

Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center
90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

MINUTES

Attending: Morton, Mueller, Jones, Anthony, Burak, Parker

Staff: Simpson

Others: Jane Kenyon, James Erdman, Supervisor Stacy Corless, Lt. Bill Dailey, Dan Lengning, Supervisor John Peters, Janet Barth

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was made.
3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Kenyon, Ms. Barth and Supervisor Corless discussed a monofilament cleanup plan for fishing line along the shores and in the depths of lakes and streams around the Eastern Sierra. Staff recommended formulating a plan with a specific funding request for the July meeting.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-4-18): A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4TH, 2018 MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED 6-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: None.
7. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: Mr. Erdman reported on the Opening day surveys conducted at Crowley Lake. The commission compared results to historical data provided by Mr. Erdman. Lt. Daily reported on opening day warden activities include 53 violations throughout his jurisdiction over opening weekend.
8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Simpson reported both the MCFC regular fund and the Stocking fund has not been approved by the Board of Supervisors and would not be discussed until September. The Fish and Game Fine Fund will be set at 26,500 for next fiscal year.
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$7,500 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 ESWC, \$4,000 Fishing Map) \$0 Remaining
 - MCFC regular budget - \$5,000 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 for Fish Stocking Shipping, \$1,500 for Kids Fishing Festival) 0 Remaining.
9. DISSCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Rush Creek RCCP Form – Commissioner Morton: Mr. Simpson reported that Supervisor Gardner approved to sponsor the item for approval to submit to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The commission discussed including language that supported no changes to impacts on fishing in the high season or on stocking. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY JONES TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE RUSH CREEK RCCP FORM WITH ADDIITONAL CHANGES TO INCLUDED NO IMPACTS ON FISHING IN THE HIGH SEASON OR ON FISH STOCKING. MOTION APPROVED 6-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.

10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – LADWP Long Valley Irrigation Lease Impacts – Commissioner Burak: The commission discussed possible impacts on the LADWP Long Valley Irrigation Lease changes. The commission requested further information to discuss at the next meeting.
11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide Distribution – Commissioner Mueller: Commissioner Mueller discussed helping distribute the Eastern Sierra Fishing guide. Commissioners agreed to help pitch in and distribute in their respective areas.
12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Letter of Support for 12 Month Fishing License – Commissioner Mueller. The Commission discussed supporting legislation for a 12 Month Fishing License. The commission was willing to support the same document and letter of support that was sent last year. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUELLER, SECONDED BY PARKER, TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION FOR A 12 MONTH FISHING LICENSE. MOTION APPROVED 6-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Review Department of Fish and Wildlife Meetings – Staff: Mr. Simpson reported that the June Meeting would be canceled, and the July meeting would have to be pushed back until July 11th because of the Independence Day holiday.
14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – 2018 Opening Day Recap – Staff: Staff and the commission discussed results from the opening weekend of fishing throughout the Eastern Sierra. There was a consensus that fishing was above average with crowds around normal as the past several fishing openers.
15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – 2018 Mono County Stocking Schedule – Staff: Mr. Simpson discussed the final fish stocking schedule for the summer of 2018 that included one load of fish from Dessert Springs Trout Farm for locations in the Eastern Sierra. Mr. Simpson also discussed the possibility of more fish after September depending on budget and Board of Supervisor approval.
16. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff: No Discussion.
17. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
18. ADJOURNMENT

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