to consider having to do with fishing and hunting in Humboldt County or elsewhere.
- 12. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA February 18, 2020. Greta Wengert will be presenting the effects of toxics at trespass grow sites in March

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California Fish and Game Commission

Email address: fgc@fgc.ca.gov (include the subject of the regulations in the email subject line)

Subject line: Support of proposed mammal hunting regulations (annual)

Honorable Commissioners:

Because elk are such a large issue with Humboldt County landowners, we are in favor of your regulation changes to the Northwestern Elk hunts. We believe this will increase flexibility in harvest based on elk counts.

The proposed regulations will contribute to the sustainable management of elk populations in Northwestern California. Existing elk herd management goals specify objective levels for the proportion of bulls to cows in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by periodically modifying the number of tags. The final recommended number of tags will be based upon findings from annual harvest, herd composition counts, and population estimates where appropriate.

Therefore, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports your proposed regulation changes concerning the 2020-2021 mammal hunting season, Section 364, (r) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunts, Section (2) (A) for the Northwestern Hunt. The proposed changes are as follows:

Bull tags, from 15 to 0-44; Antlerless tags, from 0 to 0-58; and Either Sex Tags, from 0 to 0-3. There is no proposed change in the season which shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 23 consecutive days.

Sincerely