

**TRINITY COUNTY FISH
AND GAME
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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**Trinity County Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Minutes – September 12, 2018**

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

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

- a. Approve July 18, 2018 Minutes, MSC -Chilcote/Lee – passed unanimous
- b. Treasurer’s report, Budget – \$19,254.68
- c. Approve claims –
Secretarial Fee for July 18, 2018 meeting, \$150.00 MSC – Cole/Lee – passed unanimous
Post Office Box reimbursement to Secretary Brewer, \$56.00 MSC – Cole/Rupp, passed unanimous

2. EVENING PROGRAM – No Program

3. ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Restoration – Commissioner Rupp presented a map for the Fish and Wildlife website showing game counts in our county. She wanted to provide this information for the commissioner’s interest regarding habitat. This map showed healthy areas in the watershed. The information included elk, deer, mule deer and several types of birds. Ways to enhance the hunting and the habitat were discussed among the commissioners. Commissioner Rupp has agreed to present a program at the November meeting.
Commissioner Dixon reported that the Emergency Response Report indicated that up to 80% of the watershed burned in the Deadwood Creek area, some severely. It is likely that there will be a significant sediment contribution to the Trinity River from the Deadwood Creek area, which could smother salmon redds between Lewiston and Rush Creek.
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update – Commissioner Lee reported on bow season for deer hunting, once again the temperatures were very high. He also

reported on the bear hunting regulation change. The regulations now indicate that the skull must be presented within 10 days to a Fish & Wildlife warden. The changes in the tag validation details were discussed among the commissioners. SPI has closed all their land to hunting due to the fires as well as foot traffic and horse use.

- c. Trinity River update – Commissioner De Juilio report the river is running at 700 cfs flow. There is a high count of spring chinook from the weir, the Willow Creek weir counted 50 steelhead. The Yurok Tribe will be dropping 250 trees into the Trinity River. On September 19 the flows are going down to 450 cfs.
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – Sporty reported that per Fish & Wildlife hunters can still hunt where there are no restrictions due to fires.
- e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report – No report
- f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner De Juilio had a report from the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC), In 2016 there were 44,000 days of effort 43,000 fish caught, 2017 37,800 days of effort, 23,000 fish caught, 2018 44,000 days of effort, 59,000 fish caught.
- g. Grant Program – No report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the national forest – It was discussed among the commissioners as to whether we should continue this project. Richard will talk with the county CAO to pursue this.
- b. Letter of support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Commissioner De Juilio moved to remove this from Old Business due to the board of supervisors not supporting it. Second by Commissioner Chilcote, the lack of support of the letter was discussed among the commissioners, motion passed unanimously.
- c. Social Media site for North State Fish and Game Commissioners, Commissioner Cole, reported we now have a Facebook page still working out the bugs.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kids Fishing Day in Weaverville, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Bernie Agular was not able to attend this meeting and requested this topic be tabled and added to the November agenda.
- b. Vacant Commissioner Positions and upcoming secretary position – the vacant commissioner positions were posted in the lobby of the courthouse with no response. Commissioner Chilcote moved to post the three vacancies in the Trinity Journal with the cost not to exceed \$150.00, second by Commissioner Canale, passed unanimously.
The upcoming vacant secretary position was also discussed. Commissioner Fenley will contact Human Resources to see how to proceed. Commissioner Cole moved, if required, that we also post the secretary position in the paper, Second by Commissioner Canale, passed unanimously.

- c. Expectations of the Board of Supervisors of the Commission – This topic was discussed by the commission

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. California Department of Fish & Wildlife
The commission discussed the document received from the State Fish & Game Commission regarding the lupine.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- a. Justin Alvarez from the Hoopa Valley Tribe requested a letter of support regarding the Brown Trout Management Project he is working on. It was agreed to add this topic to the November agenda.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

Commissioner Fenley reported he has gone through the Wilderness Bill Congressman Huffman is supporting and has not found anything related to the Fish & Game. Commissioner De Juilio indicated there was a part regarding the hunting in the wilderness in the south fork. The commission discussed the bill

Commissioner Lee reminded the commissioners to send comments regarding the Deer Management Plan to him prior to the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT 8:48

- 10.** Next meeting is November 14, 2018

Schedule of meetings for 2018

March 14

May 9

July 18

September 12

November 14