



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Wildlife Commission

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

### Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Conference Room A -

330 Fair Lane, Placerville

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Nelson
  - Weddle, Denega, Horan, Byrne, Mikkola, Nelson
  - Shelly Blair - CDFW Environmental Biologist - Wildlife
2. Adoption of Minutes of 11/6/19 and Agenda for 12/4/19 – Both were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment – a discussion regarding the location, that CalTrans was dumping all the deceased deer hit by vehicles, included observations and recommendations by CDFW wardens to reconsider the practice ended up with CalTrans ceasing the current practices. Further discussions regarding a local advertisement seeking to purchase deer parts including antlers will be passed on to CalTips anonymously.
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden Reports – Shelly Blair summarized multiple bear interactions and explained a recent movement by CDFW to review the current bear management policy in hopes of obtaining sound and consistent policies that will be effective in the management of nuisance bears. Shelly relayed some movement with other participating entities including TRPA, USFS, USFW, and others where the collaboration revolves around the bears. Shelly will send our Commission information related to funding a years' worth of satellite service to continue the deer collaring study so that a motion and vote can be put on next month's agenda. Shelly also discussed recent turkey interactions with USFW. Mikkola shared the recent warden report.
5. Commissioner Reports and sub-committee reports –
  - Weddle discussed some news stories relative to the sub-committee he heads up regarding public information being shared related to fish and game violations. He also mentioned the BOS power point presentation is ready for the upcoming meeting scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.
  - Mikkola passed around the draft 2020 meeting dates/locations for approval. Mikkola will request the venues with the COB and confirm then post it on the website. Was asked to add a discussion to January's agenda. Mikkola reported the annual Jr. antlerless hunt was approved by BOS and Shelly will share some previous results in this county and a neighboring county. Nelson will seek an increase in tags for subsequent years.
  - Byrne requests help with information from Erin Tognetti regarding upcoming trials scheduled for Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The CalTrans signs are at a point where we may

need Supervisor Veerkamp to assist and Byrne will follow-up with that. Byrne suggests we follow through with restocking the Serrano Ponds and will seek input and assistance to do a rod and reel survey with local high school fishing clubs. Denega offered his help.

- Denega continues his work with improving our County's Family/Kids fishing sites for warm water species with catch and release and barbless hooks to include Village Green, Bass Lake, and Cameron Park Lake, Finnon Lake, and Wakamatsu Farm pond.
  - Nelson summarized recent hunter education classes he has held and about 2020 hunter education plans.
6. Finance Report – Mikkola will create a 3-5 year fine revenue report for the commission. Mikkola submitted a claim voucher for printer cartridges. Mikkola summarized the accounts and recent activity.
    - a) 2020 Budget items – Nelson wants to begin budget requests for fiscal year 2020-2021 in time for submitting in time this summer. Some items he suggests are fish stocking, warden support, biologist support, signs,
  7. Annual BOS presentation – Weddle gave a brief report on status of the presentation. update
  8. Legislative Reports – Mikkola shared a couple of news releases related to a native rose and Joshua tree being put on the endangered list.
  9. Next meeting – 1/29/2020 – Placerville
  10. Adjournment was at 8:41pm