



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:00 PM

This meeting is held at the Elk's Club
445 Herrick Avenue
Eureka, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Paul Amato, Bruce Cann, Phil Grunert, Kelly McGittigan, Kelly Patton, Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Todd Wagner, Mike Zamboni and Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Secretary. Six needed for Quorum.

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Kenny Priest at 6:00 pm. Phil Grunert and Ted Romo were absent due to medical conditions, Mike Zamboni and Kelly Patton were excused.

2. **SPEAKER:** Supervisor Mike Wilson, Supervisor Third District. (Not yet confirmed) Supervisor Mike Wilson arrived after our meeting started, but we were able to accommodate him by cycling back to this item when he arrived. Supervisor Wilson introduced himself, as did the Commissioners. Wilson felt a 15 minute presentation once a year on what we've accomplished would be adequate. He discussed Fish Cleaning Stations with the group, mentioning that the Harbor District would be best for a fish cleaning station. There is a Recreation District that covers the county. We discussed the Fields Landing area that can be gated for maintenance. The BoS would need estimates on what that would cost and estimates on what to charge for launching. Private funding could be used for underwriting. Boating and Waterways may have grant funding available. There is a Conservation/Recreation Director in the Harbor District. The HCFGAC could collect estimates and make a presentation to the Harbor District. If the commission needs information or help, it would be best to contact Supervisor Wilson by email.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

General Plan Subcommittee Update added as item 6E.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for people desiring to address the committee on matters not on the 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve May 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

The May 20, 2025 minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

A. Fishing

- a. Fish Cleaning Stations subcommittee report – Commissioners Smith, Patton and Stackhouse

Commissioner Todd Wagner is also a member of this subcommittee. There is no report yet.

- b. PFMC –

Commissioner Jeffery Stackhouse reported that Quillback Rockfish catch was shut down two years ago but may be reinstated in September.

- c. Mad River Hatchery Closure – Chair Kenny Priest

Chair Kenny Priest related that there is a rumor that with the Eel River dams coming down, the Mad River Hatchery may re-open for Coastal Chinook and others.

B. Hunting

- a. Elk Working Group Meeting - Commissioner Mike Zamboni

There may be a meeting of this group on June 26, 9am at Spruce Point. Brad Smith may attend.

- C. Nordic Fish Farming – Bruce Cann

- D. Wind Farm – Kelly McGittigan

There is an article in the Lost Coast Outpost about grant funding may be pulled back.

E. General Plan Subcommittee Update:

Commissioners Amato, Cann and McGittigan reported they have identified ten or twelve items of interest and will be reporting on this at a future meeting. Leave on the agenda.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. AB411 There is a bill coming out of the Bay Area to allow mammalian composting in California. We will want to write a letter of support. – Jeffery Stackhouse

Commissioner Stackhouse reported that the Board of Supervisors already addressed this in a letter of support. We are one of two states in the nation that doesn't allow mammalian composting. Recology will be the agency in charge of this. All testing has turned out OK, there is no detection of harm, no negatives. It's in the Senate now so we won't be writing a letter.

- B. Grant Funding. See Action items.
 - a. Report to BoS that we are starting the process and the amount being offered..
 - b. Advertise RFP
 - c. Send RFP out by email to Commissioners, BoS, previous recipients list, etc. with a deadline for submission.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve letter of support regarding mammalian composting.

Letter not needed. Leave on the agenda as a committee report by Jeffrey Stackhouse.

- B. Begin Grant Process,
 - a. Sample motion: Notify the BoS of the grant process, amount, and deadline

MOTION: (Stackhouse/Amato) Notify the Board of Supervisors of the Grant Process, with an amount of \$5000, and a deadline of July 31st. All in favor.

- b. Sample motion: Publish Public Notices, Requests for Proposals in appropriate venues.

Supervisor Wilson suggested writing a Press Release to go to the County Public Information Officer. The Secretary will work with Supervisor Wilson on this. MOTION: (Stackhouse/Amato) Publish Public Notice ad in the North Coast Journal as well as other appropriate venues. All in favor.

- c. Sample motion: Approve the Request for Proposals document

MOTION: (Cann/Smith) Approve the wording of the Request for Proposals document. All in favor.

- d. Sample motion: Email the RFP out to various entities

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MOTION: (Cann/Smith) Email or otherwise distribute the Request For Proposals document to various entities including the previous email list, the Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors to distribute as needed. All in favor.

10. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Fishing and hunting regulations
- B. Legislative updates

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. July 15 2025

12. CARRYOVERS FROM MEETING

These become NEW BUSINESS for the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.