



**TRINITY COUNTY FISH AND  
GAME**

**ADVISORY COMMISSION**

P O Box 1917  
Weaverville, CA 96093

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 31, 2021**

**TRINITY COUNTY LIBRARY, WEAVERVILLE**

**Chairman** Commissioner James Lee (Wildlife)- present

**Vice-Chairman** Commissioner Samantha Chilcote (Recreation) - present

**County Supervisor**  
Supervisor Liam Gogan

**Restoration**  
Commissioner Mike Dixon -present  
Vacant

**Recreation**

**Fisheries**  
Commissioner Kyle De Julio -present  
Commissioner Charles Holthaus-present

**At Large**  
Commissioner Richard Cole - present

**Wildlife**  
Vacant

**This meeting may be audio-recorded.**

The TCFG assists in developing Fisheries and Wildlife Policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. The TCFG interacts and coordinates with federal, state and local agencies and other organizations involved in fish and wildlife conservation, restoration, enhancement and management programs.

Meetings of the TCFG are held bi-monthly starting in January and are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meeting location is at the Trinity County Library (unless otherwise noted) in Weaverville at 7:00 PM. All meeting agendas will be posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. If you would like back-up to the agenda items please contact James Lee at [james.chris.lee@gmail.com](mailto:james.chris.lee@gmail.com).

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Topic: Trinity County Fish and Game Advisory Commission  
Time: Mar 31, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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## **7:05 PM Meeting Called to Order**

**I. Approve the Minutes from January 13, 2021-** Motion to Approve: Chilcote, Second: Cole, carries unanimously

- a. Draft TCFGSC 01-13-2021 Minutes.doc

7:08 pm Chairman's comments- James Lee

- we follow Robert's Rules, don't speak out of turn, if debate and Chairman wants to enter debate, must turn over Chair to Vice-Chair, continues down line of seniority
- Chair Lee wants to state that he does not use herbicide in his job, even his supervisor said he does not use in his job
- Chair Lee Vice- we did not defy a Supervisor, Chair Chilcote: we are not directed by BoS what to address, we make recommendations to BoS, we want to be equally responsive to anyone who wants to raise an issue
- Agenda development: topics solicited from all Commissioners for agenda, requires approval of Chair before proceed
- invited by Weaverville Rotary

## **7:10 II. Public Comment**

**This time is for information from the public on matters not appearing on this agenda. All comments are limited to three minutes and must pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of this Advisory Commission. When addressing the Advisory Commission please state your name for the record and address the Advisory Commission as a whole,**

**through the Chair. No action or discussion will be conducted on matters not listed on the agenda, however, the Chair may refer the subject matter to the appropriate Commissioner for follow-up or schedule the matter on a subsequent Advisory Commission Agenda.**

**Only attendant Andy Hill**

**7:20 III. On-Going Reports**

- a. Restoration Update
  - Critically dry water year, restorative flow April 15, peak 4500 cfs, hydrograph posted in Journal next year, post cards have been posted to landowners along the river
  - Driest year on record at Shasta Dam
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update, Deer Management Plan –Chairman Lee
  - Talked with David Cassidy who is the big game Program Supervisor, posted notes on the Google Drive
    - Issue fire danger leads to closure which prohibit access for hunters, last year USFS and SPI closed as well
    - Buck only hunting, Cassidy was supportive, Mentioned count veto authority, Pete Figuero, Supervisor from Redding office, recommendation sot change regulation come from local level, we should make a recommendation to local Supervisor, Chair Lee wants to collaborate with Supervisor on a recommendation
    - Close to releasing new Deep Management Plan, appears to be fairly different from previous versions
    - Appears to be reaching some stability with personnel
- c. Trinity River Update Supervisor Gogan
  - Commissioner talked with hatchery manager, they had 500 steelhead return, they do not know why, historically they have 1% return, they release about 450,00, so we are getting 1/10th of 1 percent
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report: Andy Hill, Trinity will be fished longer this year, hope to get some wild coho, intent to get wild coho for the broodstock,
- e. Trinity County Collaborative Report - Commissioner Dixon, no report
- f. Pacific Fisheries Management Council – Commissioner Cole
  - emailed copies of McGuire’s statement, they will adopt the recommendations in April, will be a bad year, maybe our worst, Do we want to make a recommendation on harvest?
  - DeJulio it’s a question of opportunity or escapement, Klamath is in over-fishing review, Klamath hasn’t met escarpment goals for at least the last 4 years
  - Holthaus: heard Klamath projections in line and it was the Sacramento which had taken the biggest hit
  - Cole: PFMC cut down projections because of the Sacramento was near collapse,
  - last year readjusted size breaks for jacks to 23”, those fish turned out to be 4 years and it might have led us to over-harvest jacks
  - McGuire is a voting member of the PFMC
  - possible if BoS takes an interest in TCFGAC might have \$ to send representative, Gogan might be suitable
- g. Grant Program
  - 2021 Fishing Derby Letter.pdf

- Lewiston Lions will not be doing derby this year
- Ruth will be rolling over the grant to next year
- h. Correspondence Ad Hoc – Chairman Lee, Vice Chairman Chilcote and Commissioner Cole

**7:45 IV. Old Business**

- a. Beaver Letter – Commissioner Chilcote, started going through agendas and minutes
- b. Steelhead derby update – Derby Sub-committee (DeJulio, Holthaus, Chilcote)- Hilthaus contacted Trinity Hatchery and started discussing broodstock, Derrick at the hatchery was very supportive but not his decision they do refer to it in their documents, he referred him to the Hatchery Technical Team, and he reached out to Derrick Rupert of the Hatchery Team, he was supporting and he will talk to his supervisors and get back Charlie, want to agendize for next Technical Team meeting, we want to get everything in line with departments before approach the fishermen
- c. Brown Trout Policy Statement Letter – Commissioner Cole
  - a. wants Kyle to call him so they can discuss the main points, De Julio does not understand why this is necessary and what it will be used for, it would just restate the letter, Gogan put it back on the agenda here, there is a lot of resistance to removing brown trout from the fishermen, keep on the agenda until input from Gogan

**8:00 V. New Business**

- a. Standards of Conduct for Commissioners - Chairman Lee and Vice Chairman Chilcote
  - i. Difficult to work under these conditions, communications were muddled in emails, if requested to call if requested, have reached out to County Counsel, had to block emails, drafted Code of Conduct, any input? potentially adopt with input from Counsel or BoS, potentially make retroactive, open to debate and any motions
    - 1. Cole dismayed at unwillingness to discuss big issues, Lee told him he wanted to do small issues, he were not
    - 2. Motion: Cole by present Make edits and typos and chain of command with Supervisors, Second Holthaus
    - 3. 2021 Programs and Goals - Chairman Lee
  - ii. Make standing agenda item for November,
  - iii. Some progress with fishing derbies, banquet/auctions might be better fundraisers
  - iv. 3 priority areas: 1) fishing derbies, 2) broodstock program, 3) big game
    - 1. Cole wants to have Gogan present to set priorities
    - 2. Motion: Cole to put off to next meeting when Gogan is present, if he is not present there then, we can move on it, Second by Holthaus
    - 3. Motion Amended: Tabled issue until next meeting and each Commissioner submit top 3 priorities 2 week prior
      - a. Dixon not time sensitive but doesn't want to set precedent that discussion not possible without Supervisor here
      - b. De Julio we don't need to reference Supervisor
- b. Representation at PFMC- Supervisor Gogan, Tabled
- c. Budget- Vice Chairman Chilcote, be prepared to approve at next meeting, think about necessary resources for strategic actions and program priorities

- d. Western Area Power Administration and Trinity Public Utilities District Wildfire Risk Reduction, Reliability, and Asset Protection (WRAP) Project- Chairman Lee
  - i. Draft EIS in August, Scoping Report is published, scoping report would have been a better point to comment, some of the topics in the scoping habitat fragmentation, is kill vegetation but don't remove then increase wildfire danger
  - ii. Lee feels needs more details to understand impact to fish and wildlife
  - iii. Cole, Andy Johnson, PUD is going to BoS next week to ask that Trinity County suspend its herbicide policy
    - 1. Boards agenda isn't posted yet, acting on heresay
    - 2. Holthaus anything can be a herbicide, it's defined by what it does, not by it's name
    - 3. Dixon, there are certain nexuses with fish and wildlife but we need to know more about what is proposed, jumping the gun without knowing what is on the table, state for the record that application of herbicides is a topic that can be of interest to the commission
    - 4. DeJulio doesn't like spending this amount of time on a hypothetical topic,
    - 5. Cole: to mechanically cut will cost 4-5 x more than herbicide, balancing the safety of the wildlife
    - 6. DeJulio would like an evening program by another entity with experience with of fire protection
    - 7. Cole: a motion to have an evening program on this issue, Second by DeJulio:
    - 8. Competing Motion by DeJulio: Take up Evening Program Development at the same time as Priorities, Second by Dixon , passed unanimously

**Correspondence - <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>**

- a. Update website email
  - i. Cole will ask County to about coming up generic email, will copy Vice Chair on all communications

**8:50 VI. Staff Reports**

- a. Financial Report
- b. Fines and Fees

**VII. Approval of Claims (none)**

**9:20 Adjournment**

**Our Next Meetings**

May 12, 2021

July 14, 202

September 8 2021

November 10, 2021

**Other Meetings****CA Fish and Game Commission**

February 10-11, 2021 Webinar/teleconference  
March 16, 2021 Marine Resources, Webinar/teleconference  
April 13, 2021 Tribal, Webinar/teleconference  
April 14-15, 2021 Webinar/teleconference  
May 11, 2021 Wildlife Resources, Webinar/teleconference  
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June 16-17, 2021 Webinar/teleconference  
July 20, 2021 Marine Resources, Sacramento  
August 17, 2021 Tribal, Sacramento  
August 18-19, 2021 Sacramento  
September 16, 2021 Wildlife Resources, Sacramento  
October 13-14, 2021 Sacramento  
November 9, 2021 Marine Resources, Sacramento  
December 14, 2021 Tribal, Sacramento  
December 15-16, 2021 Sacramento

**Trinity Collaborative**

January 15, 2021  
March 19, 2021  
May 21, 2021  
July 16, 2021  
Sept 17, 2021  
Nov 19, 2021

**SRF Virtual Conference**

April 21-23, 2021

**Pacific Fishery Management Council**

March 3-10, 2021, webinar  
April 6-13, 2021, webinar  
June 22-29, 2021, Vancouver, WA  
August 22-25, 2021 PSMFC 74th Annual Meeting  
September 8-15, 2021, Spokane, WA  
November 15-22, 2021, Costa Mesa, CA

**Pacific Flyway Council**

March 9, 2021, virtual meeting  
August or September 2021, TBD

**Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies**

July 18-23, 2021 Santa Fe, NM

**Wildlife Conservation Board**

February 25, 2021, webinar or teleconference  
May 27, 2021, webinar or teleconference  
August 26, 2021, webinar or teleconference  
November 18, 2021, webinar or teleconference