



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission AGENDA Nov. 15, 2022

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: Harry Vaughn, Kenny Priest, Loren Furber, Mike Zamboni, Phil Grunert, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, John Clark, Jim Clark, Yadao B. Inong, Jeff Stackhouse, Todd Wagner, Matt Nannizzi
- 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 –SEPTEMBER MINUTES
- 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 –Alan Bongio steps down as Chair of Humboldt County Planning Commission following planning meeting on Travis Schneider’s project. Northern California Summer Steelhead listed as threatened under CESA and first season low flow will be in place on the lower Eel effective October 1.
  - a) **Waterfowl Hunting** – 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.
    - i) **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 goose is attempting to see this successfully pushed through for next fall and is hoping to gather HCFGC support. **Commissioner Jeffery Stackhouse will report**
      - (1) **(ACTION: Send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to send to CF&G Commission. (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) **California Fish and Game Commission (CDFGC)** – The commission will hold meetings Oct. 12-13. One of the topics affecting the North Coast is the use of hoop nets during the Dungeness crab season and recent interest in modified hoop net designs. If approved, the regulations would take effect in time for the recreational Dungeness crab season start date of November 5, 2022. **Any Commissioner** may report on these items.

**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)**

- e) **Fishing –**
    - i) Low flow regulations will have North Coast rivers closed to fishing until rains and increased river flows bring rivers above cfs thresholds. Rockfish will close for boat anglers at the end of October. Ocean fishing this summer has been pretty remarkable for warm water species. Phenomenal albacore fishing out of eureka and significant catches of exotics including bluefin, bigeye, yellowtail and dorado caught throughout the late summer out of Shelter Cove and Eureka. **Commissioner Kenny Priest** will bring issues of importance to the Commission.
  - f) **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.
  - g) **Fish Health –** Fish kill earlier in the summer on the Klamath River and poor water conditions from mudslides in the upper river. This will likely be an issue until winter rains flush out the river. **Commissioner Yadao Inong** will report on Coho and fish health in general.
  - h) **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.
  - i) **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
  - j) **Elk River Restoration – Commissioner Brad Smith** will update the group on project implementation. Large restoration project in tidal section of Elk River. Brad Smith submitted a report to Commission in September. 5-year Elk River TMDL meeting occurred last month and State Board adopted the recommendations of the regional staff for no change to the TMDL.
  - k) **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.
  - l) **Attendance Report –** Secretary Kaytis-Slocum will give a report on the last year’s attendance and options open to us.
  - m) **Luxury Boat Tax Distribution -** Commissioner Brad Smith will research how the Luxury Boat taxes are distributed.
- 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. The state Water Board in seeking to fill the Executive Officer position replacing Matt St. John.
- 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 December 20, 2022

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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
- **Lake Earl** – Del Norte Waterfowlers submitted a complaint to CDFW regarding closures to the south end of Lake Tolowa on the Lake Earl Wildlife Area caused by beachgrass removal. **Commissioner Ted Romo** will update us on this subject OUT OF OUR COUNTY

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