



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION Report for Calendar Years 2011 and 2012

Roles of the Commission

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) advises the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to fish and wildlife, and also recommends projects for funding with the county's portion of Fish and Game fine monies and judgments.

Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Commission meets generally five times a year in March, May, September, November and December at 7:00 pm in the Redevelopment Conference Room, RDA 510 at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

Commission Structure

As of December 31, 2012, the Commission was made up of Chairperson Russel Maridon and Vice Chair Isaac Shikuma, both representing the 4th District. Other commissioners include Chris Berry and Lois Robin, 1st District; Rogers Johnson and Sandra Baron, 2nd District; Jodi Frediani and Colin Noyes, 3rd District; Marc Shaw and Kevin Collins, 5th District.

Commission Staff

Kristen Kittleson, Resource Planner with Environmental Health Services, is the administrative staff to the Commission. Donna Bradford, Resource Planner with Environmental Health Services, assisted with the public funding program.

Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2011 and 2012

The Commission recommended a new ordinance to ban the sale, possession, importation and release of American bullfrogs which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 20, 2012. The Commission reviewed and commented to the Board on the Riparian Corridor Protection Ordinance. The Commission expects to work with the Planning Department in the coming year to better understand implementation of the ordinance and discuss possible changes to the ordinance, policy and enforcement. Two videos funded by the commission were completed – one on Western Pond Turtles and one on the connection between blue-green algae and sea otter health. The Commission helped launch a new event, the Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day, which introduces local kids to outdoor activities. The Commission supported an acknowledgement of two landowners who help maintain the Love Creek fish ladder.

In both years, the Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded local fishery and wildlife projects. Allocations in 2010-11 used \$15,000 in regular fine monies and were awarded to 6 projects with the following organizations: Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day, O'Neill Sea Odyssey; Mountain Parks Foundation; Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office; and Native Animal Rescue. Allocations in 2011-12 used \$16,800 in regular fine monies and were awarded to 10 projects with the following organizations: Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day, O'Neill Sea Odyssey, CalTIP, Mountain Parks Foundation, Exploring New Horizons, Santa Cruz Museum Association, Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office; Native Animal Rescue, EHS Water Resources Program and Coastal Watershed Council.

The Commission continued to follow issues related to the status of steelhead and coho salmon, especially NOAA Fisheries Draft Coho Salmon Recovery Plan. Other agenda items included a wide range of topics including illegal gill net use, maintenance of the Pajaro River Flood Control levees, turbidity in Salsipuedes Creek, depredation permits for mountain lions, and trees on the back side of the San Lorenzo levees.

Additional Activities

The Commission provides a forum for members of the public to voice concerns or issues on fish and game related issues. This type of activity is well suited to the Commission as many members of the public find it difficult to communicate their concerns to the appropriate agencies. In the past two years, the Commission heard public comments on the disc golf course at Pinto Lake.

Future Goals

The Commission will continue to fund grant projects that benefit local fish and wildlife species and their habitat. The Commission will continue to provide a forum for public input regarding fish and game issues, and will continue to support California Department of Fish and Game enforcement. The Commission will continue to review proposed legislation for listed species, with particular emphasis on recovery of these species.

Fish and Game Commission Attendance 2011 and 2012

	Feb. '11	Mar. '11	Jun. '11	Sept. '11	Nov. '11	Dec. '11	Mar. '12	May '12	Sept. '12	Nov. '12	Dec. '12
Berry	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robin	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Johnson	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P	Ex	P
Baron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P
Frediani	P	Ex	Ex	P	Ab	Ex	Ex	P	P	P	P
McCrary	Ab	Ab	Ab	P	Ab	Ab	---	---	---	---	---
Shikuma	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maridon	P	P	Ab	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Collins	P	Ex	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	Ab	P
Schwarzbach	P	P	Ex	Ex	P	P	Ab	Ex	---	---	---
Dias	---	---	---	---	---	---	P	---	---	---	---
Noyes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	P	P	P	P
Shaw	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	P	P	P

P = Present Ex= Excused Ab = Absent --- = Not on Commission