



## Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission

860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

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### Summary Minutes of the Regular Meeting Approved by the Commission on July 10, 2018

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** Abalone Room at The Little River Inn at 7751 CA-1, Little River, California

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Commissioner Appointments

Chair Vann called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

*Present:* Commissioners Norm Brown, Patrick Ford, Michael Kura, Patty Madigan, Anna Neumann, RedHawk Pallesen, and Randy Vann

#### 2. Public Expression on Non-Agenda Items (No Action)

There were no comments from the public.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting

Upon motion by Commissioner Kura, second by Commissioner Neumann, the minutes of March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous vote:

*Ayes:* Commissioners Brown, Ford, Kura, Madigan, Neumann, Pallesen, and Vann

#### 4. Reports

##### • CA Fish and Wildlife

There were no representatives from the department. A discussion was held regarding complaints made to the department regarding a coastal business.

##### • Grant Awardees

Josh Russo, President of the Waterman's Alliance, provided the Commission an update on the progress of the Urchin Removal project. He noted brown kelp is coming back, hopefully the bull kelp will return soon, as well. Where urchins have been cleared though the project, urchins are not returning. He also reported the Waterman's Alliance has applied to the Sonoma Fish and Game Commission for a grant, specifying grant monies are used within the County or origin only.

##### • Fisheries

Josh Russo, Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee and President of the Waterman's Alliance, provided an update to the Commission on the status of the abalone Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) noting an overview of the plan has been presented. He noted areas the plan does not correct presented concerns, highlighting them as deficiencies in the plan. He reviewed the possibilities for reopening the fishery. While he noted there is currently nothing the Commission can do to assist, Mr. Russo indicated approval of a support letter at the September regular meeting would be appreciated.

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Patrick Ford

Anna Neumann

Randy Vann

Michael Kura

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**5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the May 31, 2018 Burn Symposium (Commissioners Vann and Brown)**

Commissioner Brown reported on a meeting he and Commissioner Vann attended Northern California Prescribed Fire Council Meeting in Mount Shasta in April. The Council is cooperating in the Mendocino County Burn Symposium. The Farm Bureau is advertising and the Secretary has emailed the flyer to Commissioners.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Lake Mendocino Recreation Areas (Commissioner Ford)**

Commissioner Ford noted the CalTip signs have been posted and more are expected soon. He noted the lake is full.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Administration and Accounting Reports**

- **Hammerhorn Lake Improvement Part 3 Phase 1 Project Extension Request:** The Secretary presented the request from the US Forest Service for a formal letter extending the final project report deadline for the funds totaling \$25,000, noting the terms of the agreement and the project have not changed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Madigan, second by Commissioner Neumann, the Hammerhorn Lake Improvement Part 3 Phase 1 Project Extension Request approval letter was approved by unanimous vote:

*Ayes:* Commissioners Brown, Ford, Kura, Madigan, Neumann, Pallesen, and Vann

- **Secretary Report:** Secretary noted calls received and workload over the last two months. Discussion was held regarding the funds available for future grant cycles. Currently, the total amount of grant money available is established by estimating revenue from fines in the fiscal year. The Commission discussed the options for transitioning to granting money collected the previous fiscal year, which may include a transition year of low or no funding and the possibility of holding one grant cycle for student proposals only. Commissioner Neumann will work with the Secretary to bring forward an agenda item in July.

- **Finances**

Commissions Pallesen provided an update on fine collection and the impact to Commission accounts.

**8. Commissioner Comments, Reports, Announcements**

- *Commissioner Madigan* reported on recent information on aquaculture.
- *Commissioners Ford and Kura* reported on the recent events of the Ukiah Rod and Gun Club.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Topics and invitations to presenters for the July meeting in Willits were discussed.

**10. Adjournment at 7:29pm**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED:**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018  
Willits City Council, Conference Room,  
111 E Commercial St, Willits, CA 95490**

***Mendocino Fish and Game Commissioners***

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