

**MINUTES OF THE
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
March 12, 2020**

At 1445 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA

Members Present:

Richard Libby
Chuck Wyllie
Donald Priem
Bruce Hutchinson
Danarae Doub-Reed
Tiffany Walden
Donald Manley
Jeff Smith
James Stone

Members Excused:

Bill McFarland
Robert Ripley
Larry Virga
Thaddeus Eubanks

Members Absent:

Brian Jeremiah
Robert Boucke

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

February 13, 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve*: Manley Second: Doub-Reed

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Discussion and action – (Continued) Requirements and location for potential Sutter County Public Rifle Range.
 - a. Rick Libby talking with people regarding using the Quarry in Sutter as a possible location. Talk to Mike Ziegenmeyer, will set up meeting with Butte Rock and Gravel. County could possibly lease quarry until such time as the owners want to reopen it. If can secure the locations possibly bring in Colusa County as well.
 - b. In other counties Parks and Rec runs boat ramps, gun ranges etc. Chuck to talk to Bob about that.
 - c. Continue to next meeting.

- 2) Discussion and action-- (Continued) New Location options for Commission Hunt
 - a. Talked to Dave- Had to send request to use Gray Lodge up the chain of authority for approval. Likely will not go through.
 - b. Do not continue- will re-agendize if hear back from Gray Lodge.

- 3) Discussion and action—Waterway and Boat ramp cleanup
 - a. Boyd's not currently launchable as water is too low, approximately 610 cfs flow on the Feather River- Low flow.
 - b. Tisdale is partially open. Temporary fence at Tisdale gets removed if water hits the 49-foot mark at the Colusa Bridge.
 - c. James Stone will coordinate with "SayLove" for a clean-up day at the boat ramps. Last Saturday of each month they do a cleanup and lunch.

- 4) Discussion and action—Open booth at Fair this year
 - a. No fair booth- instead will join with SayLove and NCGA on river cleanup and pay for a portion of the lunch. \$1000.00 estimated contribution total.
 - i. Agendize \$500.00 contribution for next meeting.
 - b. Discussion regarding availability for cleanup weekends. Commissioners may attend as they are able.

- 5) Discussion and action—Get information from Northern California Guides and Sportsman's Association, Ducks Unlimited and Fish Egg education program regarding booth involvement/booth sharing at the Fair.
 - a. See Items #3 and #4
 - b. Had 2 new people interested in the Steelhead in the classroom, will connect them with Kathy Hayne. Many teachers not able to do "release" due to field trip restrictions/limitations. Is the program still affiliated with Trout Unlimited?

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:** Sturgeon are running hot in Sacramento River at Tisdale and Knights Landing; Oroville has King Salmon and Collins has Trout. Striper are just starting.

Fish and Wildlife Warden Update – No report.

Commissioner Comments— Danarae briefed on Disabled Veterans Hunt, February 16. Lot of volunteer vets. Yuba Sutter Stand Down brings a lot of gear and hydration freebies. James Stone briefed on his Hunter Safety Class, first class as instructor. Comment that DFW at some point may have to make political decisions regarding wardens, fishing, hunts, etc. Pacific FM advisory in Santa Rosa- 8 days, Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho reps, shape the ocean season for the west coast. Pouncil.org. Salmon to start 4/11 in SF and Fort Bragg, the rest to be determined at the April meeting. Highest count of Sacramento River salmon since 2013, low number for Klamath (Coastal Chinook) Crescent City to the Oregon border not much fishing available. Discussion regarding fish migration routes and counts. July 16 river opening for Salmon. Discussion regarding 2% California residents are hunters compared to 14%-gun owners. Most registered to men. How to focus on women as hunter/gun owners +/- 35% participants in hunter ed-women.

Public Comments—

Correspondence – No report

Notes- New Commissioner approved in recent BOS meeting? No information from Board of Supervisor or Board Clerk, application not forwarded to Fish and Game Commission, letter of resignation from the last year not forwarded from Board of Supervisors either. Board Clerk did not follow through regarding Coates Issue- April until September 2019 delay. Chuck to look into it. Possible new commissioner Jeremy McIntyre?

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeSantis

Sutter County General Services