



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

### 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 the first Thursday of every month, except January and July, at 7:00 pm in the Planning Department's Ocean View Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz.

### Commission Structure

As of December 31, 2006, the Commission is made up of Chairperson Gary Lease, representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District; Vice Chair James Ritchey representing the 1<sup>st</sup> District; and other Commissioners including Dennis Murphy, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Philip Christ and Rogers Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Jodi Frediani and Bud McCrary 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Russel Maridon and Frank Estrada 4<sup>th</sup> District, and Kevin Collins 5<sup>th</sup> District.

### Commission Staff

Kristen Kittleson, Resource Planner with Environmental Health Services, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

### Attendance:

See attached roster for attendance report.

## Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2006

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded numerous local fishery and wildlife projects. Allocations using regular fine monies were awarded to the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project for equipment and supplies; to O'Neill Sea Odyssey for educational materials; Public Works for partial funding of the Valencia Creek Fish Ladder; California Department of Fish and Game for the purchase of a digital camera and a flow meter; Santa Cruz Bird Club for a monitoring program; Open Space Alliance for a citizen water quality monitoring project; CalTIP for education and outreach and Native Animal Rescue for general support. The Commission funded several additional projects with the remaining stipulated judgment for the San Lorenzo River Watershed. Allocations were awarded to Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District for a watershed curriculum teacher training workshops and to the San Lorenzo River Institute for a public education program. An allocation was made to Parks, Cultural Services and Open Space to fund a Sandhills Management Plan for Quail Hollow County Park.

The Commission continued to follow issues related to the listing of steelhead and coho salmon, including the Santa Cruz County FishNet 4C Implementation Plan, NOAA's research in Scott Creek, CDFG game warden salaries and Marine Protected Areas.

### 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.

### 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 2006

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ritchey	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Murphy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P
Johnson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Abs	P
Christ	P	P	Ex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Frediani	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCrary	P	Ex	P	P	Abs	P	P	P	Ex	P
Estrada	Ex	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	P
Maridon		P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P	P
Lease	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Collins	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P	P

P = Present

Ex = Excused

Abs = Absent

Res = Resigned

--- = Not on Commission

X = Meeting Cancelled