



# County of Nevada Fish & Wildlife Commission



APRIL 6, 2021

MEETING: Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission  
DATE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Join Zoom Meeting Join Zoom Meeting  
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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Mazzuca, Jeff Jenkins, Craig Ferrari, Kevin Murphy

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Holstein

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner; Jennifer Acree, Office Assistant II

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Louis, Dale Tobiassen, Warden Kyle Glau- CA Fish and Wildlife, Warden Jason Tessler- CA Fish and Wildlife, Larry Lane- USDA Wildlife Specialist

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Mazzuca

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Corrections to the Agenda-**

Item 8d was withdrawn.

**4. Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2020, and February 2, 2021, Meeting**

Commission Member Jenkins motioned to approve minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commission Member Ferrari. Motion passed 3-0 (1 abstained)

**5. Public Comment**

Dale Tobiassen expressed his concerns that Spenceville Wildlife Area is being closed during the nighttime hours. This has impacted hounds men. Fish and Wildlife Game Warden Kyle Glau is looking into the issue and will get back to Mr. Tobiassen.

**6. Agency Reports**

**a.) Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Warden Glau provided a short update. There remains a game warden vacancy in Sierra County.

Warden Tessler reported that they are working to address new fishing regulations in the Truckee area.

**b.) Nevada Irrigation District (NID)**

Written update was provided by NID. Total reservoir water storage is below average. Higher than normal demand for irrigation water is expected. NID is asking customers to conserve water.

**7. Fine Fund Balance (Informational)**

Agricultural Commissioner Chris de Nijs provided an update on available fund balance which is \$47,611.00

**8. New Business**

**a.) Former Commission Member Ray Butler - Recognition of 31 Years of Service on the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Agricultural Commissioner Chris de Nijs read aloud the certificate of recognize that former commission member Ray Butler received by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. Commission Member Mazzuca provided comments and appreciated all that Mr. Butler provided to the commission.

**b.) Introduction of New Commission Member Kevin Murphy, District V Representative.**

New Commission Member Kevin Murphy gave a brief bio of himself. Other Commission members welcomed Kevin

**c.) USDA Wildlife Services Update – Larry Lane**

USDA Wildlife Specialist Larry Lane provided an update to the commission. Highlights of the update include:

- CA Fish and Wildlife changing process how depredation permits are issued. 1<sup>st</sup> depredation is now a non-lethal hazing permit. A list of recommendations will be given by the CA Fish and Wildlife to the landowner to prevent future depredations.
- Pig population seems to have shrunk which is good for property owners not hunters.
- Lots of fox issues this year. Chickens are the main target for foxes.
- Highest volume of bear calls in 10 years. Property damage is the most common reported issue. (vehicles, houses, etc.)

Louis provided public comment. Asked what type of bear calls Larry receives. Larry responded that right now it is property damage but expects it to be livestock in the next few months.

**d.) Truckee Rotary Club – Fishing Derby**

Withdrawn from agenda by Commission Member Murphy

**9. Notices from the Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**a.) Finding of Emergency and Statement of Proposed Emergency Regulatory Action, Recreational Clam, Sand Crab, and Shrimp Gear Emergency Rule.**

- b.) Notice of Findings concerning the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's five-year Species Review Report Regarding Milo Baker's Lupine from a Threatened to Endangered Species.
- c.) Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action Relative to Amending Sections Relating to Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing Regulations.
- d.) 15-Day Continuation Notice for the Recreational Crab Trap Fishery Marine Life Protection Measures Regulations.

Commission Member review these items individually. They agreed they are not pertinent to Nevada County; therefore, no action is taken.

**10. Commission Member Comments**

Commission member Ferrari stated that he has been banding wood ducks and that the geese are hatching. Fishing is also good.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Commission Chair Mazzuca adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted: Chris de Nijs

Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner

Approved on: 6/1/2021 Chris de Nijs for Larry Mazzuca

Chair, Larry Mazzuca