



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

December 5, 2019

7:00 PM

Fifth Floor Redwood Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street

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Agenda Item #		Start Time	End Time	Description
1		7:00	7:00	Call to Order
2		7:00	7:05	Roll Call
3		7:05	7:10	Approval of Minutes
4		7:10	7:15	Public Comments
5		7:15	7:20	Update on Fish and Game Propagation Fund (staff)
6	A	7:20	7:25	Public Grants Program Funding Recommendation – Public Comments
	B	7:25	8:05	Public Grants Program Funding Recommendation
7		8:05	8:15	Discuss policy regarding urgent or emergency funding
8		8:15	8:35	Discuss 2020 Work Plan, meeting schedule and next agenda
9		8:35	8:50	Commissioner Reports and Announcements
10		8:50	8:55	Staff Reports and Announcements
11		8:55	9:00	Review Correspondence
12		9:00		Adjourn

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of Allan Fisch in support of Cannonball Express film proposal
- b. Letter of David Mauro in support of Cannonball Express film proposal
- c. 15-day notice for the California Pacific Herring Fishery Management Plan

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Meeting Minutes November 7, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:04 pm
2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Berry, Robin, Baron, Somerton, Lee, Hoffman, Gómez, Wise, Buchwald, Michelsen
Excused: none
Absent: none

Guests included presenters for the Public Grants Program listed below and Stephanie Singer and Lisa Sheridan, Santa Cruz Bird Club.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Robin made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Baron seconded the motion. All aye except Commissioners Berry, Michelsen and Buchwald abstained. The minutes were approved.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None
5. Grant Proposal Presentations.
 - Steve Kennedy – The Cannonball Express (Student Version)
 - Larry Freeman, Freeman Hydrologic Data Services – Understanding Scotts Creek Hydrology
 - Ed Schehl, Raindancer Media – Fresh Water in Peril: Blue Green Algae on the Rise
 - Ben Harris, Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project: San Lorenzo River Adult Steelhead Population Monitoring
 - Sandra Baron – A Vision for Santa Cruz County Wildlife brochure
 - Alex Rinkert, Santa Cruz Bird Club – Santa Cruz County Breeding Bird Atlas
 - Rusty Barker, County of Santa Cruz presented for the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group, UC Santa Cruz Foundation: Raptor Pilot Study for Pajaro River Flood Protection
6. Commissioners introduced themselves including new commissioners Michelsen and Buchwald. There will be an invasive weed symposium in Carmel in November. Commissioner Hoffman gave an update on the rodenticide legislation that has passed the State Assembly and is still in discussion in the Senate. Commissioner Gómez attended a presentation by E.O. Wilson about the Half-Earth project; Commissioner Lee reported that UCSC will be working on their campus land use planning – stay tuned to be involved. Pink salmon were found in the San Lorenzo Lagoon, which is unusual. There will be a gathering to honor Jodi Frediani, past commissioner for District 1 on Thursday, November 21 in Davenport.
7. The December agenda will focus on making funding recommendations and discussing the 2020 Work Plan. Staff will send out Doodle Poll to select 2020 meeting dates.
8. Staff and Commissioner Berry reported on recent expansion of the invasive New Zealand Mudsail in Pajaro River and Liddell Creek, Santa Cruz County and Pescadero Creek in San Mateo County.
9. Central California Coast Coho Salmon are a NOAA Fisheries’ “Species in the Spotlight” – an update report was attached to the agenda materials. A priority project for Coho Salmon Recovery is the Scott Creek Lagoon Enhancement and Highway 1 Bridge Replacement project.

10. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS. Staff reported that construction of the Zayante Stream Habitat Enhancement Project is complete.
11. ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Robin seconded the motion. All aye; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Allan D. Fisch, MA

May 15, 2019

To whom it may concern;

It is my pleasure to recommend the proposed forest safety video entitled **The Cannonball Express** as a valuable learning tool for K-8 learning.

As an elementary educator, there is a definite need for learning tools that can be filled by integrating audio/visual media such as this project. By incorporating science and ecology standards, this multi-disciplinary project also would function as a public service tool.

Given the recent history of calamitous and devastating wildfires in California, coupled with the phenomena of climate change, our students of today will ultimately be on the front lines of fire prevention in the coming future. Students who live in high risk areas would benefit by learning, in depth, about their local environment. This opens numerous possibilities for integrated learning experiences in the discussion and study of local flora and fauna and well as forest conservation.

Mr. Kennedy is well versed in the above subjects, having been a firefighter and a lifelong ecologist and naturalist.

I would be glad to use the finished project in my classroom.

Sincerely,



Allan D. Fisch

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November 5, 2019

Mr. Steve Kennedy
Executive Producer
The Cannonball Express
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Dear Steve,

We enjoyed reading your video script (the middle school version) about suburban forest fires, fire safety and the environment, and believe this video will encourage students to consider careers as Electricians and entry into our Apprenticeship Program after graduating high school.

Please include IBEW Local Union 617 on the distribution/notification list when the video is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Mauro".

David M. Mauro
Business Manager
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