



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES July 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 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, (ab)John Clark, (ab)Loren Furber, Phil Grunert, Hollie Hall, (ab)Yadao B. Inong, Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Harry Vaughn, Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent.

The minutes from the May 18, 2021 and June 15, 2021 were accepted by consensus.

Current Issues

Grants: The Commissioners discussed the three grant requests, and in the end made the following MOTION: (Smith/Stackhouse) With \$6000 to spend recommend to the Board of Supervisors that ½ the money go to the HC Office of Education for \$3000; and ¼ going to HSU Department of Fisheries Biology, Domoic Acid study for \$1500; and ¼ go t Department of Wildlife, HSU, diet of carnivores for \$1500. Motion carried with one nay and eight yeas.

Abatement: Commissioner Jim Clark gave a summary of his discussion with the Board of Supervisors. The abatement process is slow and strained. Commissioner Stackhouse felt we should not get involved in one abatement, but should consider all. Cannabis and non-cannabis, because Humboldt County has funds to remediate cannabis abatement. Continue this item to next agenda.

Eel River Groundwater Working Group: Commissioner Hollie Hall reported that the Eel River may not have a working group. The County is responsible for collecting data and will issue technical memos.

Cannabis: Commissioner Hollie Hall reported that Humboldt County has declared a state of drought: there is a moratorium on drilling non-residential wells. This means there will be more water in the rivers, but on the flip side, will lower property values. There is discussion on curtailing future cannabis permits. Cannabis use is only a fraction of water use. A determination will be made if wells are taking water from the river or from groundwater. A consulting firm is designing monitoring system and more monitoring wells will be put in.

Oak and Meadow management: Commissioner Harry Vaughn reported on SB332, which is trying to establish \$25 million for liability coverage in prescribed burning.

Fish Health: Commissioner Yadao Inong reported that fish are in rough shape. Sacramento and Klamath Rivers may potentially be closed to fishing. F&W is asking anglers not to fish after 2:00pm. There were lots of fish in the Klamath and Trinity Rivers spring run.

Area River Updates: John Clark reported from Dyerville to Scotia, the Eel is going dry. Commissioner Hollie Hall said that pot growers are required to monitor the volume of water usage every week. Other users don't report.

Announcements: Onland fish farming may use Two and a half million gallons of fresh untreated water per day.

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Next meeting is August 17, 2021 and will be held by ZOOM.

Meeting ended 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum

Secretary