



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Comm.

Larry Nelson - At Large
Grady Garlough - At Large
Dennis Byrne - Dist I
Mike Denega - Dist II
Kurt Mikkola - Dist III
Pat Weddle - Dist IV
Victor Babbitt - District V

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order at 7:02pm by Chairman Nelson
 - 1) Roll Call – Babbitt, Denega, Mikkola, Nelson, Weddle
2. Adoption of Minutes of 1/31/17 and Agenda for 2/28/18 were unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment - None
4. Biologist's and Warden reports –
 - 1) Mitch Lockhart - CDFW Fishery Biologist for EDC, Placer, and Nevada County was not able to attend. Mikkola will make contact for planning purposes.
 - 2) Letter of recognition – Mikkola passed around a letter of recognition for signatures so we can recognize Warden Moskat's accomplishments and congratulate him for his selection of Warden of the Year.
Mikkola passed around copies of Lieutenant LaFave's recent warden report.
5. Comm. Reports –
 - 1) Mikkola let the Comm. know Lieutenant LaFave submitted another restitution check for deposit into the Preservation account.
 - 2) Weddle summarized his observations of the EDC DA's Office Open House held Feb 8. The Game Warden's new deer decoy was on display and garnered considerable attention.
 - 3) Denega reported that a sizeable fish die-off has occurred at the Wakamatsu Farm Pond due to a very low water level. A fish study will soon take place by Denega and Weddle and they will share the results.
 - 4) Nelson Shared information about the Wildlife Conservation Board's recent awarding of various grants to the tune of 18 million dollars, mostly for various fishing conservation efforts. Nelson is interested in changing the location of our monthly meeting to a larger well equipped room to allow for power point presentations and room for the public.
 - 5) Babbitt announced the Sawmill Pond Annual Kids Derby is scheduled for June 2nd. Also the Moose Lodge is reviving the fall kids fishing derby at Barron Lake and that future talks of funding assistance will need to take place.
6. BOS communication –
 1. Budget – Mikkola shared some aspects of the budget proposal for the Fish and Game Comm. that he has had with the Ag Department. A tentative number of \$30,000.00 was submitted in preparation of a detailed 2018-2019 budget proposal based on preliminary communication with fellow Comm. members.
 2. Ordinance review – Weddle and Denega have taken the lead in the revision and update of the Fish and Game Committee Ordinance and the finer points of the changes were discussed. E-mail sharing of the up-dated drafts will be

shared for comment and final comments will be put into a final draft form for final approval before the Chairman will submit to the Clerk of the Board for consideration of updating the antiquated ordinance governing the Comm.

3. Comm. vacancy – Nelson will craft a letter of recommendation to the Clerk of the Board regarding the preferred qualities this Comm. feels would best fit the needs of the Comm. so that it could be considered in the final decision to select one of the two applicants that applied to fill the vacant at-large position on the Comm. Jim Mitrisin/Clerk to the Board plans to go to the BOS with the selection at the 3/13/18 BOS meeting.

7. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized the financial status of both the Preservation Fund and Sawmill Pond Re-stocking Fund. The Fish and Game Preservation Fund has a balance of \$15,487.84. The Sawmill Pond will have \$5,902.53 after the Budget Transfer to establish the Fund Balance amount of \$2,902.53 is posted. (Board Item in March).
 - 1) A motion by Mikkola was seconded by Weddle to fund up to \$2400.00 for the Lumsden Pond Kids Derby on 4/14/18, up to \$2400.00 for the Sawmill Pond Kids Derby on 6/2/18, and up to \$2400.00 for the Annual Lake Walton Kid's Derby from the Preservation Fund. The motion was approved unanimously. The higher costs than the recent historical costs were due to the rise in fees charged by the fisheries that deliver fish.
 - 2) Nelson asked that the remaining funds in the Preservation fund be ironed out via e-mails prior to submission and votes at our next meeting in March 2018.

8. Lumsden Pond Fish Derby
 - 1) Proposal to fund – Three alternatives were discussed and it was apparent the best alternative was to fund a minimum order allowing delivery 2 days prior to the derby to augment the State DFW plant of 500lbs of catchable trout. Mikkola will communicate to Matt Lishman with the City of Placerville.
 - 2) The funding of the other potential derbies was discussed which included Lake Walton, Sawmill Pond, Barron Lake, Serrano Pond, and Fannon Lake.

9. Legislative Report – Nelson handed out the Gaines Report and some literature regarding fishing, hunting, and gun legislation.

10. Next meeting – 3/28/18 at Conference room C, 330 Fair Lane Placerville CA

11. Adjournment was at 9:10pm