

EL DORADO COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION 2022

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, August 22, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

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

MEMBERSHIP

Mike Denega - At Large
Stephen Horan - At Large
Dennis Byrne - District I
Kathleen Jermstad - District II
Eric Harnage - District III
Pat Weddle - District IV
Joby Cefalu - 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

- Co-Sponsor with California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 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 and El Dorado Hills Community Service District to provide youth fishing events
- Assist in Public Education relating to scientific principles of Fish and Wildlife conservation (e.g., 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

- Economic Development- Youth Fishing Derbies bring in many visitors, encourages local spending for bait and food. Refurbished fishing pole distribution by Commissioners.
- Good Governance- Following the Brown Act, gathering information for advising county government, following Rosenbergs Rules of Order, promptly responding to Board of Supervisors and Public
- 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.
- 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., SBI383)
- Public Safety- The commission works in areas of vehicle-humans vs wildlife collisions, bear break-ins, poaching and beaver management.

COMMISSION REQUEST FOR 2024

- 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 2020 \$3,511.83, 2021 \$7,782.21, and 2022 \$4,561.23
- Based on 2022 actuals the Commission is requesting an additional \$14,000 to support funding for the 2024 Youth Fishing Derbies to continue based on a \$20,000 annual budget. (Fund Balance for 2023/2024 should be \$6,000.
- Commission members provide fishing poles at no cost to children who do not have equipment. This project is continuing with the assistance of commission member Dennis Byrne