



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Comm.

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

MINUTES

August 29, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting started at 7:00pm by Chairman Nelson
 - 1) Roll call – Babbitt, Nelson, Byrne, Denega, Horan, Weddle
 - 2) Welcome Kathy Jermstad – Retired USFS scientist
 - 3) Welcome John Hidahl – Supervisor, District 1
 - 4) Welcome Shelly Blair – Environmental Biologist (Wildlife), CDFW
 - 5) Jarrod Merrell – Biologist, Graduate Intern, UNR
 - 6) Myrna Tow – EDC Agriculture Dept., Finance
2. Adoption of Minutes of April 25, 2018 and Agenda for August 25, 2018
Minutes and Agenda unanimously approved
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items -
 - A. No public comment
4. Biologist and Warden Report
 - A. Region II – North Central Region (El Dorado, Alpine, Amador, Placer)
Warden Report was received by Committee via electronically. Written Warden Report submitted by Lt. S. LaFave.
Hearing attended by Lt. LaFave, Warden D. Moskat, Supervisor J. Hidahl, Comm. D. Byrne, Comm. L. Nelson held at El Dorado County Superior Court August 3, 2018. Three suspects arrested for poaching and feeding game animals located near Jenkinson Lake residential neighborhood. This Hearing led to meeting with El Dorado District Attorney and staff. Report regarding poaching and prosecuting poachers in El Dorado County made under separate memo.
 - B. Shelly Blair introduced Jarrod Merrell, research student working on the Crystal Basin Pacific Deer Herd Study for graduate degree. Most of meeting was dedicated to this report due to limited yearly opportunity to combine this Committee and research occurring within County (continued to 9 PM).

This is the second year for the research study. The title of the study is, Pacific Deer Herd Migration & Survival Study. The study is done from April to October. A DNA study was completed prior to the start of this study. It is estimated the population of the area being studied is between 3,800-4,400 deer. The percentage of male/female is 61%/39%, which was surprising. The peak fawning time is June 1st, and begin darting July 1st. Collars are monitored 24 hrs/day. Estimated poaching causes 30% of deer mortality. The migration routes average 25 miles, and deer take between 1 -141 days to migrate. The study will continue into 2019.
5. Committee Reports-
 - A. Bass Lake Update – Meeting scheduled for Sept. 13th with El Dorado Hills manager. The Plans for the use of Bass Lake is incomplete, it is in its draft stage. One of the issues of naming and using the land is to make it a Reserve or Park. The property is still in escrow.

- B. Ordinance – Due to the depth and interest in this item it was determined to put it over to next meeting to provide adequate time.
 - C. Support for the Moose Lodge Kids Derby Sept. 16, 2018.
Comm. Babbit presented request by the Moose Lodge to financially assist the purchase of fish for the Derby to be held at Barron Lake, SLT. Motion made to provide funding up to \$2,000. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Finance Report - Presented by Myrna Tow
- A. The Comm. Has received \$3,186 in fines for 2018.
 - B. The 2018-2019 Budget balance is \$15,661
7. Legislative Report - Due to time constraints moved to next month's agenda.
8. Next meeting – September 26, 2018, 7:00pm at South Lake Tahoe **Forest Service ,
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit**
35 College Drive
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
www.fs.fed.us
9. Adjournment was at 9:25pm.