



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris - Chairperson	Julian Meisler	Michelle Johnson – SC Dept of Ag
David Cook	Andy Pozzi	Matt Wolfe – Fawn Rescue
Brock Dolman		James Reed – CDFW
Al Ferris		Steve Riske – CDFW
Al Gerhardt		David Berman – Stewards of the Coast & Redwoods
Jeff Holden		Michele Luna – Stewards of the Coast & Redwoods
Beth Lamb		Paul Hobi – MPA Collaborative
Lim Lynch		Susan Kirks – Paula Lane Action Network
Don McEnhill		Patrick Schafer – Paula Lane Action Network
Dagny Thomas		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Adoption of January 2015 and February 2015 Minutes

Report: Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the January 2015 and February 2015 minutes.

Action: A motion was made by David Cook to accept minutes; motion seconded by Al Ferris.

Passed with: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports

a. **January 2015 reports:** Abalone Fund balance is \$350.00; General Fund balance is \$17,293.96.

b. **February 2015 reports:** Abalone Fund balance is \$350.00; General Fund balance is \$15,550.84

Action: A motion was made by Al Ferris to accept financial reports; motion seconded by Don McEnhill.

Passed with: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

V. Old Business

- a. **Funding for Fawn Enclosures. \$2,500.00.** Fawn Rescue. Matt Wolfe, (707) 849-2563. *Second Reading.*

Report: Matt Wolfe reported that two new fawn enclosure locations have been secured. The new locations are in an ideal location for deer release and will be used for multiple years.

Action: A motion was made by Dagny Thomas to fund the grant for the full amount of \$2,500.00; motion seconded by Jim Lynch. Grant #184.

Passed with: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

- b. **Funding for 33rd Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference. \$3,500.00.** Salmonid Restoration Federation. Dana Stolzman, (707) 923-7501. *Second Reading.*

Report: Dana Stolzman was unable to attend meeting, but revised grant request was discussed. The revision includes allocating grant funds for scholarships, including scholarships awarded to veterans integrating back into the work force, and production costs to record, edit, and post presentations online. The Conference took place March 11-14, 2015.

Action: A motion was made by Don McEnhill to fund the grant for the full amount of \$3,500.00; motion seconded by Al Ferris. Grant #185.

Passed with: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

- c. **Funding for replacement engines for patrol boat. \$18,676.88.** CA Department of Fish & Wildlife. Jim Jones, (707) 333-4047. *Second Reading.*

Report: Capt. Steve Riske reported that without grant funds, the boat could potentially be out of commission through July 2015. Operations of this boat, which patrol the offshore waters of Sonoma County, are critical to protecting the marine resources in the area. The boat is used on a regular basis to monitor the abalone take along the coast, as well as monitoring the sport and commercial fisheries in the area (fisheries include rockfish, salmon, crab, and halibut). The grant funds will be allocated towards the purchase and installation of the engines and rigging.

Action: A motion was made by Al Ferris to fund the grant for the full amount of \$18,676.88; motion seconded by David Cook. Grant #185.

Passed with: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

VI. New Business

- a. **Funding for taxidermy of American Badger. \$5,000.00.** Paula Lane Action Network. Susan Kirks, (707) 773-2315. *First Reading.*

Report: Susan Kirks reported that grant funds would be used to fund expert taxidermy of a deceased American Badger specimen. If funding permits, the specimen would be depicted in its natural habitat in an activity such as beginning to dig for prey. The specimen would be encased in a museum quality display case and housed in a locked barn on P.L.A.N.'s property when not in use during education events. Original grant application only included one taxidermy quotation, but a second quotation from another taxidermist will be provided to the Commission before the next meeting scheduled April 16, 2015.

- b. **Funding for Sonoma Coast Marine Protected Area education and outreach project. \$12,000.00.** Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. Michele Luna, (707) 869-9177. *First Reading.*

Report: Michele Luna and Paul Hobi and David Berman of the Sonoma County Marine Protected Area (MPA) Collaborative reported that funding would support a targeted video outreach campaign to raise awareness and understanding about the Sonoma Coast MPA, expanding local stewardship and promoting responsible and safe recreational use of the coast. The campaign outlines five proposed video segments. Commission recommended prioritizing and itemizing expenses for the five video segments, which will be submitted before the next meeting scheduled April 16, 2015.

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public
- b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Crystal Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Johnson
Commission Secretary