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**Trinity County Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Minutes – January 9, 2019**

John Fenley (TCBOS District 5), Chairman present
Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife) – Vice Chair – Present

Richard Cole (At Large) – Present
James Lee (At Large) – Absent
(At Large) – Vacant
Kyle De Julio (Fisheries) - Absent
(Fisheries) – Vacant
Tina Duong, Secretary – Present

Mike Dixon (Restoration) – Present
Donna Rupp (Restoration) – Present
Cody Canale (Recreation) – Present
(Recreation) – Vacant
Blain Nicolls (Wildlife) – Present
Sheila Brewer, Outgoing Secretary - Present

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.

- a. Approved the minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting.
Motion: Samantha Chilcote **Second:** Blain Nicolls **Carried**
Ayes: Canale, Chilcote, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Nicolls and Rupp
Absent: DeJulio, Lee
- b. Approved the treasurer’s report, Budget – \$18,976.03. Sheila Brewer points out that we received \$59.25 in fines and fees since the November 14, 2018 budget. Commissioner Dixon requested that the fines and fees be pointed out in the Treasurer’s report for future meetings. Commissioner Fenley wants to invite District Attorney Donna Daly to the meeting to discuss the fines and fees.
Motion: Donna Rupp **Second:** Cole **Carried**
Ayes: Canale, Chilcote, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Nicolls and Rupp
Absent: DeJulio, Lee
- c. Approved the following claims:
Trinity Journal, ad for vacant was pulled by Secretary Duong for further review.
Secretarial Fee for January 9, 2019 meeting, \$150.00
Motion: Cody Canale **Second:** Mike Dixon – **Carried**
Ayes: Canale, Chilcote, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Nicolls and Rupp
Absent: DeJulio, Lee

- 2. EVENING PROGRAM** – Commissioner Fenley presented out-going Secretary Sheila Brewer with a gift, a gift certificate to The Golf Course and a Certificate of Appreciation.

3. ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Restoration – Commissioner Dixon reports that in 2019/2020 there are two environmental assessment projects in Junction City that have had positive public meetings. Commissioner Dixon said that unfortunately they can't fund any tributary restoration projects this year.
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update, Deer Management Plan – Commissioner Cole reports that the CDFW hasn't moved any further than the draft. Commissioner Chilcote reported that there is a public meeting in Redding regarding Elk.
- c. Trinity River update – Commissioner Dixon reported that the hatcheries had better Chinook returns this year compared to the previous two years but the red count was at its lowest. Commissioner Chilcote reported that the river was up so there has been some fishing going on. She reported that Alaska is closing some of the hatcheries because of the low Chinook count. The entire pacific Chinook count is down. Commissioner Dixon reported that with all the rain we have been getting the upper reaches of the river near Deadwood Creek is sanded in because of the erosion from the fire. Commissioner Rupp reported that they did summer surveys in August on the Trinity, New River, South Fork, North Fork and Indian Creek rivers in which she noticed that the 2011/2012 year was the last big peak. The Chinook and Steelhead count in every one of those rivers has dropped from the 800's to the 60's. She believes something happened around that time to cause the drop. Commissioner Dixon asked what the capacity is for the hatchery if things get really bad with wild salmon can the hatchery make up the difference. Commissioner Chilcote stated that if hatchery salmon are introduced into the wild that the wild salmon will tank. Summer Steelhead and spring Chinook are done. Fall and winter Chinook will probably persist. Commissioner Fenley states that since we are losing fly fishing will be dumping fish in the lake. Commissioner Chilcote states that if that happens it will become a Bass Fishery.
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – No report.
- e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report – Commissioner Chilcote wanted to know if someone is going to go to the meetings. Commissioner Chilcote and Commissioner Dixon will take turns going.
- f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner Cole said the Facebook page is coming along. He wanted to know if we could send someone to the Fisheries Council Meeting and pay the travel expense. Commissioner Rupp wanted to know if we could use the money from our budget. Commissioner Cole said he would like to join forces with counties similar to us like Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino and share the fee and take turns going to the meeting. Secretary Duong to research code regarding the travel expense. Commissioner Fenley would like this on the next meeting's agenda with code in the backup.
- g. Grant Program – No Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the National Forest** – Commissioner Cole emailed the CAO the literature and left him messages but never received a response from him. Commissioner Fenley requested Commissioner Dixon to meet with him and the CAO prior to the BOS meeting on 1/15/19 around 8:45 am. Commissioner Rupp asked if the literature had to be approved by the BOS's. She was concerned that the Board wouldn't like them bringing the item forward without talking to them first. Secretary Duong to look into whether we have to take the item to the Board for approval. Commissioner Fenley is concerned if the item would be approved if it has to go before them. He felt it would be better if the CAO brought it forward with a Commissioner attending the meeting to talk about it. Commissioner Cole said he could understand why some people would be concerned with scaring hunters with the possibility of being shot. He didn't think it would be a good idea to just put it out there without talking about it first. Commissioner Fenley recommended talking to the Sheriff to get his support as well.
- b. Letter of support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Commissioner De Juilio reached out to the Board Clerk to get the contact information for the Board of Supervisors'. Commissioner Chilcote recommended reaching out to the Supervisors. Commissioner Fenley requested Kyle distribute the letter to the Commissioners. Commissioner Cole reported that Kyle was working on reaching out to the Supervisors. Commissioner Chilcote will reach out to Commissioner DeJuilio to make sure he is able to continue working on the item.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chair/Co-Chair - Commissioner Fenley asked if they would like to table the item until more Commissioners were present. Commissioner Chilcote wanted to know if it would be better to wait for more Commissioners to be appointed to the Commission before voting on a new Chair/Vice Chair. Commissioner Dixon pointed out it would take too long for the new members to get to know everyone before they could vote. Item was tabled.

Motion: Samantha Chilcote **Second:** Richard Cole **Carried**

Ayes: Canale, Chilcote, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Nicolls and Rupp

Absent: DeJuilio, Lee

6. CORRESPONDENCE –

- a. California Department of Fish & Wildlife

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- a. Commissioner Rupp reports that the county is having an Environmental Impact Report of Cannabis meeting next Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 5:30pm. She will forward it to Tina and she will forward to all the Commissioners.

9. ADJOURNMENT 7:57

Next meeting is March 13, 2019

Schedule of meetings for 2019

March 13

May 8

July 10

September 11

November 13