



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

Mike Denega-At Large
Stephen Horan-At Large
Dennis Byrne-Dist I
Eric Harnage sec/ tres- Dist II
Kathleen Jermstad VC -Dist III
Pat Weddle, Chair – Dist IV
Victor Babbitt – Dist V

MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2021

ZOOM Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chairman Weddle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. This meeting was conducted by video conference due to COVID-19. Present were Denega, Weddle, Horan, Byrne, Harnage, Jermstad and Babbitt.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 4/28/21 and Agenda for 5/26/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were approved.
3. Dignitaries present were CDFW Lt. Pera, Mark Egbert RCD, BOS Hidahl and BOS Turnboo.
4. Public Comment – Mark Egbert has been staying busy with forest management projects and surveys. There was discussion regarding SMUD relicensing and information regarding SMUD doing well in their performance. Mark also stated they work with PG&E.
5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
 - a. Warden – Lt. Bob Pera reported working on bear releases with CDFW Biologist Blair in South Lake Tahoe. Lt. Pera followed up with information regarding the environmental impact due to Marijuana grows (Legal grows). He stated that last year 90 search warrants had been written by CDFW Wardens and out of those search warrants, 50 grows were found with violations.
6. Finance Report-
Court Fines Collected for 2020-21: \$2059.32

Budget 20/21	Expenditures 20/21	Balance
25,339	\$2,511 Lumsden Pond 5/3/2021	\$22,828
	\$4,120 TMO Lake Wakamatsu 5/3/21	\$18,708
	\$215 D Byrne Reimb hook/gifts 4/8/21	\$18,493
	\$2,000. Summer Lake Baron Lake Pending	\$16,493
	\$1,000 TMO 9/8/20	\$15,493
	\$1,000 Summer Lake Barton 9/18/20	\$14,493
	\$1,853 Turkey pending	\$12,640

7. Sawmill Pond Stocking-
The commission approved the sponsorship. Amount \$3000.00
8. Commission Reports –
At Large- Mike Denega
Mike received a letter from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association thanking the commission for the sponsorship of the rock for the boat ramp at Finnon Lake.
Bass Lake Regional Park hired a videographer to record fishing activities and Mike was filmed catching several fish (Awesome Mike).

Mike expressed his concerns about fishing at Bass Lake due to the drought conditions we are likely going into. Mike will be with Dennis June 5 for the Serrano Fishing Derby.
At Large- Steve Horan
No Report.

District 1- Dennis Byrne:

Dennis suggested a letter of thanks be drafted for Mitch in appreciation of his work with stocking fish (Chair to Draft). He will be at the June 5th fishing derby in EDH. There was not much progress to report on the court fines project at this time. Dennis will be meeting with DOT to get four signs with flashing lights for the deer project. On June 1st he will be banding doves and invited commissioners to participate.

District II-Eric Harnage

No Report.

District III-Kathleen Jermstad

Kathie discussed with the commission about leaving the Sierra Wildlife Rescue warning about bird salmonella, e-coli etc. on the commissions website and it was determined to leave the information up. Kathie completed the article for the "Around Here" magazine and it will be coming out in the next issue (Awesome Kathie).

District IV-Pat Weddle

Patrick commented regarding the thank you letter regarding Matt Lishman/Lumsden fishing Derby. Pat had been in contact with Jen House USFS regarding the Lake Walton Derby. They were not going to do a kid's derby, but were going to do a community fishing day instead due to their staffing. Patrick discussed the email he sent out regarding wolves and their impact on deer vs vehicle incidents. The letter that Patrick wrote on behalf of the Amador public employees who were prosecuted for fish and game violations received a response from the editor (The article and letter to the editor are posted on our website).

District V-Victor Babbitt

Victor has still been working on finding a replacement for his upcoming departure. The signage in basin (Due to March change in Fishing Regulations) is in progress.

9. Legislative Report-

Patrick (Chair) reported on two bills:

AB-645 Fish and Wildlife Poaching: penalties: probation period

SB-470 Fishing and Hunting: CA Legislative Information (Combine hunting and fishing license)

10. Next meeting – 06/30//2021 – 6 pm - Video Conference (Zoom)

11. Adjournment was at 7:25 pm

COUNTY POLICY COVID-19

The Chairman will be responsible for posting or verifying that the approved masking sign is conspicuously posted outside of the entrance of the meeting room. The chairman will make sure the maximum number of people in Conference Room A does not exceed 8 people per the posted signs. Seating is already established in the 15' X 25' conference room. The chairman will also enforce that all commission members wear face coverings consistent with CDPH guidelines without exception while;

- Interacting in-person with any member of the commission and/or public while performing any function relative to the commission's duties.*
- Working in any space visited by members of the public including our regularly scheduled conference room; regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time.*
- Working or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities, and restrooms.*
- In the conference room or other enclosed area where other people are present regardless of physically distancing a minimum of 6 feet.*
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from other persons in not feasible.*