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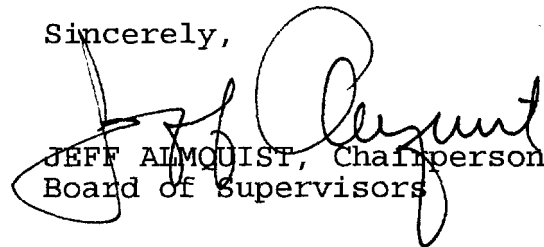
January 27, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

Attached is the Annual Report of the Fish and Game Advisory Commission for calendar year 1998. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,


JEFF ALMQUIST, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Fish and Game Advisory Commission

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

ROLES OF THE COMMISSION:

The Fish and Game Advisory 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.

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION:

The first Thursday of every month, except July and January, at 7:00PM at 701 Ocean Street, Room 406B, Santa Cruz.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE:

As of December 31, 1998, the Commission is made up of Chairperson Walt Smith representing the 2nd District; Vice Chair Gary Lease representing the 5th District; and other Commissioners including James Ritchey, and Dennis Murphy 1st District, Harley Peterson, 2nd District, Jodi Frediani and Homer McCrary, 3rd District, Frank Estrada and Chris Gallagher, 4th District, and Kristine North, representing the 5th District.

COMMISSION STAFF:

Matt Baldzikowski, Senior Resource Planner, with the Resource Planning Section of the Planning Department, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

ATTENDANCE:

See attached roster.

ANNUAL GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1997

The Commission worked with the State CalTIP local coordinator, John Robinson, to assist in promoting this valuable anti-poaching program in Santa Cruz County. The Commission has also worked with the California Department of Fish and Game wardens and fisheries staff on a number of local issues including: wild pig problems, depredation permit violations, steelhead, coho salmon, and trout fisheries issues. The Commission is very apprecia-

tive to the CDF&G staff for their regular attendance at meetings, input and insight, in particular to Lt. Dennis Baldwin.

The Commission continued to help support projects of local importance through the awarding of \$21,563 in grants from their budget. Attachment 1 details the grant projects which were funded. In addition to the grant projects funded, the Commission also gave an additional \$6,563 to the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project to aid them in their recovery from the devastating storms of the El Nino winter.

Commission members also took interest in the Monte Fiore settlement and the stream enhancement fund which was created through the settlement. The Commission was in contact with the CAO's office and the DA's office regarding the settlement, disbursement of funds, and the structuring and criteria for grant selection. Morgan Taylor and Don Gardner of the DA's office attended the August meeting to discuss the settlement with the Commission.

The Commission is also investigating the possibility of reintroducing tule elk along the north coast, and has been concerned with water quality and quantity issues associated with the Santa Cruz Biotechnology operation on the north coast.

The Commission also revisited habitat concerns along the lower San Lorenzo River, in particular municipal water diversions and vegetation removal, and continued contact with the Department of Fish and Game to change steelhead regulations on the San Lorenzo, which hopefully will reduce impacts on this species, while maintaining recreational opportunity. The Commission also continued its support for researching sea mammal/salmonid interactions, and their concern for potential impacts.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The Commission continued to provide a forum for members of the public to identify their feelings 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.

This process of facilitating better communication is yet another way the Commission is providing for local citizens. This effort will continue to be of benefit to fish and wildlife concerns within Santa Cruz County.

FUTURE GOALS:

The Commission will continue to solicit and fund grant projects which are of benefit to local fish and game species and their habitat. The Commission will also continue to provide a forum for public input regarding fish and game issues, and will continue to support the enforcement presence of Fish and Game. The Commission will continue to monitor sea mammal/salmonid interactions and will continue to review proposed legislation. The Commission will also continue its involvement with issues on the lower San Lorenzo River, as

well as throughout the entire watershed, and will also be active in County-wide issues such as the Federal listing of steelhead, and the Federal and State listing of coho salmon, with particular emphasis on recovery of these species.

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

1998 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBERS	MAR 5	MAR 19	APR	MAY	JUNE	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RITCHEY	E	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MURPHY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓
PETERSON	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McCRARY	A	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
FREDIANI	✓	E	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	E
ESTRADA	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓
MICHIELSEN	E	E	E	✓	✓	Not on Commission				
GALLAGHER	Not on Commission					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEASE	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
SMITH	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NORTH	E	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	A

A = Absent
E = Excused
✓ = Present

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April 10, 1998

'AGENDA: April 28, 1998

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$21,563 TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS
AND TRANSFER OF \$6,563 WITHIN THE FISH AND GAME BUDGET

Members of the Board:

As a part of each year's Planning Department Budget, your Board allocates funds for projects to support fish habitat and related fish and game projects. Recommendations are made to your Board in conjunction with the Fish and Game Commission (See County Code § 2.90.050). The purpose of this letter is to transmit this year's recommendations. On April 2, 1998 the County Fish and Game Advisory Commission recommended approval for funding in the amount of \$15,000 for eight projects as follows:

1. Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, \$6,430. This grant will be used to purchase an emergency generator for facility operations.
2. CalTIP, \$800. This grant to CalTIP will be used to help continue the support of this program which encourages citizens to turn in Fish and Game Code violators.
- 3.. CARES Region 5, \$750. This grant will be used to match funds for environmental education and training for 79 school districts, 586 K-I 2 schools, 16,800 teachers and 361,000 students in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.
4. Coastal Watershed Council, \$1095. This grant will support the Clean Streams Program currently monitoring water quality in Arana Creek, Soquel Creek, Corralitos Creek, and the San Lorenzo River.
5. Fishermen's Alliance Monterey Bay Chapter, \$4000. This grant will help support the second year of study regarding sea mammal interactions with sport and commercial fisheries on the Monterey Bay, and sea mammal/salmonid interactions.

6. Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, \$250. This grant will be used for campfire programs at Manresa, Sunset, and New Brighton Beach State Parks which will focus on the Monterey Bay, and its diverse species.
7. The Pelagic Shark Research Foundation, \$1000. This grant will be used to tag and release Blue, Mako and Thresher sharks in the Monterey Bay to learn about their movement, and range.
8. The San Lorenzo River institute,. \$675. This grant will be used as part of the ongoing project to restore the San Lorenzo River by facilitating watershed educational activities, offering teachers resources, and promoting river stewardship in 16-20 classes up and down the watershed.

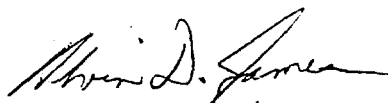
The Commission also voted to grant \$6,563 to the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project to help offset the cost of damages to the rearing facility suffered during this winter's severe storms. Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project is in the process of applying for FEMA disaster assistance to cover these and other similar costs. If they are successful with these applications, these funds would be returned to the Fish and Game Fund.

In order to grant the above funds, a transfer in the amount of \$6,563 from the General Contingencies within the Fish and Game Fund will be necessary.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the Fish and Game Advisory Commission's recommendations for grants and authorize the Auditor-Controller to disburse the funds;
2. Approve the attached AUD-74 Transfer of Appropriations and/or Funds transferring \$6,563 within the Fish and Game Budget; and
3. It is further recommended that your Board require Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project to refund to the Fish and Game fund those costs found to be eligible for disaster assistance under the claim being pursued by Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project.

Sincerely,



ALVIN D. JAMES
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

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