



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES June 15, 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 Vice-Chairman Ted Romo at 6:45pm. Attendance: James Clark, John Clark, (ab)Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, (ab)Hollie Hall, Yadao B. Inong, Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn,(ab) Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent. Guests included Preston Taylor and Robert Moore.

The minutes from the previous meetings were not available.

### Speakers

AJ Bolton not available. Robert Moore, Legislative Coordinator for the California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association was contacted by Preston Taylor previously. He is all in favor of a bow hunt in the Marble Mountains but wants it to be all inclusive. He doesn't want to divide out other hunts. Unless there are more tags, they'd have to take from others. There were 281 Elk tags available this year, with 3000 applicants putting in for 28 tags. He would like no restrictions on the type of bow used. Preston Taylor doesn't want to take away any tags from other hunts. The Coastal Elk population is predicted to double in the next five years. He would like to see a new season, with new tags. He thinks there would be less impact on Elk, as it is hard to bag an Elk with a recurve bow. Moore: deer have a 25% harvest with bow. Taylor: Eastern Oregon is looking at decreasing Elk Tags. Moore: Oregon has more tags than we do. He doesn't like separating out traditional and regular bows. This might be a good discussion to have with law enforcement (local patrol captain). The State Fish and Game Commission probably won't accept this proposal, as they did not accept it in 2019. The secretary will contact the Eureka F&G office for a speaker next time on this issue and will notify Taylor and Moore.

### Current Issues

Grants: The secretary reported that the county budget shows we have about \$24,000 in the account to spend on grants. She also reported that we are advertising that we have \$6000 to spend on grants this year, and will save the balance for future years. The county clerk's office advised that we should have petitioned the Board of Supervisors for the money before we advertised it. I told her I would adjust my list to be sure that I do that next year before advertising. The Requests for Proposals are due July 13 – the secretary will send out copies to all commissioners and we will grade them during the July 20 meeting, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the grants. The secretary will contact all commissioners to remind them how important the July meeting is.

Abatement: Commissioner Jim Clark reported he'd contacted his replacement in the Division of Environmental Health regarding the Morris property. No sub-surface investigation has been done yet. The state has turned this back to the code enforcement unit at the county level. After Phase II is completed (the sub-surface investigation), the property will have a lien put on it. Commissioner Stackhouse asked what action we are asking of the Board of Supervisors. Jim Clark replied that we will ask the Board of Supervisors to look into this and let them know we are concerned regarding fish and wildlife in the area. Stackhouse: Ask the BoS to do what they can to move this forward

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As this is not an action item, it will be placed on the next agenda for Action. Jim Clark and Brad Smith will develop a letter for approval at the next meeting as an ACTION item.

Salmonid Restoration: Commissioner Harry Vaughn reported that South Fork Eel River restoration Plan report is available for review. This is a valuable process.

Fishing: Juveniles are dying in the upper Klamath. The CA Fish and Game Commission will not list the spring Chinook; this will become official tomorrow. Sport fishing won't start until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fish Health: Commissioner Yadao Inong reported that the Klamath fish are in trouble. Irongate hatcher did not want to release to have them die off. The Lewiston Hatchery will hold 1.4 million of Irongate's release until the Fall. Stackhouse: recommend to the Board of Supervisors to write to the California Fish and Wildlife Commission to keep hatcheries in massive drought years. Inong: the decision to put in hatcheries came at the same time as the dams went in. Hatcheries are a poor substitute for wild salmon, but hatchery fish are better than no fish. After the dams are gone, hatcheries will be phased out. Stackhouse: with the hatchery vs native debates, we need public support for hatcheries. He suggests Commissioners Kenny Priest and Yadao Inong give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors to let them know what's happening with hatchery fish vs native fish. Brad Smith: the wild fish will not come back because we don't have the genetics. Inong: In Washington when they took out the dam, fish repopulated quickly. Vaughn: Mattole has genetics from Eel River. Smith: Nine species of fish are coming back into the watershed at the Golf Course in Eureka. Grunert: If the dams are removed, water will be warm.

Meeting ended: 7:54. Next meeting: July 20, 2021. Secretary will contact commissioners to remind them of the importance of the July meeting due to Grants being graded.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum  
Secretary