



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

701 OCEAN STREET, SUITE 400, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060
(831) 454-2453 FAX: (831) 454-2131 TDD: (831) 454-2123

FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2005 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 \$14,577 in civil penalties and stipulated judgment fines from violations to Water and Fish and Game Codes into the Fish and Game Commission account.

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, 2005, the Commission is made up of Chairperson Dennis Baldwin representing the 4th District; Vice Chair Gary Lease representing the 5th District; and other Commissioners including Philip Christ and Rogers Johnson 2nd District, Dennis Murphy and James Ritchey 1st District, Jodi Frediani and Bud McCrary 3rd District, Frank Estrada 4th District, and Kevin Collins 5th District.

Commission Staff

Kristen Kittleson, Resource Planner, with Environmental Health Services, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

Attendance:

See attached roster for attendance report.

Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2005

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, medicine, power and insurance and for the King Salmon Enhancement Program 2005 operating expenses; to Native Animal Rescue for the purchase of animal food for wildlife rehabilitation; to O'Neill Sea Odyssey for the purchase of education equipment; to Max Alford for cleanup expenses for South County waterways; to CalTIP for education and outreach; to Citizens for Responsible Forest Management for the Healthy Rivers, Happy Fish Watershed Conference; to Monterey Bay Master Gardeners for Interpretive signage at the Nature Walk at Skypark, Scotts Valley; to High Ground Organics for wetland and upland habitat restoration; and to Monarch Community and Tierra Pacifica Charter Schools for aquarium materials to implement the STEP Program.

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.

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 2005

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

P = Present

Ex = Excused

Abs = Absent

Res = Resigned

--- = Not on Commission

X = Meeting Cancelled