

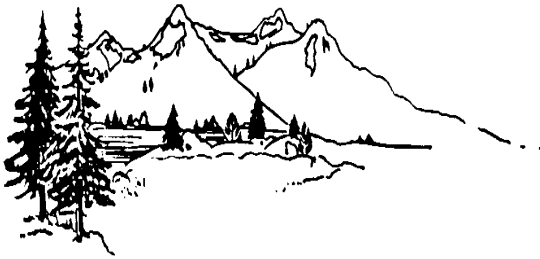
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**Trinity County Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Minutes – March 14, 2018**

John Fenley (TCBOS District 5), Chairman present

Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife) – present

Cody Canale (Recreation) present

Travis Michel (Fisheries) – absent

Donna Rupp (Restoration) -present

Richard Cole (At Large) - present

James Lee (At Large) - present

Mike Dixon (Restoration) present

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 January 10, 2018 Minutes, MSC -Rupp/Cole – passed unanimous
- b. Treasurer’s report, Budget – \$18,563.18
- c. Approve claims – MSC – Chilcote/Cole – passed unanimous
Secretarial Fee for March 14, 2018 meeting, \$150.00

2. EVENING PROGRAM – None

3. ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Grant Program – No report
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update – Commissioner Lee contacted Joe Hobbs and found he is no longer the Elk Coordinator for Fish & Wildlife, the position is vacant at this time, and the deer coordinator position is also vacant. James spoke to Biologist Stephen “Sporty” Parr who is Biologist Jennifer Carson’s counterpart. He offered to come to the May meeting for a presentation regarding the deer. **Commissioner Lee will recontact him to coordinate the May program with him. Commissioner Canale will contact Sporty regarding the completion of the deer plan.**
- c. Trinity River update – Commissioner De Juilio reported the Trinity Management Council will be deciding spring hydrograph at the TNC meeting on March 28 and 29 at the restoration office. Commissioner Dixon reported That we were likely to end up with a dry or critically dry water year, and releases would be scaled accordingly. It was likely that there would be an in-river salmon fishery this year based on the correspondence. Also, the Trinity River Restoration Program was most likely going to be dredging the Hamilton Ponds downstream of Lewiston sometime this summer. While this would be a

short-term inconvenience, it will ultimately improve recreation opportunities in the upper pond (which is currently almost entirely silted in).

- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – Commissioner Nicolls reported there was what was reported as the biggest poaching arrest in the state in Lassen County, 132 raptors were killed.
- e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report – No report
- f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner De Julio reported the Klamath River is being managed separately from the Sacramento River. Fisheries will open in June; the Klamath run is better than the Sacramento run. There will be a season for ocean salmon this year. Commissioner Lee suggested to advertise that there will be fishing this year to increase the tourist.
Commissioner Cole asked about someone from the commission to be on the Fisheries Council. **Commissioner De Julio has volunteered to be the contact person for the Fisheries Council and will contact commissioners for the surrounding commissions to find common ground.** Commissioner Fenley gave Commissioner De Julio the names of people to contact in our neighboring counties. Commissioner De Julio spoke about inviting other commissioners for a deer plan presentation.
It was agreed to create an ad hoc committee for the Big Game Updates for the Deer and Elk Plan, the coordinators are Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Canale.
A fisheries ad hoc committee was also created, coordinators are Commissioner De Julio and Commissioner Cole, will be listed under Ongoing Reports on the agenda.
- g. Restoration – RCD funding the TRR work on a Weaverville CSD diversion from Weaver Creek to make the flow more efficient for the wildlife.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the National Forest, sub-committee report, Commissioners Cole and Mcallister. No report at this time, Commissioner Fenley will present the flyer to County Council for review and recommendations.
- b. **Letter of support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Commissioner De Julio will re-write the letter and send to Secretary Brewer for process to the Board of Supervisors.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Goal Planning – Each Commissioner will talk about what area they would like to focus on:
 - Commissioner Canale – Land use and land management
 - Commissioner Rupp- Habitat and how it ties into restoration
 - Commissioner De Julio – Sustainability, facilitate the sustainability of hunting and fishing in Trinity County
 - Commissioner Nicolls – Wild Turkeys and other small game, wildlife and birds

Commissioner Dixon – Goal as a commissioner is to help guide decisions in the county which will allow the species of importance to sportsmen and others to persist in the future. Trinity County is and will continue to be a working landscape, and successfully sustaining populations of game and non-game species requires us to acknowledge that humans are an important part of the landscape as well. My focus is on adapting how we manage these working landscapes to account for the fact that important factors like climate and fire behavior are changing, and we will need to adjust our forest management and water management accordingly lest we end up with steelhead streams with no water and chaparral and annual grasses where we used to have forest.

Commissioner Lee – Game species, especially deer

Commissioner Cole – River preservation

Commissioner Chilcote – Healthy communities and healthy ecosystem

Commissioner Fenley – Chair for the commission

- b. Conflict of Interest documents - Form 700, Conflict of Interest forms were passed out to the commissioners to complete and return to Secretary Brewer.
- c. Planning programs for future meetings –
 - May 9 - meeting, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Stephen “Sporty” Parr
 - July 11 - New district ranger
 - September 12 – TBA
 - November 14 - TBA
- d. Lewiston Lions Club grant request for Kids’ Fishing Day
 - Ruth Lake Kid’s Fishing Day
 - Carville Pond Kid’s Fishing Day
 - Hayfork Lions Ewing Reservoir Kid’s Fishing DayCommissioner Chilcote moved to approve grant donations to the above kid’s fishing days in the amount of \$350.00 each, second Commissioner Canale, passed unanimously.
- e. Re-initiation of the Central Valley Project – Commissioner Cole spoke about an article he read regarding this subject. The project is on three tracks, Track 1, 12 months, Track 2, 18 months, Track 3, 20 to 40 years. Commissioner Dixon indicated that the Yurok Tribe and his office are participating in this, he can bring information to the meeting. Commissioner De Julio indicated it is still in the scoping process, no proposed action at this time. Add to Ongoing Reports on the agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a California Department of Fish & Wildlife

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- a. Commissioner Fenley reported that Supervisor Groves set up an ad hoc committee to deal with Huffman’s Wilderness Act. Commissioner De Julio said it would establish a low elevation wilderness, would be good for deer,

this would be an aspect the Fish & Game Commission might be interested in. Commissioner Fenley encouraged the commissioners to bring forward anything they wanted to present to the Board of Supervisor regarding this act.

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:30

Next meeting is May 9, 2018

Schedule of meetings for 2018

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 12

November 14