Mono County Fisheries Commission

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 ~ 10am

June Lake Community Center, June Lake
**MINUTES**

Attending: Muller, Parker, King, Morton, Anthony, and Jones.
Staff: Simpson

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:07am.

2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was make

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11-13-15): A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY ANTHONY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2015 MEETING WITH SPELLING CORRECTIONS. MOTION PASSED 6-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.

5. STAFF/COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS: Mr. Simpson updated the commission on a possible fishing tournament on opening day that will be coordinated and sponsored by Western Outdoor News. Mr. Simpson also reported the Visitor Guide is near completion and Trout in the Classroom was funded and moving forward. Ms. Mueller reported the on the Inyo County Fisheries Commission Meeting and the upcoming plans for the Central Sierra Fisheries Commission meeting.

6. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: No Update. Jim Erdman was unable to attend.

7. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: No changes to the budget from the previous meeting.

• Fish and Game Fine Fund - $16,900 Starting Balance. $6,700 available ($3,500 encumbered for Eastern Sierra Wildlife Care, $700 for FOI, $2,000 for BFEF, $4,000 for Trout in the Classroom)

• MCFC regular budget - $25,000 Starting Balance. $25,000 available

8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Fishing Regulation Changes on Rush Creek and RCCP Form –

Commissioner Morton: Mr. Morton presented a draft proposed of the regulation changes on Rush Creek. This commission discussed possible options and reforms but agreed to wait until Jim Erdman could attend to answer questions before moving forward.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Study in Reverse Creek, Possible

Funding Request – Commissioner Morton: The commissioners agreed this could be a priority moving forward but waited to fund the request until more information could be obtained with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Lahontan Cutthroat Trout planting in the Eastern Sierra – Staff: Mr. Simpson reported that no hatcheries are currently planting Cutthroat to any private entities in California at the moment and that any possibility of Cutthroat being planted in Mono County could not happen until a hatchery could be located.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Updating the Mono County Fisheries Catch and Release

Brochure – Commission Mueller: Mr. Simpson reported on possible sizes and rates to produce and enhance a Catch and Release brochure. The Commission decided to wait until the next meeting when a more formal quote and cost could be presented.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Local Program Funding Application – Commissioner Mueller: Commissioner Mueller discussed new changes to the Local Program Funding Application. Staff made the changes and the forms are now ready to be used for future funding requests.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film

Commission Update – Staff: Mr. Simpson invited the commission to attend the Peak Performance program as part of larger customer service program for the county.

14. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None

15. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is January 6, 2015 at 10am in June Lake. Meeting was adjourned in the name of Doug Butler with DB Guide Service at 12:22pm.

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