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Subject: RE: Fish and Wildlife Commission dissolved

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Mono County Board of Supervisors,

Attached is a letter that might provide insight as to the original purpose of the Fisheries Commission and I hope it is helpful. I believe it would not be in the best interest of the County to dissolve the Commission, but to restructure the reason for their existence.

Best regards,  
Carolyn Webb

PS - I'm sorry this could not be more timely and that I could at least listen into the meeting and/or be in attendance.

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## **RE: Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission**

Dear Supervisors Kreitz, Duggan, Gardner, Corless, Peters, and Jeff Simpson:

I apologize for the letter as I cannot be in attendance tomorrow to provide comment and information regarding how the Commission was initially set up when the Board appointed the members to the Commission in 2003.

The first discussion was mainly how to get more anglers into Mono County as Bishop had a stocking program called "adopt a creek", and I believe Dick Noles was handling it and anglers were not making it into Mono County. Mono needed its own program not only for trophy trout but to keep trout flowing from the hatcheries. During the early to mid 90's DFW had been providing the Board with an annual spring update as to what would happen at Hot Creek and the poundage that would be stocked for that year. This was done by the Bishop area Fisheries Manager. It was during a period where DFG was cutting the percentage of trout to be reared at Hot Creek and the other two hatcheries annually, and any issues with the well as they were contentious at that time.

I could have provided reams of information as to how the Commission worked as I asked Dan Lyster if he wanted any of the information I had accumulated during the 6 years I was secretary and he said "no", so I sent it all to the dump.

Neil McCarroll and the group discussed the terms and they drew straws, three would be 2 year terms and four would have 4 year terms in order to stagger their "re-up" if they so desired giving the County time to search for a new member(s). Neil was appointed the first Chair of the Commission.

It was decided the Chair position would be for 1 year and Neil asked that each Commissioner take a turn as the Chair.

The main goal of the Commission at that time was to assist in keeping trout in all the waters in Mono County, there was never any discussion as to personal agenda's, it was always for the County, and only the County. As it so happened everyone on the Commission at that time was in agreement, which included every aspect of their agenda. Not one business owner against another or fly fishing priority over one area versus general angling methods. Anglers paid for a license and hoped there would be fish for the taking. Many DFW personnel attended these meetings along with the Board of Supervisors when the issue needed their input. The Commission tried to recruit individuals from every end of the county to represent their community, but it was not always easy.

The Commission was appointed to inform the Board as to the status of fish stocking within Mono County and update them with any possible issues that would impact it.

Hopefully this has given you a bit of information as to why, who and how the "then" Commission was run.

Sincere regards, Carolyn Webb