

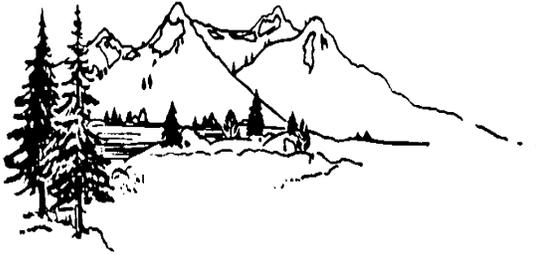
**TRINITY COUNTY FISH
AND GAME
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**Trinity County Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Minutes – January 8, 2018**

John Fenley (TCBOS District 5), Chairman present

Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife) – absent

Cody Canale (Recreation) present

Travis Michel (Fisheries) – absent

Donna Rupp (Restoration) -present

Richard Cole (At Large) - present

James Lee (At Large)- present

Vacant (Restoration)

David Martin (At Large) absent

Scott Mcallister (Recreation) absent

Blain Nicolls (Wildlife) – present

Kyle De Juilio (Fisheries)-present

Sheila Brewer, Secretary - present

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.

- a. Approve November 8, 2017 Minutes, MSC -Cole/Lee – passed unanimous
- b. Treasurer’s report, Budget – \$18,036.79
- c. Approve claims – MSC – Cole/Canale – passed unanimous
Secretarial Fee for January 8, 2018 meeting, \$150.00

2. EVENING PROGRAM – None

3. ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Grant Program – No report
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update – See New Business
- c. Trinity River update – No report
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – No Report
- e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report – No report
- f. Fisheries Council – No Report
- g. Restoration – No Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the National Forest** - Commissioner Cole prepared a draft of the brochure that had previously emailed to the commissioners. Commissioner Rupp had re-arranged some of the information and added a few items to make the brochure one page. Contact information to be put on the brochure was discussed by the commissioners. Commissioner Cole talked to the sheriff’s department and they recommended their number be printed on the brochure for reporting purposes. It was recommended the brochures be distributed at the hunter safety courses. Different modifications were discussed, it was agreed that

when the brochure is completed it will be emailed to Commissioner Fenley, he will then have county council, the sheriff's department and the board of supervisors approve the brochure. **Commissioner Cole moved to accept the brochure with the changes that were discussed and submit as recommended by Commissioner Fenley, second by Commissioner Rupp, passed unanimously**

- b. Letter of support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Commissioner De Julio had prepared a draft letter at the last meeting, he will make the necessary modifications and resubmit the letter to Commissioner Fenley to be presented to the board of supervisors for approval.
- c. Letter regarding changes to bear hunting regulations, petition to be completed for change request to the State Fish & Game Commission. Since the agenda was posted with this topic a letter was received from the State Fish & Game Commission regarding our change request. The letter basically reiterated what the commissioner already knew about the regulations. Commissioner Fenley indicated he will set up a conference call with Senator Maguire's office to discuss the direction we can go with the bear regulations.
- d. Vacant position on Fish & Game Commission, letter and resume of interest received from Mike Dixon. The commissioners reviewed Mike's resume and letter of interest. It was agreed by all commissioners to place Mike Dixon in the vacant position.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **California Department of Fish & Wildlife Elk Plan Draft Document** - Former Commissioner Pete Finnie attended the meeting with details on the elk plan. Some suggested changes were discussed by the Commissioners, such as splitting the zone to a north Marble Mt. Zone and a south Marble Mt. Zone and removing the either sex hunts. Pete recommended we contact Joe Hobbs to come to a fish & game commissioner meeting for a presentation regarding the elk plan. There are about fifty cameras out to try to get a herd count. Pete gave history on the collars the commission purchased to put on the elk but were never successful in trapping the elk to put them on. The new elk plan was discussed among the commissioners. This plan is for the entire state, the plans for specific zones will be in a future plan, possibly coming soon. Commissioner Lee will contact Joe Hobbs regarding the elk plan and the time frame and see if he can come in March for a presentation and give recommendations and guidance for the commission. Commissioner Cole will obtain details regarding who and how we participate in the elk plan.
- b. **Streamline the letter writing and approval process** – Commissioner Cole recommended that we streamline the letter writing and approval process to make it more time effective. He recommended we discuss the topic, agree on what we want to have in the correspondence, make a motion to approve the letter. The

letter will then be composed and sent to Commissioner Fenley for review and then forwarded to the board of supervisors provided the content is what was agreed upon by the commission. It was agreed by all commissioners present that we would use this process for future correspondence.

- c. **California Code of Regulations, Title 14** – Department of Fish and Wildlife, Discrepancy in resident and non-resident big game draw refunds. This regulation was discussed among the commissioners and Nick David, a member of the public. No action taken regarding this discussion.
- d. Commissioner Fenley talked about the commissioners focusing on their area of interest. He suggested at the March meeting each commissioner will talk about what area they would like to focus on and make come up with some goal planning. Former Commissioner Finnie talked about how important it is for the commissioners to get involved with the specific areas in the county to stay on top of changes and what need to be changed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a California Department of Fish & Wildlife

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- a. Commissioner Canale talked about the Wild Harvest initiative
- b. Mike Dixon suggested Kent Lotten, California Department of Fish & Wildlife biologist for an evening program
- c. Commissioner Rupp reported the West Weaver rehab is complete there will be a tour on February 27, 2018. The forest health will help the elk as well as the water shed.
- d.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:57

Next meeting is March 14, 2018

Schedule of meetings for 2018

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 12

November 14