



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES January 18, 2022

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 or 707.407.5747 email: nkaytis4@gmail.com up to two weeks following previous meeting. Online meeting via ZOOM.

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Ted Romo at 6:32pm. Attendance: James Clark, John Clark, (ab)Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, Hollie Hall, Yadao B. Inong, (ab)Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, (ab)Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn, Todd Wagner, Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent.

Move Modifications (5) to this position. Item 2b and Item 9c have been pulled. If there is any public comment on the item, the Commission will listen and record, but take no action at this time.

Speaker: Commissioner Yadao B. Inong spoke to the Commission regarding protocol for whenever we have issues with native organizations and need input. We should follow an official line of communication. Tribal government has an official structure. Place this on the next agenda for adoption by the Commission.

Correspondence: Commissioner Hollie Hall asked that correspondence be emailed on a weekly basis instead of once a month.

Current Issues

Cannabis: Permitted farmers are struggling financially.

Salmon Habitat Restoration: Commissioner Harry Vaughn reported that the Bull Creek hydrograph is up and running. Marshall Ranch restoration is back on track. Salmon are in the creek. Seventy two feet per second moves fish.

Oak and Meadow Management: Vaughn reported that burning has begun for hazel for baskets.

Crab Fishing: Commissioner Mike Zamboni reported: The season is on time, getting a good starting price of \$4.75. He hasn't noticed Dept. of Fish and Wildlife presence.

MLPA Monitoring: A commercial boat was busted and fined \$5000.

Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge: With the arrival of Commissioner Phil Grunert, he reported that an Emperor Geese was shot – not a legal bird in California. The Assistant DA wants to hear the case in six or seven months.

Fish Health: Commissioner Yadao Inong reported on the Trinity River Hatchery numbers of females:

Year	Spring	Fall
2018	938	2210
2019	1276	393
2020	455	1680
2021	790	1886

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The tribe is collecting carcasses and placing them into Grass Valley Creek, a tributary to Trinity River. The carcasses help to fertilize the creek. In 2012, there were two to three times as many fish as there are now. The system was overloaded. 2018 numbers were close to what we want to see.

Wolves: Commissioner Mike Zamboni reported that wolf 419 was hit by a car and killed in Fresno County. Oregon poisoned seven wolves, Idaho opened up to reduce wolves to 150 pair.

Elk Herds: Commissioner Phil Grunert has a video of an elk herd outside of Bridgeville which he will send to the Secretary to distribute to the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Nordic Aqua Farms: Commissioner Jim Clark reported about a letter the Audubon group sent regarding the DEIR. They are asking for an extension of the comment period. One of their concerns is salt water intake in the bay. Two haven't been used for years. There are 1mm screens on these. There has been no robust analysis. One cell plant life and plankton will feed the bay and sustain the availability of food for fish.

Next meeting is February 15, 2022, and will be held by ZOOM

Meeting ended 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum

Secretary