



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Roles of the Commission

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) advises the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to fish and wildlife, and also recommends projects for funding with the county's portion of Fish and Game fine monies. Recently, the County District Attorney Office, working with the Commission, has been successful in directing over \$5,950 in civil penalties and stipulated judgment fines from violations to Water and Fish and Game Codes into the Fish and Game Commission account. These funds were used for a stream enhancement project in the affected watershed.

Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Commission meets the first Thursday of every month, except January and July, at 7:00 pm at 701 Ocean Street, Planning Department Conference Room, Santa Cruz.

Commission Structure

As of December 31, 2004, the Commission is made up of Chairperson Philip Christ representing the 2nd District; Vice Chair Bud McCrary representing the 3rd District; and other Commissioners including Rogers Johnson 2nd District, Dennis Murphy and James Ritchey 1st District, Jodi Frediani 3rd District, Frank Estrada and Dennis Baldwin 4th District, and Gary Lease 5th District. One vacancy exists in the 2nd District.

Commission Staff

Donna Bradford, Resource Planner, with the Planning Department, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

Attendance:

The Commission was pleased with the appointment of Dennis Baldwin to the Commission in August and Rodgers Johnson in December. See attached roster for attendance report.

Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2004

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded a number of local fishery and wildlife projects. Allocations using regular fine monies were awarded to the Monterey Bay Salmon & Trout Project, for partial funding for fish food and medicine and to CalTIP for education and outreach.

The remaining balance of \$5,400 from the original amount of \$100,000 from a stipulated judgment in 2002 that restricted the allocation to remedial environmental and education projects in the San Lorenzo River Watershed, was allocated to the following two projects. The Lompico Watershed Conservancy was funded \$4,200 to augment funding for the Old Lompico Pool Fish Passage Improvement Project; and the Valley Women's Club was funded \$1,200 for the Watershed Festival of Events for supplies to create quality, traveling educational displays.

With funds received under an Administrative Civil Liability Order, reserved for fish habitat improvement projects in the Soquel Creek Watershed, the Commission allocated the entire \$5,950 to the Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District to eradicate an invasive, non-native plant species.

The Commission continued to follow issues related to the listing of steelhead and coho salmon, including the Santa Cruz County FishNet 4C Implementation Plan, the posting of fishing regulation signs and provided comments on the proposed changes to the state sportfishing regulations for steelhead. In addition, the Commission facilitated a discussion of the San Lorenzo River – Fours Rocks Gorge fish passage restoration projects with state and federal resource agencies, the public and local fish experts.

Additional Activities

The Commission continued to provide a forum for members of the public to voice concerns or issues on fish and game related issues. This type of activity is well suited to the Commission as many members of the public find it difficult to communicate their concerns to the appropriate agencies.

Future Goals

The Commission will continue to fund grant projects that are of benefit to local fish and wildlife species and their habitat. The Commission will continue to provide a forum for public input regarding fish and game issues, and will continue to support California Department of Fish and Game enforcement. The Commission will continue to review proposed legislation for listed species, with particular emphasis on recovery of these species.

Fish and Game Commission Attendance 2004

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ritchey	Abs	Ex	P	Ex	P	P	Ex	Ex	P	P
Murphy	Ex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Peterson	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Res
Christ	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex
Frediani	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCrary	P	P	P	P	Abs	P	Abs	P	Abs	P
Estrada	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Abs	Ex	P
Baldwin	---	---	---	---	---	P	P	P	P	P
Lease	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P
Collins	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	Ex	P

P = Present

Ex = Excused

Abs = Absent

Res = Resigned

--- = Not on Commission

X = Meeting Cancelled