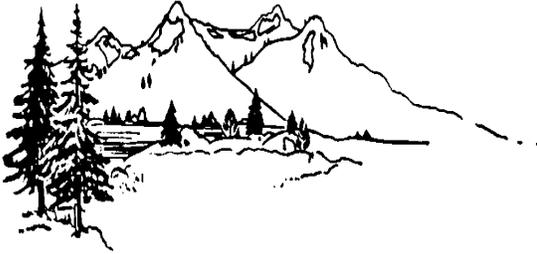


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Minutes – November 13, 2019

Chairman

Commissioner James Lee (At Large)

Vice Chairman

Commissioner Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife)

Trinity County Board of Supervisor District 5

Supervisor John Fenley

Restoration

Commissioner Mike Dixon

Vacant

Recreation

Commissioner Scott Dias

Vacant

Fisheries

Commissioner Kyle De Julio

Vacant

At Large

Commissioner Richard Cole

Vacant

Wildlife

Commissioner Alex Ross

Secretary Tina Duong

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.

Meeting 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 Tina Duong at trinityfishandgamecommission@gmail.com.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodations for this meeting should notify Tina Duong three (3) full business days prior to the meeting at trinityfishandgamecommission@gmail.com.

7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Public Comment: None

I. Approved the Minutes from September 25, 2019.

Motion: John Fenley **Second:** Sam Chilcote Carried

Ayes: Chilcote, Fenley, Cole, DeJulio, Dias, Dixon, Ross and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: None

II. Evening Program – Discussed the Bylaws for the Trinity County Fish and Game Advisory Commission.

Chairman Lee discussed Article II Section 1 of the bylaws. He said Section 2A states that it's the Commission's job is to deal with the propagation fund. That is why we want the District Attorney Donna Daly to come in to discuss it. Chairman Lee said when Eric Heryford was the District Attorney he came to one of the meetings and told them that the Fish and Game charges get dropped during the plea bargaining process most of the time and that is why we get such low amounts from the fines and fees. Commissioner Dixon said we should try to apply for grants. Commissioner Dias asked if we could solicit money by raffling off fishing guide trips. Supervisor Fenley said we would have to form a 5013c and create a Friends of the Fish and Game Advisory Commission.

Section 2C says we will assist the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in developing fisheries and wildlife policy recommendations and goals. Chairman Lee said we haven't had any direct requests from the BOS. However, this section is how we justify a lot of the agenda items we have.

Section 1.D states that it is the responsibility of the Commission to interact and coordinate with Federal, State, County and local agencies and public organizations involved in fish and wildlife conservation, restoration, enhancement and management. Chairman Lee said this section is self-explanatory.

Section 1E states that the Commission is supposed to assist in promoting public awareness and education of the County's fish and wildlife resources. .

Section 1F states that the Commission is supposed to seek other funding sources for the implementation of the County's stated goals and policies for its fisheries and wildlife resources. Commissioner Cole said our funding source keeps going down and we need to find other sources of revenue. He said as far as any new grant programs then the fishing derbies are probably all we can do. Commissioner Dias asked if he donated a guide trip could we do a fundraiser with it. Commissioner Cole said we should apply for grants.

Chairman Lee said the Commission has a lot of purposes but Section II is really important for us. When you want to present an agenda item look at the charter to make

sure it relates to the Commission. It will help the presenters be prepared for their items. Section II states that the Commission serves in an advisory role to the Board of Supervisors and has no statutory authority. Chairman Lee said we can't make laws. The Board of Supervisors delegates how to spend that money.

Chairman Lee discussed Article III – Membership, Section 1 –Appointments. He said this section was changed around the time he and Commissioner Cole joined. He said this section talks about the different titles in the Commission – Fisheries, Recreation, Restoration, At-Large and Wildlife. He said he is interested in what the Commissioners think of the value of the titles. He said it seems like it's a good idea to give each Commissioner an area of responsibility. He said Siskiyou County has a Commissioner from each district compared to our Commission is set up by area of interest. He asked if everyone thought having titles was important. Commissioner Dixon said that it does state that when possible the five districts be represented. Chairman Lee asked what it means to have titles. He asked Commissioner DeJulio if he keeps up on fisheries since his title is Fisheries. Commissioner DeJulio said the titles give direction as to how to fill the positions and it keeps the Commission varied. Commissioner Cole said from his own experience, he was someone who didn't have any experience so he values the experience and knowledge that each Commissioner brings. He also said that it makes him feel more secure in making recommendations to the BOS's. Chairman Lee said that makes sense. Commissioner Dixon said Commissioner Cole questioned why it doesn't say that a member of the BOS is on the Commission. Chairman Lee asked Supervisor Fenley how long he has left. Supervisor Fenley said fourteen months. Chairman Lee said we will have to recruit a person from the Board. Supervisor Fenley said that we don't usually get to choose but the Board assigns it to someone.

Chairman Lee said vacancies in the Commission are typically filled by advertisements and word of mouth.

Chairman Lee discussed elections for the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions. He said per the bylaws we are supposed to have an election in January. Chairman Lee said we need to get back on track and have an election in January. He said if anyone is interested in running for either position to let him know.

Action Item: add 'Election of Officers' to the January agenda

Chairman Lee said the Secretary/Treasurer position is the only paid position. He said that although the position is paid that there is way more work than pay and to be respectful of Tina's time.

Chairman Lee discussed the budget. He said per the bylaws we review and prepare the budget at the May meeting. He said we brought our old budget forward this year. Chairman Lee asked that we have the budget on the March agenda so we can spend time preparing the budget. Commissioner DeJulio said we talked about not having a lot of money in the propagation fund. Commissioner Dixon said we could work on developing a grant program. Commissioner Cole said it would be nice to have a subcommittee like that. Supervisor Fenley said the Chair of the Board could add an ad hoc during the meeting. Chairman Lee said he would like to put it on the agenda in January so

Commissioners have a chance to think about being on the committee. Supervisor Fenley said to find out what a Subcommittee, standing committee, and ad hoc committee does.

Action items:

Standing agenda item for March Meeting – Budget Preparation

Agenda item for January Meeting – “Creation of a Grant Committee”

Chairman Lee discussed the contingency fund. He asked what a contingency fund was. Supervisor Fenley said a contingency fund is money we carry over year to year and can use when we run out of money.

Chairman Lee discussed Section Iv - Grant Program. Per the bylaws the Commission should adopt the grant program during the July meeting after the budget has already been adopted. Chairman Lee asked to make a standing agenda item for July meetings. Supervisor Fenley asked if we would prepare to present or would it be at that time we decide on which grant to go after. Commissioner DeJulio said after the March meeting we would know what our budget looks like for grants. Then we could start soliciting grants. Supervisor Fenley said we have an ongoing report for grants on the agenda already.

Action Item: Standing agenda item for July – Grant Program

Chairman Lee discussed Article VI – Meetings, Section 1 – Meetings and Location. Commissioner Dixon said we should discuss changing the time. Commissioner Dias recommended a 6pm start time. Commissioner DeJulio asked if we could strike the time from the bylaws. Supervisor Fenley said California code dictates that the time of the meeting has to be in our bylaws. Supervisor Fenley said we could do monthly meetings. Commissioner Dixon said more meetings doesn't mean we will get anything done. Chairman Lee asked to agendize the item next meeting. Chairman Lee said we that we are bound by the Brown Act. We discussed meeting in public. Chairman Lee said per the Brown act if any more than 3 members meet then it requires a meeting. Supervisor Fenley said that if more than three members meet in public that they can't discuss Commission business but they could meet.

Action Item: January agenda item – Meeting Time

Chairman Lee discussed Section II - Attendance by Members. Commissioner Lee said we are all volunteers and he totally understands you may have to miss meetings but if half of the Commissioners miss a meeting we don't have a quorum and we have to cancel a meeting. He said if you miss half of the meetings you are contributing to a possible lack of a quorum. He said we have members of the public drive from Redding to attend so it's important that we respect their time and to have our meetings as scheduled. He requested that if you are going to miss a meeting to email a week or so in advance so we could possibly reschedule the meeting. Supervisor Fenley requested Tina to add to her agenda email, “Please respond if you are unable to attend the meeting.” Chairman Lee said if we had to cancel a meeting then we could call a special meeting to make it up.

Chairman Lee said we could add to the bylaws if you ask to be excused then you would still be a member of the Commission.

Action Item: Tina to include in her agenda email to “Please respond if you are unable to attend the meeting.”

Chairman Lee said Section III - Public Hearings discusses the process of noticing public hearings in the paper. Chairman Lee said he is assuming that it would be a big deal that the BOS’s wants us to weigh in on and make a policy recommendation. He said that was his understanding.

Chairman Lee discussed Section IV - Transportation and Travel. He said we need to recruit someone from Southern Trinity and is hoping that paying for their travel expenses would entice them to join. He said everyone is entitled to getting their travel paid for and if they are interested to talk to James, Sam or Tina. He said they could use it to recruit someone from Southern Trinity.

Section V - Business Cards states that the Commissioners can use approved business cards but they have to pay for it. Commissioner Cole or Dixon asked if we could use the county logo or the one at the top of minutes. Commissioner Lee said we could use the county logo.

Chairman Lee said Article VII - Committees – state that the Chairman may appoint committees as deemed necessary without agendaizing it.

Commissioner Lee discussed Article VIII – Amendments and how all changes shall be by a majority vote of the Commission and must be ratified by the BOS’s. Vice-Chairman Chilcote said the only change we are considering is the time and asked if we really want to take it to the BOS’s. Commissioner DeJulio said we could also reduce the membership to ten. Supervisor Fenley said he wasn’t sure if the Fish and Game Advisory Commission was required and recommended we review Code. Commissioner Dixon said it was not required.

Chairman Lee discussed Article IX - Rules of Order is a guide on how we conduct our meetings.

Commissioner DeJulio requested to put times on our agenda so that the public knows when to show up. Chairman Lee said he and Vice-Chairman Chilcote could format the agenda informally. They will put the times on while reviewing the draft agenda.

Action Item: Chair and Vice-Chair will assign times to individual agenda items and add them to the agenda while reviewing the agenda prior to distribution.

III. On Going Reports

a. Restoration – Commissioner Dixon said the only thing he has is that the state is accepting Prop 1 applications. He said the deadline is next week. He said if we had a committee we could apply for the grant from the state of California. He said he reached

out to all the nonprofits but didn't have anything to bring up. Charles Holthaus discussed the Little Browns Creek Flow Project. He talked about fuel breaks on the ridge and reducing the number of tree stems.

b. Trinity County Big Game Update, Deer Management Plan – Chairman Lee and Commissioner Canale. Chairman Lee said he reached out to the new Big Game Elk and Prong Horn Coordinator Nathan Graveline but he hasn't heard back from him yet. Chairman Lee reported that Commissioner Canale resigned today. He said he was from Southern Trinity and he didn't have the time to drive to the meetings right now but hopes to join again. Chairman Lee said we need to advertise in Southern Trinity. Vice-Chairman Chilcote said she talked to Caitlyn with Ruth Lake regarding the funding for the Ruth lake derby. She will be placing the vacancy in the Mad Buck newspaper. Caitlyn will find out to see if they were going to apply for the grant money to support the fishing derby. Caitlyn and Samantha discussed the Commission's desire to increase Southern Trinity representation, and Caitlyn will publish the vacancy announcement in the newspaper.

c. Trinity River update – Commissioner DeJulio reported that they dropped the release down to 300 from Lewiston Lake. He said there was not a lot of spawning and it wasn't a good fishing year. Steelhead and chinook returning to the river are very small. He also said the Rogue River is having a really bad year too. Commissioner Ross said he counted 11 salmon from Steel Bridge to Indian Creek. The Sacramento River is not looking good for next year. He said fish in the Sacramento River are holding in the Bay area and not returning.

d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report - Andy Hill said there are not many fall runs. He said the hatchery is better. The fall Chinook as of last week are below 100. Commissioner DeJulio asked if this was the third year of no dogs for bear hunting. Chairman Lee said it was much longer than that, probably more like five or six years. Commissioner DeJulio asked if the tags are filling up. Sporty said he believes they are going up. Sporty said the bear count has been going up since they barred hound hunting. Prior to 2013 you could use hounds to hunt bears. He said he started looking at the tag quota around the time the hound issue came up and there were 1,500 tags. He said that 500 bears were killed without dogs, 1000 with hound hunters. Since that time the tag quota has not filled but the number keep going up every year. Sporty said so far this year 917 or 971 were filled this year. The last few years it's been around 1,200. He said he can tell by the disposition of the carcass coming in that they are new hunters. Sporty said when he's out working he always asks the public why they hunt bears. He said they usually say they see more bears than bucks when they are hunting buck so they decided to change to hunting bears. He said the quota is not a goal it's a mark so we don't go over. He said there has been some talk in the early stages about issuing two bear tags. He said they see bear hunts go up but harvest has not went up. Chairman Lee asked about a spring season. Sporty said it comes up all the time but with the current political climate of California he didn't think it would happen. He said even though biologically we could make it work; he said what about two tags. He said you have people who love hunting bear that could get two tags in the fall and hunt all the way to December 31st. Sporty said bear is much fatter and can go rancid much quicker. He said you have to get it cold quickly. Commissioner Ross said he considered implementing wilderness bear

hunting in his business. Chairman Lee asked what wilderness bear hunting is. Commissioner Ross said it was hunting in the high country. Sporty said the issue is the amount of time it takes to prepare the bear to take it out. He said you have to get ahold of the local game warden to get validated immediately but you have 10 days to get the tooth out. Sporty said he will talk to anyone interested in bear hunting. Commissioner Ross has people wanting to pay \$5,000 to hike them in and help them pack out a bear. He feels it could be a viable option for the county. Commissioner Dixon said that type of recreation does not bring money to Trinity County. If they are in the high country they don't spend money in town. Commissioner DeJulio said when he goes to Etna the restaurants are filled with backpackers. Commissioner Ross said putting money in a few locals will help them spend money in town.

e. NRA Collaboration Committee Report - Nothing to report.

f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner DeJulio and Cole – Commissioner Cole said Senator McGuire is on the Fisheries Council. Commissioner Cole is working with his staff to get pre meeting and post meeting information. He's not sure if Senator McGuire is on the Council fulltime or part-time.

Action Item: Change name of the report to Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

g. Grant Program – Nothing to report.

h. Correspondence Ad Hoc – Chairman Lee, Vice-Chair Chilcote and Commissioner Cole – Commissioner Cole explained how we streamlined our correspondence so we could get letters out quicker. However, they haven't done any this year.

IV. Old Business None

V. New Business

a. Received an update regarding Antlerless Deer Hunts. – Chairman Lee
At the last meeting we discussed a Jr hunt be either sex tag. James will be writing a letter to submit to the state commission. Commissioner Dias said every other state has antlerless deer hunts. We can make a difference. Sporty we have to go to the State Commission if we are making any big changes, especially in the B Zone. Surveys are hard to do here because of the trees. Deer plan – 10 year study to put collars and study different things about deer. Putting that in the deer plan will help us get grants. We have to ask, do antlerless deer hunts need some kind of science as to why we want to do them? Also, are buck only hunts sustainable? Google scholar. Doe's with spots in September. If they all give birth at the same time, it's called swamping. Rationalizing the buck only hunting: High quality deer population; and natural predation. Chairman Lee said the Mendocino study looked at a whole population of deer, bear, and mountain lion. It said there was a low fawn survival with the trajectory decreasing so they concluded that they shouldn't do antlerless hunting. He said the bear were going after fawn, mountain lions going after the mature deer. Sporty asked that he send out the Mendocino study again. Hungry deer expose themselves to predators more. High mortality rates say we shouldn't

have antlerless hunts. If does were healthy they would below k. Maybe an evening program. Education is important.

Action Item: Chairman Lee to send out the Mendocino study.

b. Discussed the denial of the Board of Supervisors request to extend the duration of the Steelhead fishery directly below Lewiston Dam. – Commissioner DeJulio – Supervisor Groves made a request to the Fish and Game Commission to extend the duration of the barbless artificial steelhead fishery from just below Lewiston Dam to Old Bridge in Lewiston opening up on January 1st instead of April 1st. He said it would be a popular fishery. He would argue that you keep your hatchery steelhead. He is going to work with Supervisor Groves to redo the request for the next cycle. The two complaints were there was no science behind it and the second issue was it was a walk in only fishery and felt it limited boat access. They felt that was limiting. He plans to reach out to guides to get support. He will prepare the letter prior to the January meeting. He doesn't know if we need to do anything because it's coming from Supervisor Groves. Add for January 2020, signs to not step on the redds. Dixon feels we should purchase two signs. It would be contingent upon the F&G Commission. Vice-Chairman Chilcote said we should look into other funding for signs. We should do a letter of support. Commissioner DeJulio thinks we should use the money instead of leaving it sit there for a rainy day. Commissioner Dixon said he would reach out to an NGO to see if they will pay for the signs. Agendize discussing purchasing signs or finding funding. Commissioner Ross asked is it worth bringing fishermen into the delicate ecosystem? Commissioner Dixon said the argument would be that it's mostly hatchery fish and we don't want them breeding with wild fish. Commissioner Ross said although some people don't want them some do. Commissioner DeJulio said the idea is that hatchery fish are often not healthy enough to replace themselves 1 to 1. He said anytime a hatchery fish breeds with a wild fish you're reducing the overall fitness of the population and you're not getting the productivity out of the fish that you would. He said there is a lot of science behind that. Commissioner Ross said he doesn't disagree with that science or ideology. He said he is here representing other guides in this community that do rely on hatchery fish whether they are stupid or smart. Commissioner DeJulio said their prodigy would be naturally produced. Commissioner Dixon said hatchery fish would suppress wild fish. Commissioner Ross said he doesn't disagree with him but he doesn't think we should remove fish from a system that we rely on. Commissioner DeJulio said hatchery fish are put there for harvest so having a bunch of clipped steelheads spawn in the river is not their purpose. They are a mitigation hatchery who's putting fish in the river for harvest. Commissioner Dias asked, we are in low water right now and there are fish that are not going to get from point a to point b where they can spawn if we don't get rain. He said a lot of the fish will spawn where they are at. Commissioner DeJulio said they don't see many clipped or unclipped fish entering the hatchery. He said they spawn local to Browns Creek, so you're still not harming the natural population. Commissioner DeJulio said the science he is going to use to help support this argument is that they radio tagged hatchery steelhead at the hatchery. Fish that enter the hatchery and weren't spawned were released to the river and over 20% of them went up tributaries and harmed natural populations. When two hundred hatchery steelhead go up Rush Creek to mingle with the 40 or 50 wild fish you no longer have a wild population and that drives the fitness down. Commissioner Ross said he doesn't see a plan to make our hatchery

better and he doesn't see a plan to introduce new genetics to make our population stronger. He said it would be a nice thing to see in the future a plan in place to make the hatchery better. Commissioner DeJulio said this could help in that. He said when you have disproportionate number of hatchery fish you could either harvest more or produce less. He said this would put more people up in arms than harvesting. 1 fish take. Commissioner DeJulio said you could introduce new genetics then have anglers go around catching unclipped fish. You could put a pen in popular fishing location and the anglers could put the unclipped fish in the pen then call someone to come pick them up. Commissioner Dixon said programs like that are usually created for ESA obligations. Chairman Lee said Charlie Holthaus has actually done that. Charles Holthaus said he worked with sixty anglers with the Volunteer Mad River Fisherman Club. He said the idea was to spawn hatchery fish with wild fish so that the hatchery fish genetics would be closer to that of the wild fish. Charles said it has been a very successful program but the nature of Mad River and some of the fish and game issues with hatchery management are holding back some of the production goals and they have only been hitting about 60% of their goal with 125 pairings. Vice-Chairman Chilcote said this would be a better use of our funds than signs. Commissioner DeJulio said that was like chicken and eggs, you need the signs to have the fishery and you need the fishery to have the restock program. Commissioner DeJulio said it's kind of building towards that. The first step is having a fishery and the second step is having a restock program. He said the benefit of doing this is removing the genetics of the hatchery fish. He said there are two ways to effect PNI and he recommends they do the easiest one first which is investing in signs. Commissioner Ross said he thinks it is important to say as a guide that he is an environmentalist. He said he appreciates everything that everyone at this table does to restore our rivers and fisheries but he thinks it's important to show the community that are hearing concerns that we are removing the hatchery fish from the system and there is a benefit to it and there is a plan in place. He said he doesn't think it has to be done tomorrow but if we sell it to the skeptical community we could piggyback this with a solution. Chairman Lee said maybe in our letter we can how we explain how we see the river being managed in the future fits this. Commissioner DeJulio said he will bring it back in January. Commissioner Cole said he could write the letter now stating we support his program as a long term goal. This would be a recommendation to the BOS.

Motion for the ad hoc to prepare a letter in support of pursuing Supervisor Groves' previous recommendation to the Lewiston Steelhead Fishery with the additions and changes discussed in the November meeting.

Motion: Kyle DeJulio Second: Richard Cole **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Ross, Fenley, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote, Lee
Nays: None
Absent: None

Action Item: January Meeting - Discuss purchasing signs or finding a funding source to warn people to not step on redds.

Action Item: prepare a letter in support of pursuing Supervisor Groves' previous recommendation to the Lewiston Steelhead Fishery with the additions and changes discussed in the November meeting.

c. Discussed Charles Holthaus' application to the Commission and appointed him to the position of At-Large.

Motion: Commissioner DeJulio **Second:** Commissioner Ross **Carried**

Ayes: Ross, DeJulio, Fenley, Cole, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote, Lee

Nays: None

Absent: None

d. Discussed the Sites Reservoir and the Delta Tunnel project to determine what Impact, if any, they could have on the Trinity River. – Commissioner Cole thanked Chairman Lee for the email but he had additional questions. He said when they start taking water from below the other reservoirs and once it becomes clear that they are doing that people are going to be upset. Chairman Lee said they are going to take it out of the Sacramento River. Commissioner Cole said that when the people who are affected by this reservoir realize they are going to be affected by it they will be upset. Commissioner Cole to set up a procedure on who do we want to come and talk to us about this. Commissioner DeJulio said the way they manage the Sites Reservoir is going to determine how it works. He thinks it could be beneficial to fish and wildlife if managed properly or it could be detrimental. He said we don't know which way it will work. Commissioner Cole is afraid that they will come after the Trinity water. Commissioner DeJulio said it's hard to imagine how they could divert more. He said there is a handshake agreement that they won't draw the lake down below 600,000-acre feet because it will affect temperature. Commissioner Dixon said unless they change the water types they can't change how the water impacts. Commissioner DeJulio said we should be concerned with the lake. The lake level could be lower on average as a result of this. Commissioner DeJulio thinks it will impact us during wet years instead of dry years. He said instead of having an 80% lake level all summer we would have 70-75% lake level. He said that Sites Reservoir is not that big and they are also diverting from the Sacramento River. He thinks the lake level is the most concerning issue with this. Commissioner Ross asked how it would affect Whiskeytown Lake. Commissioner DeJulio said Whiskeytown manages the lake to be high throughout the summer. Commissioner Cole said every dry year we have to let cold water out to save the salmon population. Commissioner DeJulio said that was on the Klamath. Commissioner DeJulio said nothing the Site Reservoir does will change the flows on the Trinity. Chairman Lee said it could change the temperature but not the flows. Commissioner DeJulio said there are regulatory statutes in place to control the temperature. He said as long as the protections are in place we should be ok. Commissioner DeJulio said Tom Stokely or Regina would be good people to come and talk. It wouldn't hurt to hear their perspectives. Commissioner Cole feels we should go to the BOS's and ask them to either fight this or not. He is concerned that there is going to be an impact to Fish and Game and would like the Board to look into the stance. Commissioner DeJulio said that Humboldt is having a meeting regarding this the next day. Supervisor Fenley asked if this was in Colusa County because our old CAO is the CAO in Colusa. He said Tom Stokely is all over this. Commissioner Cole said that public comment closes January 7th. Commissioner Ross asked if the project will likely have less impact on the river and more on the lake. We don't know how they plan on managing it. What if we write a letter to the board saying that the comment period ends January 7th and ask them too strongly

disagree. Commissioner DeJulio asked do we want this group to get involved in California water law when so many people are already involved. Supervisor Fenley asked how much time we want to spend on this. He said he is more concerned about keeping the county open through next year and not on California issues. Supervisor Fenley told Commissioner Cole to go to the Board and ask them. Commissioner DeJulio reported that Humboldt County has a water contract from 1959 for 50,000-acre feet which says it's for Humboldt County and downstream users. He said it's Supervisor Groves' opinion that half of Trinity County is downstream. Supervisor Fenley said you're getting involved in something we shouldn't be involved in. Commissioner DeJulio said if we want to advise the Board in some way we can say that they adopt Humboldt County's recommendations. He said that we would step in a big mess because Humboldt County doesn't want to recognize Trinity County's claim of 50,000 acres feet of water. He said you're trying to fight Westlands Water but you end up getting into a conflict with Humboldt County. He said it would be a dead-end. Commissioner Cole said that what is at stake here is the river and the lake. He said he is on the Commission to protect the Trinity River. He said water and river are all politics. Supervisor Fenley said this Commission has to decide if what they want to do and stand for. If you want to make political statements then do it. Commissioner Cole said if it's a political statement that we don't want the Trinity River robbed of all of our water and our fishermen saying goodbye to our salmon and steelhead then I guess that's a political statement. Supervisor Fenley said to please bring it to the Board.

Motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors support the statement of Humboldt County stating Sites Reservoir did not analyze the 50,000 acre feet that was contracted in Humboldt County in 1959.

Motion: Kyle DeJulio **Second:** John Fenley **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, Lee, Ross, DeJulio, Fenley, Dias, Chilcote
Nays: None
Absent: None
Recuse: Dixon

Action Item: Submit a letter to the BOS that supports the statement of Humboldt County stating Sites Reservoir did not analyze the 50,000 acre feet of Trinity Reservoir water that was allocated to downstream users in the 1955 Act.

e. Tabled to the January 8, 2019 meeting the discussion of the deer plan.

Motion: James Lee **Second:** Richard Cole **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, Lee, Ross, DeJulio, Fenley, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote
Nays: None
Absent: None

f. Tabled to the January 8, 2020 the discussion about the Hoopa Tribe netting fish after they reached their quota. – Commissioner Dias

Motion: Scott Dias **Second:** Mike Dixon **Carried**
Ayes: Dias, Dixon, Ross, DeJulio, Fenley, Cole, Chilcote, Lee

Nays: None
Absent: None

g. Tabled to the January 8, 2020 the discussion of adding a consent calendar to the agenda.

Motion: James Lee **Second:** Richard Cole **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, Lee, Ross, DeJulio, Fenley, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote
Nays: None
Absent: None

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

VI. Staff Reports

- **Financial Report** – Budget Balance as of October 21, 2019: \$21,347.55
- **Fines and Fees** - Court Distribution for May 2019 - \$117.98, June 2019 – \$23.90, July 2019 - \$56.89 and August 2019 - \$42.14 for a cumulative total of \$3,185.13 for fiscal year 2019/2020.

Accepted the financial reports as presented by the Secretary.

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** Commissioner DeJulio **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Ross, Fenley, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote, Lee
Nays: None
Absent: None

VII. Approval of Claims

- Approved the secretary fee for November 13, 2019. - \$150

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** Commissioner DeJulio **Carried**
Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Ross, Fenley, Dias, Dixon, Chilcote, Lee
Nays: None
Absent: None

2020 Meetings

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