



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Dedication

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission dedicates the 2007 Annual Report to Chairperson Gary Lease, who died on January 4, 2008. Chairperson Lease served on the Commission for 18 years.

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, 2007, the Commission was made up of Chairperson Gary Lease, representing the 5th District; Vice Chair James Ritchey representing the 1st District; and other Commissioners including Dennis Murphy, 1st District; Philip Christ and Rogers Johnson 2nd District; Jodi Frediani and Bud McCrary 3rd District; Russel Maridon and Frank Estrada 4th District; and Kevin Collins 5th 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 7 projects: Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration for the Southern Steelhead Resources Project; the Monterey Bay

Salmon and Trout Project for equipment and supplies; to NOAA Fisheries for PIT tag reader equipment; to the Lompico Watershed Conservancy for the Natural History Sign for Old Lompico Pool Fish Passage Project; California Waterfowl Association for a Santa Cruz County Wood Duck Nesting Box Project, CalTIP program for education and outreach and the Native Animal Rescue for repairs to their Seabird Aviary Repairs. The Commission recommended funding from the Stream Enhancement Fund for the County of Santa Cruz Corralitos Fish Passage Projects.

The Commission recommended that the Board write a letter to Rich Krumholz, California Department of Transportation District 5 Director requesting an alternatives analysis for the Highway 1 bridge replacements at Scott and Waddell lagoons. The Commission recommended that the Board write a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger in support of SB 695, legislation that will increase funding for California Department of Fish and Game wardens by establishing salary parity between the Wardens and the officers of the California Highway Patrol.

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 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 2007

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

P = Present Ex= Excused Abs = Absent
 X = Meeting Cancelled. February cancelled due to staff illness: May and October cancelled due to lack of quorum.