

**MINUTES OF THE
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
January 09, 2020
At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA**

Members Present:

Richard Libby
Chuck Wyllie
Donald Priem
Robert Boucke
Larry Virga
Bruce Hutchinson
Bill McFarland
Robert Ripley
Danarae Doub-Reed
Tiffany Walden
Donald Manley
James Stone

Members Excused:

Jeff Smith

Members Absent:

Brian Jeremiah
Thaddeus Eubanks

Others Present: (signing is voluntary, this list represents guests that signed the sign-in sheet)
Dale Whitmore

REGULAR MEETING:

Called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve: Hutchinson Second: Manley

Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Treasurer's Report – None
- 2) Payment/Reimbursement--None

*Income-related commentary regarding wardens often dropping F&G charges on poachers with warrants in favor of keeping the bigger non-F&G charges; so fewer fines collected.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- 1) None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Discussion and action – Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
 - a. Continue to February 2020 meeting
- 2) Discussion and action – New Location for Commission Hunt.
 - a. Follow up with Gray Lodge.
 - i. Chuck to send the hunt plan to Gray Lodge
 - b. (Continue to agendize)
- 3) Discussion and action—Letter to Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, further review of hunt details for that location.
 - a. Combine with Action Item 2.
 - b. Continue to agendize.
- 4) Discussion and action- Draft letter to Board of Supervisor regarding attendance and removal of absent members.
 - a. Commissioners who miss occasionally are often working on F&G-related projects (Hunter Ed, other Fishing or Hunting group meetings etc).
 - b. Brian Jeremiah given multiple warnings in past under M.J. Bolin but was not removed.
 - i. In the past, recommendations could be made but the Board of Supervisors has the last say.
 - ii. Currently due to the by-laws there are more grounds to recommendations.
 - c. Draft of attendance letter was emailed by Tiffany on 12/4/19 and read aloud at current meeting.
 - d. Action- Approve letter recommending removal of Brian Jeremiah and Thaddeus Eubanks, as read, to be sent to the Board of Supervisors.
Motion to approve: Manley Second: Ripley
Yeas: 12 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0
- 5) Discussion and action- Planning and Budget for submission in the month of February 2020.
 - a. Have meeting before 2/13/20 regarding the budget (Committee?)
 - b. Continue to next month

(Commission Committee listings were reviewed and updated)

Commission Committee Reports –

- A. **Commission Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** No Report
- B. **Boat Ramp- James Stone:** No Report
- C. **Education- Robert Ripley:** No Report
- D. **Conservation- Bruce Hutchinson:** No report.
- E. **Special Projects- Chuck Wyllie:** No report.
- F. **Planning & Budget- Danarae Doub-Reed:** No Report
- G. **Fishing Committee- Robert Boucke:** No Report

Fish and Wildlife Warden Update – No report.

Commissioner Comments— (Various Topic and discussion)

-Sportsman's Expo January 16-19- Stone NCGASA.org. Conversation about Article saying hatchery fish inferior to wild and should be killed. 1.3 million adult salmon returning and 800 thousand are killed unspawned at the fish ladders. Since 1996 State of California giving away fish after spawning capacity reached, to American or Canadian fisheries up north. Loaded in trucks and given free. (Oregon and Washington are paid approximately \$0.18 per pound but California gives the fish away due to the commute of refrigerated trucks sent here. Eggs are sold for millions and fish are filleted and given away, most recently in Oroville, 7 fillets salmon per person. Started 18 years ago, contract signed by Governor. This information was presented last march to the current Director, Chuck Bonham (Affiliated with Trout Unlimited), was disregarded as he wants to shut down hatcheries after dams are removed. Per commissioner comment, Bonham doesn't like hatcheries, considers hatchery fish inferior despite millions surviving and returning the same as wild fish. Regular maintenance not being done, Feather River one of the worst offenders. Hatcheries are partially federally funded, haven't gone over the State's head on this matter yet but is possibility.

-Additional notes regarding Hatchery fish: Potentially set up a booth at the State Fair showing the mismanagement of fisheries. Would be a good platform to share a presentation. Last time a booth at the State Fair cost \$3-400, need to find out if missed the cut-off. *Agendized.

-April 18-19 Striper Fishing Derby in Colusa, large prizes

- Disabled Veterans Pheasant Hunt February 16, 2020 at Quail Point (Attachment forward to Board of Supervisors)

-Mosquito Beach/YC Boat Ramp lots of garbage, can a cleanup be organized? Homeless still an issue (Can ask someone from County Homeless Committee to attend next F&G meeting and speak regarding cleanup projects?) Recology will take trash free from community cleanups. Possibly include other groups, fishing tour guides, get more people, make bigger statement. Jeff Stephens (Stephen's Farmhouse/SAYLove) and Jerry Handy running 4G Foundation; had discussion about community project and SAYLove got a free truck/dumps from Recology.

-Next Month (February 24-27, 2020), Hunter Ed at Ag Department, 6-9pm. 40 Students signed up.

Public Comments— Dale Whitmore spoke with Bob Buckner at General Services about the drop off at the end of the Yuba City Boat Ramp. Will need to be addressed with Department Boating and Waterways (Stream Bed Alteration)

-Date Whitmore, Public access in Marysville at Riverfront park. Where signs used to say, “No Parking”, now way “Day Use Parking”. After many city council meetings got change done until after April when they are re-doing the levee. State fishing license sales down 55% since 1980. 1.3 million anglers per 40 million population. 260,000 hunting licenses (Less than 2% of the population), but 14% of population own guns. CDW hired a full- time person to recruit new, young hunters to get them outdoors.

-Also, discussion of issue at Sheriffs Training Center- Homeless blocking the road

Correspondence – No report

Notes- To Agendize: Add discussion about waterway and boat ramp clean-up, also add discussion about opening a booth at the fair this year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeSantis

Sutter County General Services