

**TRINITY COUNTY FISH AND  
GAME  
ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
P O Box 1917  
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**MEETING AGENDA**

**September 8, 2021**

**TRINITY COUNTY LIBRARY, WEAVERVILLE**

**Chairman** Commissioner James Lee (Wildlife) - present

**Vice-Chairman** Commissioner Samantha Chilcote (Recreation) - present

**County Supervisor**  
Supervisor Liam Gogan

**Restoration**  
Commissioner Mike Dixon - present  
Vacant

**Recreation**  
Vacant

**Fisheries**  
Commissioner Kyle De Julio - present  
Commissioner Charles Holthaus

**At Large**  
Commissioner Richard Cole

**Wildlife**  
Vacant

**This meeting may be audio-recorded.**

The TCFG assists in developing Fisheries and Wildlife Policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. The TCFG interacts and coordinates with federal, state and local agencies and other organizations involved in fish and wildlife conservation, restoration, enhancement and management programs.

Meetings of the TCFG are held bi-monthly starting in January and are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meeting location is at the Trinity County Library (unless otherwise noted) in Weaverville at 7:00 PM. All meeting agendas will be posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. If you would like back-up to the agenda items please contact James Lee at [trinityfishandgamecommission@gmail.com](mailto:trinityfishandgamecommission@gmail.com) .

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**7:00 PM Meeting Called to Order**

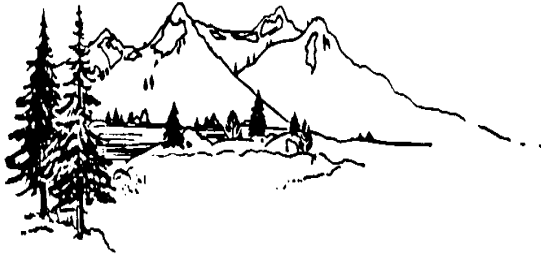
**I. Approve the Minutes from July 21, 2021**

- a. Draft 072121 Minutes\_TFGAC.doc
- b. Motion by Commissioner De Julio to approve the July 21, 2021 Minutes. Second by Chairman Lee. Commissioner Dixon abstained because he was not present at the July meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**7:05 II. Public Comment**

**This time is for information from the public on matters not appearing on this agenda. All comments are limited to three minutes and must pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of this Advisory Commission. When addressing the Advisory Commission please state your name for the record and address the Advisory Commission as a whole, through the Chair. No action or discussion will be conducted on matters not listed on the agenda, however, the Chair may refer the subject matter to the appropriate Commissioner for follow-up or schedule the matter on a subsequent Advisory Commission Agenda.**

- a. A commissioner informed the Vice-chair via email that a member of the public was concerned about wastewater being dumped down the storm drain by a business on Highway 299. Commissioner Dixon stated that is an issue for Cal EPA. There was



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discussion regarding whether it would drain directly to the streams or to the wastewater treatment plant. No action was proposed.

**7:10 III. On-Going Reports**

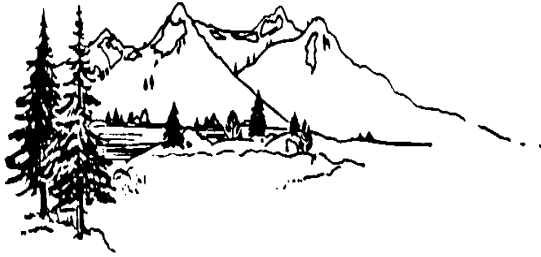
1. Restoration Update- Commissioner Dixon updated the Commission on restoration projects being conducted by local entities.

a. WRTC

- The WRTC is moving forward with the heli-wood project. LWD augmentation will be ground-based instead of helicopter-based. They have buy-in from several landowners and are working on access. The Yurok tribe is discussing implementation with Marc Millers, a renowned restoration company from OR. There will still be an effort to tip trees from Forest Glen into the river. Eric Wiseman from the USFS approached them about potentially incorporating the LWD as part of the fire restoration work being conducted on USFS lands. Marc Millers said that is possible as long as the tree is structurally sound so they would have to be selective when using fire-damaged trees.
- Indian Valley Meadow Restoration (Phase 1) will be used as a Pilot project to increase buy-in and get traction with the USFS. They are surveying this summer and doing NEPA this coming year. Carla De Julio will be doing some of the wildlife surveys and Kyle De Julio has been doing some aquatic surveys. The project does not qualify for NFWF because the reach is not anadromous. The project reach is downstream of some migration barriers but there are some very productive spawning areas just downstream.
- The WRTC is still working on Salt Creek Floodplain Restoration Project. In terms of the stream, they are working on permitting and obtaining conservation easements this year. Otherwise, they are mostly working on upland restoration this year.

b. 5 C's

- Commissioner Dixon did not hear back from the 5 C's, however, he is familiar with the progress of some of their projects because of personal involvement. The 5 C's is coordinating the extension of city water infrastructure to some East Branch landowners in return for their forbearing 15 years of water rights to supplement instream flows. Originally, the 5C's was requesting 27 years of forbearance but they are now asking for 15 years due to contractual limitations. This project is exceptionally important this year because WSD has dewatered East Weaver from the dam down to the confluence with East Branch.
- There are a couple more projects like Sydney Gulch and the USFS compound but Mark Lancaster has been busy with the fires. Progress will likely begin again because he just got back.



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- Vice-Chair Chilcote reported they also got another BLM grant. This project will repeat approximately 23 rapid assessments at sites previously assessed in 2018 as well as 2-3 sites, which were also previously assessed using more intensive surveys. The intensive sites will be assessed again but using the rapid assessment methodology. Vice-Chair Chilcote noted it could be an interesting study because some sites had burned over the past couple of years and others hadn't so it could be a nice paired experiment about the effect of wildfire on streams with a fairly large sample size.
2. Trinity County Big Game Update
- Charman Lee noted that all Trinity Alps lands had been closed for all of bow season and all Sierra Pacific lands closed on midnight the second night of bow season. USFS lands might open before the open of rifle season. Chairman Lee only knows of one other bow hunter who got a deer this year in the Trinity zone. It was a lackluster bow season.
  - Commissioner Dixon asked how many elk tags are issued for the season? Chair Lee responded that he believed about three hundred tags are issued statewide. Locally, the primary elk populations are in the Marble Mountains and then there's also the Douglas City herd, making for about 60 tags being issued in our general region. So it is not a very large sample size but managers do a nice job balancing the hunt.
3. Trinity River Update
- Commissioner De Julio reminded everyone that the river is up for the boat dance. The Trinity River had a better spring run of Chinook than was expected. The catch at the weir seemed stronger than all but a few years. They already got the quota for the lower section for Fall Chinook. The fishing has been good and the fish are on their way upriver. Commissioner De Julio is hopeful that we will have better spawning than in the past. There have been weekly meetings to talk about flows in order to prevent a fish kill. The smoke has improved conditions so there's a silver lining to the fires. Fishing is open upriver but closed on the 1st of the month in the fly-water below the dam.
4. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report - No report.
5. Trinity County Collaborative Report
- Commissioner Dixon informed the Commission that the Collaborative was meeting this Friday but there didn't appear to be any subjects of particular interest to the Commission on the agenda.
6. Pacific Fisheries Management Council – No report.
7. Grant Program - Nothing to report.
8. Correspondence Ad Hoc
- Chairman Lee informed the Commissioners that the beaver letter went to the BOS and was approved. Chairman Lee asked the County Clerk if she sent the letter to the intended addressees. The Clerk, Emma, thought she had sent it but couldn't remember. This seems to be a disconnect between the BoS

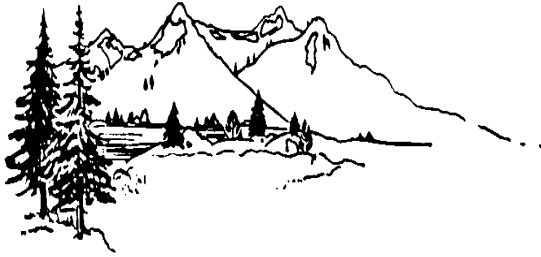


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approving the Commission's letter and it is getting sent out to the intended addressees. This is something we should monitor in the future and ensure that a representative of the Commission is responsible for following an issue from introduction to completion.

**7:20 IV. Old Business**

1. Sign Code of Conduct for Commissioners
  - \*\*\*\*Chilcote will add spaces for Commissioners to sign
  - a. Code of conduct 07112021.pdf
2. Status and Protocol for BoS issues (Beaver Letter, Evening Program) – Chairman Lee
  - a. Evening Program Schedule.xls
    - Chairman Lee is pleased because we were responsive to an issue from the public and he thinks that our action made a difference in the visibility and progress on the issue.
    - A lesson learned from the action was that we didn't identify a point of contact to walk it through the entire process. Commissioner De Julio brought it to the Commission but Chairman Lee edited it and then the other Commissioners assumed that Supervisor Gogan would be responsible for the issue with the Board of Supervisors. In the future, we need to identify a single point person to be responsible for the issue in its entirety. Chairman Lee thinks whoever brings the issue before the Commission should be the responsible party unless someone else wants to take responsibility. Chairman Lee said he will be responsible for following up and ensuring that it is followed to completion. Chairman Lee will do so in the future.
3. Steelhead derby update – Derby Sub-committee (DeJulio, Holthaus, Chilcote)
  - Commissioner De Julio said that these can be two efforts, the broodstock and derby efforts, which can move forward separately. In terms of the broodstock effort, the state came back and said that they weren't going to champion the effort as is but wanted more details if someone else was willing to be the lead. There's no regulatory document providing an impetus for establishing a broodstock program. To date, sample collection happens during spawning so it doesn't coincide with work at the hatchery. Rupert (NMFS) and others are trying to modernize the hatchery facility so there is the possibility that it might be there in the future.
  - What are the next steps? Commissioner De Julio is willing to continue with Commissioner Holthaus on the broodstock issue because he believes it is a productive way to engage on the river.
4. Deer Management Recommendations
  - Chairman Lee is fine proceeding with it with the comments he has received so far. Vice-chair Chilcote thought he was going to compile the comments so we could see what the other commissioners said. Vice-chair Chilcote doesn't want to hold up the document because she agrees with the spirit of the recommendations.



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- Commissioner De Julio had suggested a split season and there seems to be different perspectives on how those seasons are defined. Chairman Lee wants to tie the late season in better and clean up the wording per Commissioner Dixon's comments. Chairman Lee is hoping to propose a small increase in antlerless hunting in order to demonstrate that it can be done successfully and he wants to be careful to ensure everything is very clear because of the past reaction to antlerless hunts (Bloody Sunday). He thinks it is best to go lightly to have the best chance of success in having any changes accepted and move forward. Lee will bring back to the next meeting.
  - a. Feedback from Commissioners
  - b. Public input
- 5. 2021 Programs and Goals, Evening Program Development- Chairman Lee

**8:20 V. New Business**

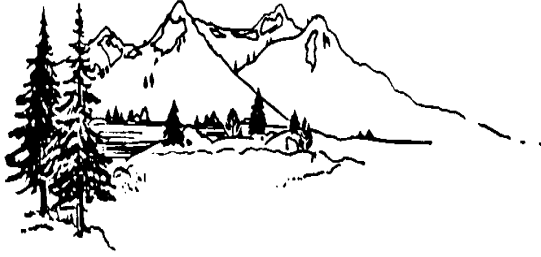
- a. There was a motion by Commissioner De Julio to table all new business until we have more commissioners present. It was seconded by Commissioner Dixon. It passed unanimously.
- b. Homeless encampments
  - i. Photo ppt
- c. Commercial Wastewater disposal
- d. Dams and Cold -Water Conservation of Salmonids
  - ii. [https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/09/01/why-dams-are-ineffective-for-cold-water-conservation-for-salmon-and-trout/?fbclid=IwAR2aKHo-\\_FbVVVoDBtr40VLuolNaKz\\_0O5dQacdMaq4Qgf9gCQDQC6dQt7DM](https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/09/01/why-dams-are-ineffective-for-cold-water-conservation-for-salmon-and-trout/?fbclid=IwAR2aKHo-_FbVVVoDBtr40VLuolNaKz_0O5dQacdMaq4Qgf9gCQDQC6dQt7DM)

Correspondence - <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>

**8:50 VI. Staff Reports**

- a. There was a motion by Vice-chair Chilcote to table the Staff Reports until the next meeting, second by Commissioner Dixon.
- b. Financial Report
- c. Fines and Fees
- d. Approval of Claims - Secretary (\$150 per meeting)

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| 2020                  | 2021                |
| September - Chilcote, | Jan - recording,    |
| November - Lee,       | March - Chilcote,   |
|                       | May - Cole,         |
|                       | July x 3 - Chilcote |



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**9:00 Adjournment**

- a. There was a motion to adjourn by Vice-Chair Chilcote, second by Commissioner De Julio.

**2021 Next Meetings**

November 10, 2021

**Other Meetings**

**CA Fish and Game Commission**

September 16, 2021 Wildlife Resources, Sacramento

October 13-14, 2021 Sacramento

November 9, 2021 Marine Resources, Sacramento

December 14, 2021 Tribal, Sacramento

December 15-16, 2021 Sacramento

**Trinity Collaborative**

Sept 17, 2021

Nov 19, 2021

**Pacific Fishery Management Council**

September 8-15, 2021, Spokane, WA

November 15-22, 2021, Costa Mesa, CA

**Pacific Flyway Council**

August or September 2021, TBD

**Wildlife Conservation Board**

November 18, 2021, webinar or teleconference