



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission AGENDA

April 16, 2019

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

1. Call to Order. Introduction of guests.
2. SPEAKER: Pat Higgins will have a visual presentation on the "The Resilient Eel River."
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 – March 19, 2019 (MOTION).
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

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. 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. Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) proposals – See item under new business.
- f. Marine Life Protection Areas (MLPA) monitoring – Update by Mike Zamboni regarding new information or proposed laws.
- g. Humboldt Bay Halibut – Updates by Commissioner Phil Grunert on halibut fishing regulations.
- h. Cannabis – Commissioner Hollie Hall will report on any updates to the environmental impact of Cannabis to fish and wildlife habitat.
- i. Crab Fishing – Commissioner Mike Zamboni discuss the crabbing industry.
- j. Proposed aquaculture expansion is being considered in the North Bay – Commissioner Ted Romo will be reporting on this as it unfolds.
- k. Wolves introduced into Western California – Commissioners Wes Moore and Mike Zamboni will report.
- l. Elk Herd: Wes Moore reports on updates to monitoring the herd(s)
- m. Salmon Habitat Restoration– Commissioner Harry Vaughn will report updates.
- n. Mountain Lions – Commissioner Wes Moore will report on the impact of mountain lions on livestock and game.

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- o. Wind Energy – California is promoting development of wind energy off the coast of Eureka, 10-20 miles out. Drag fishermen are concerned about anchoring. Commissioner Romo will report on this.
- p. Ocean Ranch Restoration Project: CDF&W Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Ocean Ranch Restoration Project – Commissioners Romo and Grunert will keep us up to date on this item.
- q. Update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act – Comm. Hollie Hall.
- r. Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (D-San Diego) introduced the Wildlife Protection Act of 2019 in response largely to the concerns of wildlife advocates, who say fur trapping is cruel and anachronistic – Commissioner John Clark will lead the discussion on this.
- s. Fish Farming in Humboldt County: Commissioner Ted Romo will update the commission on this proposal.

8. 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. Join Trinity, Mendocino, Del Norte and Siskiyou counties to financially support a representative to the Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings. Richard Cole with Trinity County Fish and Game Advisory Commission is promoting this idea – Kenny Priest has more information on this.
- b. Cooperative Management Agreement between Humboldt County and Bureau of Land Management for Table Bluff County Park – Approval of letter to go to the Board of Supervisors.
- c. Draft letter regarding Archery change for a 40# draw wt. bow to be approved for the Board of Supervisors: Commissioner Brad Smith.
- d. Dungeness Crab Resolution – review and request the Board of Supervisors to adopt – Mike Zaboni

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. Any commissioner or guest can bring legislative updates to the attention of the Commission.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS. Upcoming meetings, gatherings, new issues to consider having to do with fishing and hunting in Humboldt County or elsewhere.

11. NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA May 21, 2019

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