



## FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

### Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Meeting

#### Attending Members

Crystal Norris  
Jim Lynch  
Dave Cook  
Jeff Holden  
Jo Bentz  
Martin Bauman  
Al Ferris  
Gene Gaffney  
Andrew Pozzi  
Dave Lloyd

#### Absent Members

Brock Dolman

#### Others

Doug Gore, Dragonfly Stream Enhancement  
Dagny Thomas, Ag Commissioner's Office

Chairperson Crystal Norris calls the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

#### Adoption of Minutes

Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the September 2009 minutes. There are none. Al Ferris makes a motion to approve the September minutes, with a second by Jo Bentz. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence

- A. Correspondence from California State Fish & Game Commission regarding various regulatory actions

#### Financial Reports

In September 2009, the Abalone Fund received \$75.00 from Central Collections, with a fiscal year fund balance of \$3,571.18.

In September 2009, the General Fund received \$2,891.53 from Superior Court, \$570.28 from Probation, and disbursed \$9,998.79 for Grant #139 and \$1,863.00 for Grant #140, leaving a fiscal year fund balance of \$38,119.33.

Crystal asks for a motion to approve the September 2009 financial reports as presented. Andy Pozzi makes a motion to approve, with a second by Jim Lynch. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Terrance Fleming, Community Clean Water Institute, reports on the results of *Dutch Bill Creek Turbidity, Nutrient and Bacteria Study, Grant #125.***

Crystal announces that Terrance will be presenting his report at the November meeting.

### **New Business**

**Dagny Thomas, Commission Secretary, discusses options for going electronic and reducing the amount of paper used when compiling monthly Commission packets.**

The Commission agrees that receiving monthly packets in digital format would be the majority preference. Commissioners Andy Pozzi, Al Ferris, David Lloyd and Martin Bauman requested that they continue to receive hard-copy packets. Jo Bentz requests that the subject line of agenda packet emails include the date of the next meeting.

### **Reports and Comments**

#### **Commission –**

- Jim Lynch says that duck season is starting and it's the best hatch in 30 years. All species are up. They've increased take limits, they've become very liberal. Got his dog back from the trainer, and she's ready to go. He's getting ready to set up at his duck club – which is very nice, after roughing it for many years.
- Jeff Holden took his daughters to the Tolay Lake Fall Festival; it was a great setup this year. It's getting bigger and better every year. He saw the reptile exhibit the commission awarded a grant to – it was very well done and comprehensive. He also saw Bird Rescue, the bat people, hundreds of snakes, FFA, beekeepers - hundreds of people attended.
- Al Ferris says that four dams will be removed on the Klamath River, which is good. Unfortunately the taxpayers will be paying for it, not P.G. &E., over the next ten years.
- David Lloyd just came back from two months on the Klamath River and caught a lot of fish. Commercial season is open, which is going well, but the sustenance fishing by the local community is excessive and out of control. He is concerned that the river will become overfished without some regulations being implemented on sustenance fishing.
- Andy Pozzi attended a National Marine Fisheries (NMF)/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) meeting that addressed the issue of sustenance night fishing and excessive overfishing. It was agreed that there is a serious issue at hand and that it's "not the Klamath it used to be". Andy says he has been attempting to reach Congressman Mike Thompson, CA - First District, to discuss the issue with him,

but hasn't received a response. Jim Lynch says he will be meeting with Congressman Thompson the following week and will speak with him about it.

- Dave Cook says that the Chinook run on the Russian River is starting up. 70-80 fish have been seen in one day on underwater cameras at Wohler Dam. Andy Pozzi asks if the Sheriff's Department will be out watching for people targeting the Chinook, as they did last year. Dave explains that the Water Agency didn't have the money to fund that type of enforcement this year. He hopes the Department of Fish & Game (DFG) will have wardens available for surveillance and enforcement.

**Public –**

- Doug Gore, Dragonfly Stream Enhancement, reports that he did not receive the additional funding from DFG necessary to proceed with the *Green Valley Creek Channel Stabilization and Coho Habitat Enhancement* project (Fish & Wildlife Commission Grant #138). It's now too late in the year to initiate the project. He says that the funding from DFG may become available in spring 2010. He would like to return the \$5,250.00 grant award back to the Fish & Wildlife Commission and reapply at a later date. Al Ferris asks Doug if the DFG funding will feasibly come through in the future. Doug says it probably will. The commission suggests that the funds for Grant #138 remain on hold and earmarked in the FY 09-10 budget for Doug's project until February 2010, when the commission will review it. Doug says that he is also looking to Goldridge Resource Conservation District and the local Trout Unlimited chapter for additional funding in the meantime.

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Thomas  
Secretary