

**TRINITY COUNTY FISH
AND GAME
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

John Fenley (TCBOS District 5), Chairman present
Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife) – present Mike Dixon (Restoration) absent
Cody Canale (Recreation) present (At Large) - Vacant
(Fisheries) – Vacant (Recreation) - Vacant
Donna Rupp (Restoration) -present Blain Nicolls (Wildlife) – present
Richard Cole (At Large) - absent Kyle De Juilio (Fisheries) - present
James Lee (At Large) - present Sheila Brewer, Secretary - present

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

- a. Approve September 12, 2018 Minutes, MSC -Chilcote/Lee – passed unanimous
- b. Treasurer’s report, Budget – \$19,177.37
- c. Approve claims –
Secretarial Fee for November 14, 2018 meeting, \$150.00
Reimbursement to Secretary Brewer for printer ink, \$73.99 MSC – Rupp/Lee, passed unanimous

2. EVENING PROGRAM – Donna Rupp. Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Commissioner Donna Rupp presented an analyst of sub water sheds through the Geographic Information System (GIS) data available from different sources. Studies done by four regions and the South Fork Ridge, shows 13-14 game species that were counted in the area. The information presented was discussed among the commissioners. With the information presented, where do we want to go with this? Are there priorities we should look at? Commissioner Rupp suggested we look at all the GIS pieces and layer them to see a full picture of the habitats. The effects of over permitting in watershed areas for marijuana grows was discussed by the commission.

3. ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Restoration – Commissioner De Juilio reported there were 300 full size trees brought in by helicopter to the St. John’s reach of the South Fork of the Trinity, they look like they are doing the job intended.
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update – Commissioner Lee feels the deer management document looks good, as does the rest of the commission.

Commissioner Lee would like to move forward with out comments. He will reach out to Amy or Sally at the paper to get the information out to the public as an interested individual, not as a representative of the commission. He will also contact the individual members of the board of supervisors to talk to them about the Deer Plan comments. Commissioner Fenley recommended Commissioner Lee also talk to the county CAO. This topic to be placed on the January agenda under Old Business.

- c. Trinity River update – Commissioner De Julio, fall salmon is showing low numbers but higher than last year at the Willow Creek Weir.
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – Fish & Wildlife Biologist Bernie Aguiar reported they have finished fish removal project in the Deep Creek Basin. Bernie indicated it would be good if someone from the commission could talk to the Lion’s Club about the kids fishing day at the reservoir in Weaverville. The fishing day will have to be done in May, will need pre-stocking evaluation before we can do it. He needs to get the allotment in for next year, he will put in for this event. Bernie also indicated that the Deadwood Creek area will be affected when it starts raining with the sediment runoff from the Carr Fire.
- e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report- Two boat ramp projects starting, and hiking trails planned. Bernie indicated that at Lewiston Lake there is a grant project for a boat ramp and improved areas with toilets.
- f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner De Julio reported that Commissioner Cole has the Facebook page up for the other commissions to be able to communicate on the board. He also talked about the different information topics that can be posted.
- g. Grant Program – No report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the national forest – No report
- b. Commission Secretary Position – One application was received from Tina Duong, Commissioner Canale moved to accept the application for the position, Second by Commissioner Nicolls, passed unanimously. Tina will begin at the January meeting.
- c. Letter of support for Justin Alvarez, Hoopa Valley Tribe, regarding Brown Trout Management Project – Commissioner De Julio has the draft letter from Justin, support of fisheries management plan. Commissioner De Julio moved to prepare the letter/draft to be passed to all the commissioners for review and agenize to the Board of Supervisors, second by Commissioner Nicolls, passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kids Fishing Day in Weaverville – See Department of Fish and Wildlife Report

- b. Expectations from Board of Supervisors of Commission – The process of presenting topics to the Board of Supervisors was discussed and the importance of the commission communicating with the board.
- c. Predators in Trinity, Commissioner Canale asked if there is any interest in drafting support regarding the implications to the county when wolves are established here. Commissioner Chilcote recommended that this is a good topic to discuss on the commission Facebook page. The topic of the wolves was discussed by the commission, it was recommended we might invite Kent Loudon from Fish & Wildlife, (he is working on the wolves in California) to come to the commission to talk about the wolves. Commissioner Canale will contact him.

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. California Department of Fish & Wildlife

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Commissioner Chilcote suggested we do a press release regarding the vacant commission positions.

Commissioner Fenley requested the commissioner to consider being the chair for the commission. Election will be on the January agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:38

Next meeting January 9, 2019

Schedule of meetings for 2019

January 9

March 13

May 8

July 10

September 11

November 13