



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES April 19, 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](mailto:nkaytis4@gmail.com) up to two weeks following previous meeting. Online meeting via ZOOM.*

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Clark at 6:34pm. Attendance: James Clark, John Clark, (ab)Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, Hollie Hall, (ab)Yadao B. Inong, Matt Nanizzi, Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn, (ab)Todd Wagner, (ab)Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent.

New Commissioner Matt Nanizzi from Mike Wilson's District 3 introduced himself. The Commissioners present introduced themselves.

Modifications: Add Potter Valley and Offshore Wind to current issues. The Commission will listen and record, but take no action at this time.

### Current Issues

Potter Valley: Commissioner Hollie Hall reported: There are two dams on the Upper Eel River, and PGE's license to run them has expired. Environmental groups have filed a lawsuit. PGE's license is being annually approved. PGE is negatively impacting species. Keep this item on the agenda. The two-watershed solution fell apart due to costs. Incidental take used to be allowed but is no longer. Dams can increase/decrease the temperature of the water. If the dams were removed would there be more or less water in the 200 miles of spawning habitat above where the dams are; Commissioner Kenny Priest reported on the PGE Potter Valley project: One fishing organization is in on the suit and the likely outcome will be that the dam will come out and Van Arsdale will be rebuilt. Coyote dam will be raised, and there will be more water in winter.

Offshore Wind: Commissioner Hollie Hall reported: The Coastal Commission has approved more studies out in the ocean.

Oak and Meadow Management: Commissioner Harry Vaughn reported that there were prescribed burns in February. An occupied Screech owl nest led to an owl truck assigned to guard the owl. Lots of burning is going on, and pitch is being used instead of petro chemicals. Commissioner Matt Nanizzi reported that the PGE contractors are cutting too much on Green Diamond. Matt is currently at a conference in Santa Cruz. Vaughn attended a field trip to Indian and Cedar Creeks – Creeks are up, there are Coho in the South Fork Eel where there is good habitat.

Fishing: Commissioner Priest reported that guide groups and Fish and Game met to discuss the emergency closure due to low flow of the lower Eel River. The closure extended to April and includes Fulmor Road to the mouth of the Eel. There is no drought in the estuary. Catch and Release is regulated. This is a good fishery from August to October. MOTION: (Hall/Grunert) Approve Kenny Priest sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors with an attached letter they can send to California Fish and Game. All in favor.

Nordic Aqua Farms: Commissioner Ted Romo reported there will be a public meeting workshop coming up. The Norwegian speaker is a good one,

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Next meeting is May 17, 2022, and will be held by ZOOM

Meeting ended 7:34pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum

Secretary