

# EL DORADO COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION 2023-2024

---

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, August ??????

# MISSION STATEMENT

---

**El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Commission is committed to having abundant, healthy and diverse fish and wildlife in El Dorado County.**

# CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

---

Mike Denega - At Large  
Steven Schwarzbach - At Large  
Dennis Byrne - District I  
Jim Davies - District II  
Larry Robinson - District III  
Pat Weddle - District IV  
Leona Allen - District V

# WHAT WE DO?

---

PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING FISHING, HUNTING, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ISSUES IN EL DORADO COUNTY.

PROVIDE FUNDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS IN EL DORADO COUNTY

# SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

---

- **Fishing Derbies and Fishing Events Co-Sponsored with California Department of Fish and Wildlife include City of Placerville Parks and Recreation, Tahoe Paradise Recreation District, United States Forest Service, Local Rotary Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Finnon Lake/Swansboro Fire District, Placerville Kiwanis Club, Placerville Lions Club, Serrano Homeowners Association, El Dorado Hills Community Service District, and other Fish and Wildlife Organizations.**
- **Assist in Public Education relating to scientific principles of Fish and Wildlife conservation (e.g., New Fencing Brochure with El Dorado County Planning, Agriculture, University Cooperative Extension, and Youth Hunter's Safety Class with California Fish and Wildlife)**
- **Work with various agencies and organizations for the betterment of Fish and Wildlife conservation.**
- **Stay current specific to El Dorado County's Fish and Wildlife issues, including new laws and regulations**



# ROLE IN THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC GOALS

---

- **Thriving Economy**- Youth Fishing Derbies bring in many visitors for tourism benefits. Encouraging local spending on lodging, restaurants, bait and tackle. Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing statistics in our local Congressional Districts III and IV, for anglers show millions of dollars spent on fishing related purchases. (data collected from American Sportfishing Association)
- **Safe and Healthy Communities**- Youth Fishing Derbies = family fun, children mental health, support wildlife viewing opportunities for visitors staying informed about human wildlife conflicts, and supporting Youth Hunting classes. The commission works in areas of vehicle-humans vs wildlife collisions, bear break-ins, deer fencing guidelines, poaching, and beaver management.
- **Public Infrastructure**- Keeping current regarding Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation, and EDC Land Use policies and impacts on wildlife. Involvement with road ecology (Caltrans EDC DOT CDFW and UC Davis. Work with multiple agencies, to make the best possible decisions for the Fish and Wildlife conservation in El Dorado County (e.g., SB 1383)

# COMMISSION ROLES

- 
- **Our commission cooperates with Game Wardens, the District Attorneys Office, and Courts to ensure successful prosecutions of Fish and Game code violations and collection of resultant fines. Revenues acquired to the county from Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties in 20/21 \$7,529.98, 21/22 \$5,059.26, 22/23 \$6,315.11, and 23/24 2,489.46. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has some large cases going to court and may bring in additional funds for FY 24/25. (This will be a chart)**
  - **Based on 2023/2024 actuals the Commission is requesting an additional \$15,000 to support funding for the 2024/2025 Youth Fishing Derbies to continue based on a \$20,000 annual budget. (Note this amount is in the approved Budget for FY24/25)**
  - **Commission members provide refurbished fishing poles at no cost to children who do not have equipment. This project is continuing with the assistance of commission member Dennis Byrne**
  - **Following the Brown Act, gathering information for advising county government, following Rosenbergs Rules of Order, promptly responding to Board of Supervisors and Public**