



Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission MINUTES January 19, 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, John Clark, (ab)Loren Furber, (joined at 7:14pm)Phil Grunert, Hollie Hall, Yadao B. Inong, Rhiannon Lewis-Stephenson, open (ab)Denver Nelson, (ab)Kenny Priest, Ted Romo, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, (ab)Harry Vaughn, Mike Zamboni, Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. (ab)=absent.

Speaker: Kaitlin Reed, (Yurok/Hupa/Oneida) Assistant Professor Native American Studies, HSU. Effects of illegal marijuana grows on rivers. Professor Reed presented a slide show on “From Gold Rush to green Rush: Settler Colonial Ecology in Northern California.”

The minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

National Wildlife Refuge: Commissioner Phil Grunert reported that there was no open water at the Refuge. This may be for lack of rain; however if they would have started to fill the refuge about a month ago, hunting would have been fine. Quite a few years ago \$85,000 was given to the refuge for two wells that were not drilled properly. All blinds were full during the last weekend of waterfowl season but only one duck a day was harvested. Commissioners Brad Smith, Phil Grunert and Mike Zamboni will go talk to the Manager of the Refuge.

Plastic Shotgun wad litter. Commissioner Hollie Hall reported that at the Samoa Peninsula within one mile, 33 shotgun wads were found. Did the commissioners have any ideas for preventing this? The wads will disintegrate within one year as they are now made of corn-oil plastic vs petroleum. The wads are supposed to be picked up, and it’s against the law to leave them. Commissioner Zamboni said the biodegradable shotgun shells are twice as expensive as the ones that don’t break down. He felt that if all the manufacturers could be convinced to go to biodegradable shells, that would be better. He felt that if there is some documentation that the plastics hurt wildlife, manufacturers could be convinced to go to corn-oil plastics. Commissioner Hall will follow up on some of these suggestions and may bring this back to the commission.

PFMC: Commissioner Mike Zamboni reported rockfish regs have changed to 10 fish total.

ACTION Items:

Negative effect of abated cannabis grow sites on fish and wildlife: Commissioner Jim Clark has written a letter to be sent to the Board of Supervisors concerning this issue. MOTION (Jim Clark/Brad Smith) Switch the last two paragraphs and send this letter to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carries with 9 yes, 1 no from Phil Grunert.

NEW BUSINESS: Interim Chair Ted Romo asked for a report on attendance for the next meeting.

Next meeting February 16, 2021

The meeting was closed at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Secretary