



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

May 6, 2021, 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted as a video conference -see link and call-in information on next page.
Please contact Kristen Kittleson kristen.kittleson@santacruzcounty.us if you have questions.

Agenda Item #	Start Time	End Time	Description
1	7:00	7:15	Call to Order
2			Roll Call - Introduce new commissioner: Del Crawford, District 1
3			Guest Introductions
4			Approval of Minutes
5			Public Comments
6	7:15	7:35	Update on Status of Fishing Regulations and Potential Changes for Santa Cruz County - Sean Cochran, CDFW
7	7:35	8:05	Coho Salmon – Species in the Spotlight Action Plan – Erin Serghesio and Mandy Ingham, NOAA Fisheries; staff will share video of coho release
8	8:05	8:30	Discuss 2021 Work Plan Discuss questions for Regional Conservation Investment Strategy presentation for June 3 meeting Discuss other items for June agenda
9	8:30	8:35	Elect Chair and Vice Chair to start July 1, 2021
10	8:35	9:00	Staff Reports
11			Review Correspondence
12			Commissioner Reports and Announcements
		9:00	Adjourn

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Please see Fish and Game commission for regulatory announcements

<https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/2021-New-and-Proposed>

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Please join the meeting a few minutes BEFORE 7:00 pm so that we can start at 7:00 pm. Staff will open the video conference at 6:50 pm. Feel free to chat and say hello before 7:00 pm.

Meeting Roles and Rules:

All meeting attendees should keep their microphones on mute unless they are speaking.

Chris Berry, Chair, will lead the meeting. Chair Berry will announce each agenda item, identify who will be leading an item and introduce discussion and public comment periods.

Kristen Kittleson, staff, will assist with roll call, note taking, and tracking who wants to speak. Please allow time for staff to make notes about any decisions. Kristen will monitor both her email and her text messages during the meeting.

There will be a public comment period for each item and the Chair will invite the public to participate at the appropriate time.

During a discussion, if 2 or more people speak at the same time, please defer to the person who speaks first. In any moment where we have some confusion due to multiple people wanting to speak, please pause and let the Chair take the lead. The Chair will call on someone to speak.

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Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:01 pm
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - Present: Commissioners Berry, Morrow, Baron, Somerton, Alter, Jankovitz, Wise, Buchwald, Gómez, Michelsen
 - Excused: none
 - Absent: none
 - Guest Introductions: Kris Damhorst, Commission on the Environment, Sean Cochran, Fisheries Biologist, CDFW and Steve Schindler, Captain, CDFW.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Somerton made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Buchwald seconded the motion. All aye, the minutes were approved.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.
5. **Discuss the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy:** Commissioners discussed the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, including clarifying who is working on the RCIS and overall goals of the process. Commissioners made suggestions such as creating a conservation bank to remove structures and homes from floodplains, creating a conservation bank for riparian corridors, and for coho salmon. Discussion also included asking questions about what vegetation map layers would be used and how to correct errors in existing habitat maps, such as the location of maritime chapparal. There was also interest in including cannabis in the working lands designation and strategies to protect habitat fragments.
6. **2021 Work Plan.** The work plan is intended to provide focus for the limited time that the commission has to consider items during the year. Commissioners identified a broad range of possible topics, including: environmental impacts of homeless people living within riparian areas, the value of citizen science, the complexity of eucalyptus trees as non-native and valuable habitat, and interest in wildlife corridors, expansion of great white sharks and mountain lions and land conservation.
7. **Staff Reports**
8. **Review Correspondence**
9. **Commissioner Reports and Announcements.** Captain Schindler reported that the State Fish and Game Commission approved statewide changes to the steelhead and coho salmon fishing regulations. CDFW will provide more information at the May meeting. Captain Schindler also reported that we have just one warden locally.
10. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.