



County of Nevada Fish & Wildlife Commission



MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2021

MEETING: Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission
DATE: Tuesday, June 1, 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, Jeff Holstein

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner, Trisha Tillotson, CDA Director

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Dale Tobiassen, Warden Kyle Glau—CA Fish and Wildlife, Warden Jason Tessler—CA Fish and Wildlife,

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Corrections to the Agenda-

No corrections to the agenda were made

4. Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Meeting

Commission Member Kevin Murphy motioned to approve minutes. 2nd by Commission Member Jeff Jenkins. Motion passed 5-0

5. Public Comment

Dale Tobiassen expressed his continued concern regarding the Spenceville Wildlife Area's day-use only designation. CA Fish and Wildlife Game Warden Kyle Glau relayed that the Wildlife Area Manager has the authority to set the hours for public use. Current nighttime closure impacts hound hunting opportunities.

6. Agency Reports

A. Department of Fish and Wildlife

Warden Glau reported large numbers of resource users in all patrolled areas. Fishing areas are very crowded. Most of the reservoirs have been stocked twice a month. There is a large amount of bear activity recently.

B. Nevada Irrigation District (NID)

Thor Larsen, Water Resources Superintendent, reported current storage is 73% capacity. NID is in stage 1 drought contingency plan (voluntary reduction). NID Board may decide to institute a higher-level drought contingency plan soon. Precipitation is 50% of the average amount for this time of year. Some boat ramps will be out of the water this summer. Jackson Meadows should be out of the water before July, and Scott's Flat Lake/Cascade Shores will likely be out of the water in mid-August. Groundwater levels will likely decrease due to pulling water from this source.

7. Fine Fund Balance (Informational)

Agricultural Commissioner Chris de Nijs stated there is no change since the last report and the balance is still \$47,611.00.

8. New Business

A. Presentation- Mitch Lockhart, Environmental Scientist, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife- Stocking Plans for Nevada County, Population Trends and Current Research

Mr. Lockhart provided 2020 stocking allotment information and reported that hatchery production went well over the last year. Many of these fish were used in the stocking that Warden Glau discussed. The American River Hatchery water intake temperature is in the 60s and is projected to increase to the 70s by mid-June. This exceeds suitable temperature for rearing trout. Consequently, they are evacuating almost all the fish in the American River Hatchery.

For the past 5-10 years fish have been minimally stocked through the backcountry aerial fish stocking program, but this may increase in 2021. Also, pack animals will be used to hand plant some areas (Lindsay Lake area and Feely Lake).

Following a multi-year effort, inland fishing regulations changed this past March. This modifies fishing regulations on free-flowing rivers and streams, while reservoirs essentially stay the same. Fisheries Branch of CDFW is providing money to monitor high priority waters to determine the impact of the new regulations. Also, electrofishing might be conducted this year depending on Covid restrictions.

Commission member Mazzuca inquired about the triploid data. Triploid fish stock have 3 chromosomes and are reared to intentionally induce this extra chromosome which renders them sterile. This prevents the stocked fish from interbreeding and impacting native fisheries' genetic resources.

B. Truckee River Access—Commission Member Murphy

Commission Member Murphy reported that a property owner on the north side of the Truckee River is making a boulder barrier to block access points to both vehicular and

pedestrian traffic (it is considered trespassing). Vehicle access is also gone on the south side. As a result, access to public lands in the area below Truckee is closed. Conflicting maps from the Forest Service and Nevada County, combined with private landowners' easement and entitlement conflicts, create a complicated problem.

CDA Director Trisha Tillotson relayed the challenges with Hirschdale Rd and Floriston Ave (which turns into Iceland Road). These roads are partially owned by Nevada County but not maintained by the County. Also, the county vacated part of Hirschdale Rd in the 70's. It is possible the boulders are placed on federal land. Nevada County is working to confirm right of way lines, property lines, and property ownership.

9. Notices from the Fish and Game Commission

No notices that pertain to Nevada County

10. Commission Member Comments

Commission member Ferrari commented regarding Lake of the Pines goose depredation. There is a major reduction in the population.

Commission member Murphy provided an update on the Rotary Fishing Derby. The Derby was cancelled, and the money is in the Rotary account. The Derby is planned to occur next year.

Commission Holstein announced that this might be his last meeting due to the possibility of relocating

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Commission Chair Mazzuca adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner

Approved on:



Chair, Larry Mazzuca