



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission AGENDA July 20, 2021

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 up to two weeks following previous meeting. **This meeting will be on ZOOM, Meeting ID: 840 2948 8065; Passcode: 730960; Join Zoom**

Meeting via phone: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose). Click below to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84029488065?pwd=STN4U2FFMDF4b2hERlnaE9KMk5hQT09>

- 1) Call to Order. Introduction of guests and Commissioners when we have guests
- 2) SPEAKER: none
- 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 – May 18, 2021, June 15, 2021
- 5) MODIFICATIONS: Change the order of, or drop an item.
- 6) CORRESPONDENCE – Scanned and emailed to commissioners as received. Copies will be made for the public if requested.
- 7) CURRENT ISSUES – COMMISSIONER REPORTS
 - a) Grants: We have 3 Proposals for funding. \$6,000 available in the grant funds.
 - i) Humboldt County Office of Education. “Classroom Aquarium Education Program.” \$6000
 - ii) Natasha Hope Ficzytz, MSc student, HSU Dept of Fisheries Biology. “Measuring Exposure to Domoic Acid in recreational Humboldt Bay bivalves along ocean to estuary transects” \$4250
 - iii) Micaela Szykman Gunther, Dept of Wildlife, HSU. “Novel insights into the diet of local carnivores” \$4080
 - b) Abatement: Discussion of abatement. Please add a follow-up discussion regarding Humboldt County Abatement concerns to a future Commission Agenda. In particular Commissioner Hollie Hall would like a verbal update on the situation from Mr. Clark AND to discuss whether the Commission is interested in learning more about the state of county-wide abatements that might have a negative impact on Fish & Wildlife. As, Hall agrees with Bushnell's sentiment quotes: “My second question is, while I understand that cannabis is more prevalent in people’s minds right now, the abatement issue and the cleanup issues would be for every abatement,” Bushnell said. “We abate more than just cannabis sites and that’s when I was wondering also, if you had had any discussions about other sites besides the cannabis and found better abatement cleanup happening there or why you just addressed cannabis in this letter.”
 - c) 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.
 - d) Eel River Groundwater Working Group: Commissioner Hollie Hall is monitoring this group.
 - e) Cannabis – Commissioner Hollie Hall will report on any updates to the environmental impact of Cannabis to fish and wildlife habitat.
 - f) Salmon Habitat Restoration – Harry Vaughn reports on this item.

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)

- g) Oak and Meadow Management – Update by Commissioner Harry Vaughn on Oak and Meadow Management.
- h) Crab Fishing – Commissioner Mike Zamboni discusses the crabbing industry.
- i) Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) proposals – Update by Commissioner Mike Zamboni on various fishery issues.
- j) Fishing – Commissioner Kenny Priest will bring issues of importance to the Commission.
- k) Fish Health – Commissioner Yadao Inong will report on Coho and fish health in general.
- l) Wolves introduced into Western California – Commissioner Mike Zamboni will report.
- m) Elk Herd: Commissioner Mike Zamboni reports on updates to monitoring the herd(s)
- n) Mountain Lions – Commissioner Mike Zamboni will report on the impact of mountain lions on livestock and game.
- o) Hunting and Fishing Access – Commissioner Zamboni will continue to follow and report on these issues.
- p) Area River Updates: Potter Valley / Eel River water / Klamath River / Trinity River / Mad River – updates on area rivers including fish, water quality, dams, etc. Any Commissioner may report on this item

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.

9) 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) Grants: ACTION: Recommend to the Board of Supervisors to fund requests for proposals including the amount recommended.
- b) Abatement of Property – Possible letter generated by Jim Clark and Brad Smith regarding abatement of property.
- c) Meeting in person or meeting by ZOOM

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.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA August 17, 2021

TABLED BUSINESS – These items have been removed from the agenda due to lack of reporting and can be placed back on with a request from the Board of Supervisors or the commissioner assigned to the item:

- 1. Marine Life Protection Areas (MLPA) monitoring – Update by Mike Zamboni regarding new information or proposed laws.
- 2. On land Fish Farming proposal: Commissioner Ted Romo will report on updates.
- 3. Offshore Wind Energy – Commissioner Ted Romo – pending

This meeting will be on ZOOM, to attend, sign in to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84029488065?pwd=STN4U2FFMDF4b2hERlnaE9KMk5hQT09>

Meeting ID: 840 2948 8065; Passcode: 730960; Join Zoom Meeting via phone: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)