



El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Commission

(Established 1984)





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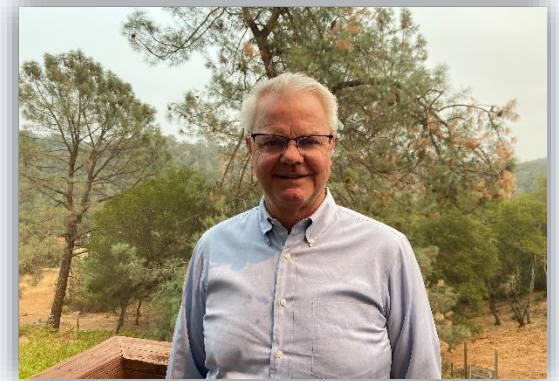
✓ Commission Members



Mike Denega, At Large



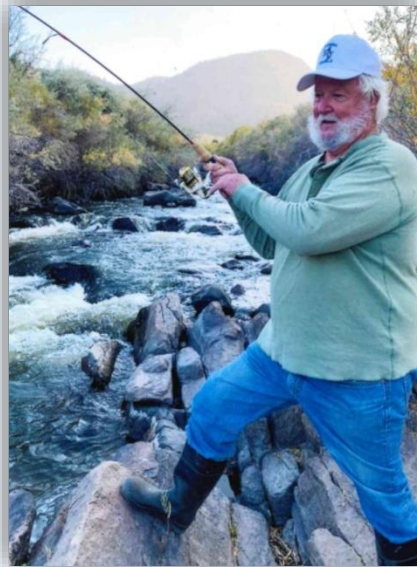
Patrick Weddle, Chair, District IV



Stephen Horan, At Large



Eric Harnage, Sec/Treas, District II



Dennis Byrne, District I



Kathleen Jermstad, VC, District III

Vacancy, District V



Why the Commission?

We are a large County with many opportunities, viewpoints and impacts regarding fish, game and wildlife

- Hunters: Ducks Unlimited, Nat'l Turkey Federation, CA Deer Assoc, etc.
- Anglers: Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout, CFFU, etc.
- Conservationists: ARC, Friends of the River, Sierra Club, CA Native Plant Society, The Wildlife Society, etc.
- Outdoor enthusiasts: Jeepers Jamboree, equestrians, birders, hikers, campers, rafters, anglers.
- Citizen Concerns: Poaching, human-wildlife conflicts (wildlife-vehicle collisions, agriculture-wildlife conflict, residential bear problems)



✓ Duties

The El Dorado Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the BOS on matters pertaining to the conservation of Fish, Game and Wildlife



✓ Duties

The Commission makes recommendations to the BOS regarding the expenditure of Fish and Game Preservation Funds and Fine Revenues and performs other duties and functions as directed by the BOS



✓ Duties

The Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Meeting agendas are posted in advance and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend



✓ Goals

- To serve our El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
- To serve our community
- To encourage responsible stewardship of EDC's fish, game and wildlife resources





✓ Strategy

To actively partner with community stakeholders and others in the accomplishment of the Commission's goals



Agency Sources of Relevant Information





Recently Completed Projects

- Initiated 2 new F&W Commissioners
- Completed administrative requirement for *Implicit Bias Training*
- Co-sponsored 3 Fishing Derbies
- Recommended deer crossing signage on Hwy 50
- Advocated for use of Hwy 50 overhead sign to warn of deer collisions
- Contributed funds for upkeep of boat ramp at Finnon Lake
- Supported CDFW wardens and biologists (Turkey decoy)
- Supplied hook removal tools at Kid's Fishing Derbies
- Correspondence to the Editor of Sac Bee article on poaching
- Conferred with Chili Bar Park Manager over new park
- Attended poaching court trials to support prosecutions
- Correspondence to SMUD regarding F.E.R.C. Program
- Donation of refurbished fishing rods and reels to public
- Commission website update on relevant topics (i.e., fishing regulation, no-lead hunting regulation, bird feeder-Salmonella outbreak, deer-vehicle collisions)



Kid's Fishing Derbies

In 2021, derbies were impacted both by both Covid-19 and drought. The Georgetown Lake Walton Derby was canceled. Fish stocks are becoming scarce leading to increased prices.

Location	Lumsden	Sawmill Pond	Serrano
Date	April 17, 2021	June 5, 2021	June 1, 2021
Cost to Comm	\$3,000	\$2,186	\$1,000
Co-Sponsors	Placerville Parks and Recreation, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club	SLT Optimist Club	EDHs Community Service District





Accounting Overview

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Carry-Forward Fund Balance	\$19,874	\$12,548	0
Revenue from courts/fines	\$7,357	\$2,337 (Current)	\$5,000 (Projected)
from EDC	0	0	\$15,000 (Requested)
Total Expenditures	\$14,683	\$14,700 (Approved)	\$20,000 (Projected)
Balance	\$12,548	0	



Key Initiative

ERADICATION OF POACHING IN EL DORADO COUNTY

Formation of 4 subcommittees

1. Enforcement liaison
2. DA liaison
3. Courts liaison
4. Communications/PR liaison

Virtuous Cycle

Fish & Wildlife Comm.

- Encourage
- Support
- Liaison

Game Wardens:

- F&G Code Enforcement
- Environmental Crimes



Courts

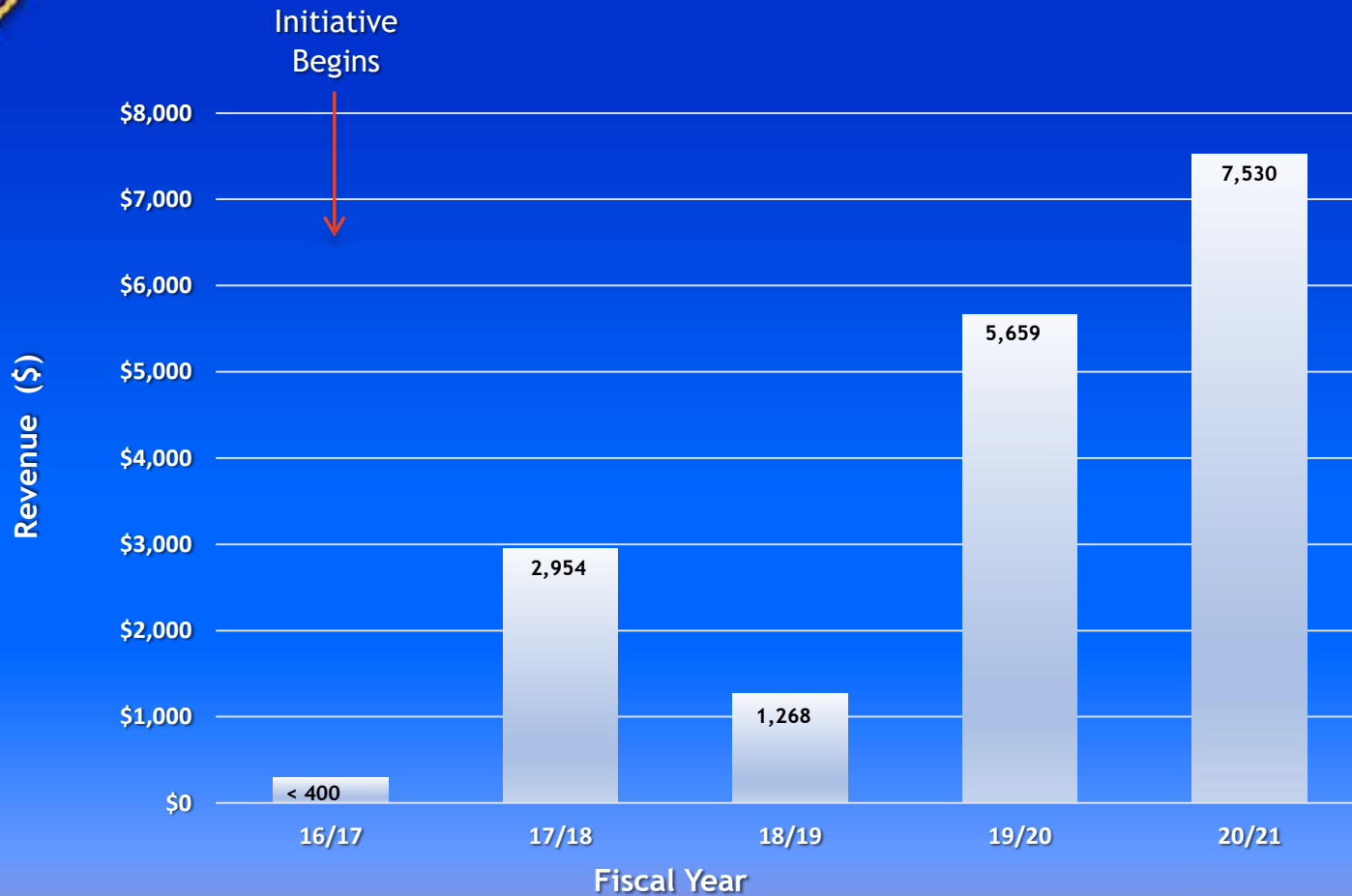
- Impose Fines

District Attorney

- Enhanced Prosecutions



Revenue from Citations/Fines





Current Efforts

- Ongoing projects: Finnon Lake restoration, El Dorado Ranch management plan, Bass Lake development, etc.
- Develop Commission resources to work on past and future projects
- Encourage cooperative sponsorships & funding
- Expand community outreach, i.e., donating refurbished fishing rods and reels, fishing derbies
- New project designs, i.e., Family Fishing Days, District II Fishing Derbies
- Monitor relevant legislation and policy





Plans and Needs

- Increase community recognition of EDC role
- Optimize utilization of operation budget
- Improve dialogue with EDC DA and courts to support prosecution of CDFW violations and imposition of appropriate fines
- Adapt to cost increases for Kid's Fishing Derbies
- Address issues regarding lake/pond health (invasive plants, increased H₂O temperature, low O₂ levels and cyanobacteria blooms)
- Encourage cooperative funding for projects

News and Hot Topics



Lake Health and Fishing Opportunities



CDFW Hoot Owl (drought) Fishing Restrictions



Hunting Guidelines



Fencing Best Practices



Bear Problems



Recreation



Motorist Safety

Thank You!

