



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
Vacant – Dist V

MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 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 Jermstad, Denega, Horan, Byrne, and Harnage.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 10/27/21 and Agenda for 11/24/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were approved.
3. Dignitaries present was CDFW Lt. Pera.
4. Public Comment –Matt Parker, Outreach Specialist, Institute for Wildlife Studies

Matt presented information on lead bullets and the lethal effects that scavengers suffer from ingestion of the lead fragments left in game. Matt shared an informative video with the commission. The primary audiences of his presentations are ranchers and hunting audiences (Thank you Matt). Depredation Permits and Regulations about disposal of deer carcasses was discussed. Discussion about rural or agricultural landowners using lead bullets on small animals which are then consumed by turkey vultures, ravens, crows, coyote, fox, racoons and other scavengers. Matt's website will be posted on the EDC Fish and Wildlife website.

5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -

Warden-Lt. Pera previously emailed the commissioners regarding 2020 violations. There were 17 filings with misc. dispositions. The wardens had a busy deer season with two deer taken out of season. There will be additional follow up regarding tagging (Deer) issues and not many bears were reported taken. There was one deer depredation permit issued and approximately 25 bear depredation permits filed.

6. Finance Report-

No update from last month.

There were fines collected, two hundred and ten dollars (P21-CRM0199-1), eighty-five dollars from courts and three dollars, thirty-nine cents in interest.

Sawmill Pond \$2,436.98

Motion to move Sawmill Pond Fund into General Fund was made and passed (Denega abstained)

Monies shall be moved from the Sawmill Pond fund into the general Fish and WildLife commission fund:

Sawmill Pond Fund \$ (2436.86)

7. Commissioner Budget Proposals

Sawmill Pond \$ 3000.00

8. Commission Reports –

At Large- Mike Denega reported Portland University ranked Bass Lake #8 for birding with well over 150 species. There is discussion for setting season regulations at Bass Lake and talks about discouraging wading or closing in April due to the spawning. Mike has been in Communication with Commissioner Harnage regarding the D'Agostini project.

At Large- Steve Horan

Discussion regarding vehicle strikes involving wildlife has been getting noted media attention. Discussion from Steve revolved around what should be done with the information gathered from these assorted sources.

District 1- Dennis Byrne:

Dennis advised that the state did not seem interested in providing four lighted (Blinking) caution signs for deer. Dennis is going to count deer carcasses in an attempt to persuade the state to reconsider. Dennis will report back and may be asking for reimbursement of mileage expense. Catfish were stocked at Village Green Pond and there will be additional stocking in the next sixty days. Dennis updated the commission with his refurbished fishing rods program.

District II-Eric Harnage

Eric was provided phone numbers by Dennis and contacted Mike regarding the D'Agostini Project. Eric discussed the orders of hats/shirts and updated the progress.

District III-Kathleen Jermstad

Kathie reported seeing multiple birds in the Apple Hill area possibly due to unharvested grapes as a food source. The Infrastructure Bill (H.R. 3684) was discussed and the funds to be released (\$350 M) for wildlife barrier mitigation may not go very far if used mostly for large land bridges. Wildlife language appeared throughout the text of the bill for bridge and road repairs and this is positive information.

District IV-Pat Weddle

Pat has a friend working on a database for vehicle strikes involving wildlife. There was discussion regarding the Rasmussen Pond located in Cameron Park. Pat discussed that a Minor Use Permit must be obtained from the county to put up barb wire fencing. New Officers for the commission will be discussed next meeting.

Pat read the Ag Department's recommendation to approve teleconference pursuant to Gov Code 5493(e)(3) as authorized by AB 361.

The El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife commission made a motion to continue teleconference meetings (Zoom meetings) and that motion was passed.

District V-Vacant

9. Legislative Report-None

10. Next meeting – 12/29/2021 – 6 pm - Video Conference (Zoom)

11. Adjournment was at 7:58 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 is not feasible.*