



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Roles of the Commission

The Fish and Game Advisory 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.

Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Commission meets the first Thursday of every month, except January and July, at 7:00 pm at 701 Ocean Street, Planning Department Conference Room, Santa Cruz.

Commission Structure

As of December 31, 2002, the Commission is made up of Chairperson James Ritchey representing the 1st District; Vice Chair Gary Lease representing the 5th District; and other Commissioners including Dennis Murphy 1st District, Harlie Peterson and Philip Christ 2nd District, Jodi Frediani and Homer "Bud" McCrary 3rd District, Frank Estrada and Frank "Chico" Castro 4th District and Kevin Collins 5th District.

Commission Staff

Donna Bradford, Resource Planner, with the Planning Department, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

Attendance:

See attached roster

Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2002

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded a number of local fishery and wildlife projects. Allocations were awarded to Native Animal Rescue for wildlife rehabilitation; Coast Dairies towards the purchase of protective fencing and educational signage for the Western

Snowy Plover at Laguna Beach; Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project for the purchase of fish food and medicine; CalTIP for education outreach; San Andreas Land Conservancy for depredation of introduced exotic bullfrog populations; and for County reimbursement for contracting professional services for the development of a salmonid distribution map.

The Commission also made recommendations regarding allocations from the Santa Cruz County Stream Enhancement Fund. The Commission continued to follow issues related to the listing of steelhead and coho salmon. In addition, the Commission followed several topics of interest including the County of Santa Cruz FishNet 4C Implementation Plan, the Los Padres National Forest Plan, the San Lorenzo River Salmonid Enhancement Plan, the petition to correct the southern boundary of the Central California coho evolutionary significant unit, and the posting of fishing regulation signs.

Additional Activities

Commissioner Collins attended the state Fish and Game Commission meeting in October and December as well as a Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting in regards to the TMDL process. Commissioner Frediani attended the Defender of Wildlife Conference in November and the state Fish and Game Commission's December meeting in Monterey.

The Commission continued to provide 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 make recommendations to the Stream Enhancement Fund for expenditure on local projects. The Commission will continue to fund grant projects, which are of benefit to 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. The Commission will be active in countywide issues such as the Federal listing of steelhead, and the Federal and State listing of coho salmon, with particular emphasis on recovery of these species.

Fish and Game Commission Attendance 2002

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ritchey	P	P	X	X	P	Ex	P	X	P	P
Murphy	P	Ex	X	X	P	Ex	P	X	P	P
Peterson	P	P	X	X	Ex	P	P	X	P	P
Smith	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	X	---	---
Frediani	P	P	X	X	Abs	P	Ex	X	P	P
McCrary	Abs	P	X	X	P	Abs	P	X	P	Abs
Estrada	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	X	Ex	P
Castro	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	X	P	P
Lease	P	P	X	X	P	P	Ex	X	P	Ex
Collins	---	---	X	X	P	P	P	X	Ex	P

P = Present

Ex = Excused

Abs = Absent

Res = Resigned

--- = Not on Commission

X = Meeting Cancelled