



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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## FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2010 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 generally the first Thursday of every month, except January and July, at 7:00 pm in the Redevelopment Conference Room, RDA 510 at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz. In mid-2010, the Board directed County commissions to reduce the number of meetings. The Commission now meets six times a year, with the schedule set each December for the following calendar year.

### Commission Structure

As of December 31, 2010, the Commission was made up of Chairperson Zachariah Schwarzbach representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District; Vice Chair Russel Maridon representing the 4<sup>th</sup> District, and other Commissioners including Chris Berry and Lois Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Sandra Baron and Rogers Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Jodi Frediani and Bud McCrary 3<sup>rd</sup> District; and Isaac Shikuma 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. Donna Bradford, Resource Planner with Environmental Health Services, assists with the public funding program.

### Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2010

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded several local fishery and wildlife projects in 2010. Allocations using \$6,000 in regular fine monies were awarded to 6 projects: O'Neill Sea Odyssey for Plankton slides; Birds of the Monterey Bay project; Resource Conservation District for creek and watershed signs; Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office for a consultant investigator; California Department of Fish and Game's CalTIP Program and Native Animal Rescue for animal food.

The Commission continued to follow issues related to the status of steelhead, coho salmon and chinook 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 2010, the Commission heard public comments on an Aquaponics business proposal in the Watsonville area.

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 2010

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun.	Aug X	Sept.	Oct. X	Nov.	Dec.
Berry	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Robin	P	P	Ex	P	P		P		P	P
Johnson	Ex	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Baron	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Frediani	P	Ex	P	P	Ex		P		Ex	P
McCrary	P	P	P	P	Ab		Ex		Ab	P
Shikuma	---	---	P	P	P		P		P	P
Maridon	P	P	P	P	P		P		P	P
Collins	P	P	Ex	P	P		P		P	Ex
Schwarzbach	P	P	P	P	P		P		Ab	P

P = Present    Ex= Excused    Ab = Absent    --- = Not on Commission  
 X = Meeting Cancelled due to new County guidelines on Commission meetings.