



County of El Dorado

See Below for Meeting
Location

Minutes - Draft Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dennis F. Byrne, Member, District I
Mike Denaga, Member at Large
Eric Harnage, Member, District II
Stephen E. Horan, Member at Large
Kathie Jermstad, Member, District III
Patrick W. Weddle, Member, District IV
Joby Cefalu, Member, District V

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

3:00 PM

<https://edcgov-us.zoom.us/j/96964085640>

330 Fair Ln - Building A, Conference Room A
Placerville, CA OR Live Streamed - [Click here to view](#)

Teleconferencing Location: 3368 Lake Tahoe Blvd # 102, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

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If you choose not to observe the Commission meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment in writing. You are encouraged to submit your comment in writing by 4:00 PM on the Tuesday before the meeting to ensure the Commission has adequate time to review. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at edc.cob@edcgov.us. Your comment will be placed into the record and forwarded to Commission members.

PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be received at designated periods as called by the Commission Chair.

Individuals will have five minutes to address the Commission. Except with the consent of the Commission, individuals shall be allowed to speak to an item only once.

Individual Commission members may ask clarifying questions but will not engage in substantive dialogue with persons providing input to the Commission.

If a person providing input to the Commission creates a disruption by refusing to follow Commission guidelines, the Commission Chair may take the following actions:

Step 1. Request the person adhere to Commission guidelines. If the person refuses, the Commission Chair may turn off the speaker's microphone.

Step 2. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order a recess of the Commission meeting.

Step 3. If the disruption continues, the Commission Chair may order the removal of the person from the Commission meeting.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad, Weddle and Cefalu

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Jermstad, seconded by Commissioner Harnage to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad, Weddle and Cefalu

The Commission may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda and the Consent Calendar with one single vote. A Commission member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate Commission action. At the appropriate time as called by the Commission Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to Commission action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [23-1493](#) Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting on July 26, 2023.

This matter was Approved on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 7 - Byrne, Denaga, Harnage, Horan, Jermstad, Weddle and Cefalu

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OPEN FORUM

Open Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to five minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Open Forum.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS AND WARDEN
REPORTS**

Shelly Blair reported on the following:

Beaver presentation.

South Lake Tahoe Refuse Company - new bear resistant container.

Wildlife connectivity biologist position.

Tribal deer project.

Bob Pera reported on the following:

Slow activity in the county.

Archery opener for deer two Saturdays ago.

Hunter success and hunter effort has been low.

Deer baiting case.

Two no fishing license citations issued.

Wildlife officers helped the human wildlife conflict team with the capture of bear 64f in Tahoe.

At the request of the Commission, the beaver presentation from Shelly Blair has been forwarded to all Board members for information.

FINANCE REPORT

- 2. [23-1642](#) Finance Report 8/22/2023 and 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Harnage read the 8/22/2023 Finance Report and the 2023-2024 proposed budget.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 3. [23-1643](#) Commission to discuss updates from a recent meeting with the Assistant District Attorney.

Commissioners Byrne, Horan, and Weddle and Bob Pera met with Deputy District Attorney Jay Linden who is now handling fish and wildlife cases and will be the point of contact for such cases.

- 4. [23-1645](#) Commission to discuss the frequency of their regular meetings, and determine if any action will be taken to change how often the Commission meets.

The Commission decided to continue with monthly meetings.

- 5. [23-1649](#) Commission to review recommendations from County Counsel regarding their draft bylaws, consider approving the recommendations and any additional changes, and make a recommendation to submit the updated bylaws to County Counsel for review and to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The Commission accepted the recommended changes from County Counsel and will bring an item to their next meeting to review the updated draft bylaws reflecting these changes.

6. [23-1648](#) Commission to discuss requested recommendation from the Board of Supervisors regarding fencing as it relates to wildlife safety and movement.

Commissioner Jermstad lead a discussion about fencing types and county building code as it relates to wildlife safety and movement.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Byrne reported on the following:

Thank you and compliments to the Commissioners who presented the Fish and Wildlife Commission annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

Update on flashing lights for deer signs on Highway 50.

Visiting adjacent county Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings.

Commissioner Jermstad reported on the following:

Elk pilot program north of Eureka.

Visit to Mohanna Family Ranch.

Wildlife under crossing camera checks and installs with Cal Trans.

Camino wildlife under crossing data update.

Commissioner Denaga reported on the following:

Angling project update.

Valley Green Pond update.

Lake water levels and temperatures.

Family fishing event at Wakamatsu Pond in October.

Bass Lake update.

Finnon Lake update.

Commissioner Weddle reported on the following:

Will not be at the September meeting.

Reviewed 2010 Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.

2022 Fish and Wildlife Commission annual report presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 22nd.

Book recommendation - Game Wars by Mark Reisner.

American Bison film by Ken Burns - October 16th.

Bob Pera, Stephen Horan, Dennis Byrne, and Patrick Weddle met with the Assistant District Attorney handling fish and wildlife cases.

UC Davis road ecology info sent to Kaylee and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Iron pointed spiked fence conversation with Supervisor Parlin.

Commissioner Horan reported on the following:

Wolf pack in King's canyon.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Commissioner Weddle reported on Gaines and Associates reports related to fish and wildlife.

NEXT MEETING: September 27th
Health and Human Services Conference Room
3368 Sandy Way
South Lake Tahoe, CA

ADJOURNED AT 5:08 P.M.