

Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center
90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

MINUTES

Attending: Morton, Mueller, Jones, King, Parker
Staff: Jeff Simpson
Others: Brad Beaver, Bill Dailey, Dan Lengning, Jane Kenyon

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:01am.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was made.
3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2-7-18): A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE February 7TH, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AS WRITEN. MOTION APPROVED 5-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Ms. Mueller reported that the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide needed help being distributed throughout the Eastern Sierra. Members of the commission agreed to distribute guides to their prospective areas. Mr. Simpson reported the trout in the classroom expenditure was withdrawn from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Simpson reported the June meeting will be canceled due to scheduling conflicts with the election.
7. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: Mr. Dailey reported an increase in violations over the last year and the deputy base is now back up to full staff.
8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$7,500 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 ESWC) \$4,000 Remaining
 - MCFC regular budget - \$5,000 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 for Fish Stocking Shipping, \$1,500 for Kids Fishing Festival) 0 Remaining.
9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Fisheries Management Plan Update– Commissioner Morton. Mr. Morton updated the commission on gathering stakeholders and agencies together to discuss preparation of the Mono County Fisheries Management Plan. No meeting or action has taken place yet.
10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Eastern Sierra Fishing Map Reprint – Staff: Mr. Simpson reported that the Eastern Sierra Fishing Map brochures were nearly out and a reprint was needed. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY JONES, TO RECOMMEND \$4,000 OUT OF THE FISH AND GAME FINE FUND TO BE USED TO REPRINT THE EASTERN SIERRA FISHING MAP. MOTION APPROVED 5-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Bylaws Review – Staff: A copy of the bylaws was distributed to the commissioners. Recommendations on updates to the bylaws would be discussed at a future meeting.
12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Stream and Lake Cleanup Project Update – Commissioner Parker: The Commissioners discussed possible methods, funding and locations for fishing cleanup projects. No action was taken and further discussion with funding would be brought back to the commission at a further date.
13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Rush Creek RCCP Form – Commissioner Morton: Commissioner Morton discussed turning in the RCCP Form to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The commission discussed making potential changes to the form over the next month and would consider approving the final version of the RCCP form at next month’s meeting.
14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Opening Day Marketing and Promotion – Staff: Mr. Simpson reported on opening day marketing and promotion plans from Mono County Tourism. The Commission gave feedback on the marketing plan and marketing channels for this year and future years.
15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – 2018 Mono County Stocking Schedule – Staff: Mr. Simpson discussed budgeting restraints for this year’s 2018 stocking schedule and that the commission would have to budget for \$50,000 worth of stocking from July 1st to the end of September without knowing if more money would be available for the future. A proposed plan was discussed that included one load of fish for the majority of traditional lakes and streams in Mono County. Staff would bring a draft schedule to the next meeting after talking and confirming with Dessert Springs Trout Farm.
16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff: Mr. Simpson gave a report on recent trade show attendance including fishing specific shows such as the International Sportsmen’s Expo and Fred Hall Long Beach, Bakersfield and San Diego.
17. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: ES Fishing Guide, RCCP Form and Rush Creek Survey Results.
18. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is May 2, 2018 at 10am in June Lake.

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