



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES April 20, 2021

*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 6:33pm. Attendance: James Clark, John Clark, Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, (ab)Hollie Hall, Yadao B. Inong, (ab)Rhiannon Lewis-Stephenson, (ab)Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn, Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent. Guests included Preston Taylor and John Ford.

The minutes from the previous meetings were not available.

### Speakers

- a) John Ford, Director of Humboldt County Planning and Building Department spoke to the Commission regarding Code Enforcement. Background: Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) transferred to Planning and Building in 2017. Ordinances 2576 and 2646 establish CEU process and procedures. CEU has two teams: Traditional and Humboldt Environmental Impact Reduction (HEIR). The CEU issues a Notice to Abate (NTA) Nuisance and Notice of Violation (NOV). The recipient has 10 days to abate nuisance/correct violation; 10 days to request an appeal; after 10 days the county obtains jurisdiction to abate and penalties begin to accrue. The CEU offers a compliance Agreement Contract: corrective actions are required by certain timelines. Under Ordinance 2616, which amended Ordinance 2576, the CEU allows for immediate (Day 1) penalty accrual under certain circumstances, and allows for recordation of NTA/NOV. In five cannabis cases, the court proceedings show that in two of the cases, penalties were reduced by the court, two went with the hearing officer ordered penalties, and one is still pending. Director Ford then discussed a case that the Commission had heard about previously involving 400 junk vehicles, 190 drums of hazardous waste, 4.5 high side truckloads of tires, 7 high side truckloads of scrap metal, 25 flatbed truckloads of scrap metal and 17 truckloads of debris (solid waste). Phase II consists of removing vehicles in embankment/riverbed; removing buried drums; soil remediation and recovering abatement costs. Under Assessments & Liens: Assessments, summary approval by BoS, recovering county abatements. Notice of Lien: property transfers civil foreclosure. In 2020 13 properties were assessed \$10.9 million in assessments. The HEIR team (Humboldt Environmental Impact Reduction) deals with improper storage of hazardous materials, solid waste, grading and construction without permits, unapproved sewage disposal systems and development within a streamside management area. In 2020 the HEIR Team served NTA and NOV on 103 new violations; 65 of the 103 with law enforcement; 21 of the cases entered no penalty compliance agreements and 23 are abated or nearing abatement. Cannabis Application Compliance consists of no unauthorized cultivation, if possess IP and and cultivating, then also possess State License; Measusre S taxes paid, application complete. Cannabis Application Compliance: 200 applicants are in compliance; 260 applicants are in compliance with IP but missing taxes state license or incomplete application; 160 applicants with unauthorized cultivation must pay penalty to continue in application process or withdraw their application. HEIR data 2020 cases: New 2020 NTA/NOV Cases, 103; Law Enforcement

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Warrants,, 65; Closed 2020 cases, 19; No penalty compliance agreements, 14; compliance agreements with penalty, 0; appeals requested, 3.

- b) Commissioner Inong introduced Preston Taylor, a wildlife biologist for the tribe. He spent 10 years in Humboldt County in Wildlife Management. Has seen the initial phases for traditional archery season. He feels there is a new opportunity, but doesn't want to reduce regular archery. He wants to recruit new hunters using recurve bows, and a new season. He will have a full proposal for us to look over and is asking for our support.

### Current Issues

Abatement: Commissioner Jim Clark reported that some growers are using second generation anti-coagulants. As a result, birds of prey are dying. This poison is illegal in California, but can be purchased in Nevada. Californian state certified pesticide operators can use it. An alternative to these anti-coagulants could be RATS (Raptors are the Solution).

Salmonid Restoration: Commissioner Harry Vaughn reported that South Fork Eel River restoration priorities are being set. Pat Higgins is reporting on populations in the Eel. Due to the fires in Mendocino, prescribed burning is on hold.

PFMC: Salmon season is 6/29 through 8/1 in our region; two fish a day, 20". Halibut season starts on 5/1 through October, or 39,000#.

Fishing: Commissioner Kenny Priest reported the Klamath is allowing 12021 adult salmon, tribes are allowed 8525 to split. Tough times.

Fish Health: Commissioner Yadao Inong reported they are seeing more juvenile coho in Chinook/steelhead. There is much less water. Sockeye, lots of fish in all three traps. Commissioner Jeff Stackhouse asked when fish are susceptible to warmth. Inong replied July and August will be hot. Lewiston was 9.9 to 10.1 Celsius in August last year. Juvies are heading out now. Fish are hiding out where creeks come into another bigger river, even when water disappears on the surface.

Wolves: Idaho has introduced a \$1000 bounty.

Hunting and Fishing Access: In the murder mountain area, one third of the properties are abandoned grows. Wildlife is getting used to it.

New Business: AB534, author has cancelled this item.

Announcements: Commissioner Ted Romo reported that there will be a 37 day hunt from 11/8 through 12/14 on Black Brandt. Commissioner John Clark reported that fires have closed areas to hunting.

Meeting ended: 7:45. Next meeting May 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum  
Secretary