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AGENDA: 1/11/00

December 28, 1999

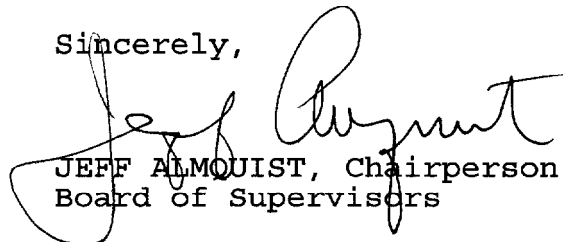
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Fish and Game Advisory Commission for calendar year 1999. 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  
1999 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, 1999, 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 - 1999**

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 \$16,950 in grants from their budget. Attachment 1 details the grant projects which were funded.

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. 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.

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**April 28, 1999**

**Agenda: May 18, 1999**

**Board of Supervisors  
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**APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$8,650 FROM COUNTY FISH AND GAME  
COMMISSION BUDGET TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS.**

**Members of the Board:**

**On April 1, 1998 the County Fish and Game Advisory Commission  
recommended approval for grant funding in the amount of \$8,150  
for five projects as follows:**

- 1. CalTIP, \$800. This donation to CalTIP will be used to help  
continue the support of this program which encourages citi-  
zens to turn in Fish and Game Code violators.**
- 2. Native Animal Rescue, \$850. This grant will be used to fund  
a racoon roundworm study within Santa Cruz County.**
- 3. Native Animal Rescue, \$1000. This grant is to help Native  
Animal Rescue with their wildlife outreach project.**
- 4. Arana Gulch Watershed Alliance, \$500. This grant is for an  
interpretive display along Arana Creek adjacent to Harbor  
High School.**
- 5. Fishermen's Alliance Monterey Bay Chapter, \$5000. This dona-  
tion 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.**

**Additionally, at the Commissions February 4, 1999 meeting the  
Commission voted to support the Salmonid Restoration Federation  
Conference to be held in Brookdale, in February, with a donation  
of \$500.**

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

1. **Approve the Fish and Game Advisory Commission's recommendations for donations and authorize the Auditor-Controller to disburse the funds.**

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**ALVIN D. JAMES**  
**Planning Director**

**RECOMMENDED:**

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**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO**  
**County Administrative Officer**

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July 20, 1999

**Agenda: August 3, 1999**

**Board of Supervisors  
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**APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$8,300 FROM COUNTY FISH AND GAME  
COMMISSION BUDGET TO FUND VARIOUS PROJECTS.**

**Members of the Board:**

**Your Board approved a supplemental budget request by the Fish and Game Commission to re-budget \$9000 in funds that the Commission was unable to award in FY 1998-99 due to time constraints. The Commission has now completed its consideration of additional projects and has recommended approval for grant funding in the amount of \$8,300 for the following four projects:**

**1. The Pelagic Shark Research Foundation, \$1000.**

**This donation will be used for tagging and research of local shark populations.**

**2. CREEK program, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, \$1,000.**

**This donation will provide local teachers with curriculum materials and hands-on educational opportunities regarding local wildlife through "Project Wild" offered by the Department of Fish and Game. This material will then be included in science and social studies in grades K through 8th.**

**3. Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, \$1,300.**

**This donation will be used to duplicate three sets off photographs and reports which document pinniped/salmonid interaction from the 1998/1999 fish trapping efforts from Scott Creek and the San Lorenzo River at Felton. These photos will be distributed to the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Congress for review in conjunction with this years hearings on the status of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.**

4. Fishermen's Alliance of California, \$5,000.

This grant is to complete the third year of study of pinniped/salmonid interactions in the Monterey Bay, and to complete a socio-economic study. The studies will be completed under the direction of the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories for submittal to the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Congress for review in conjunction with this years hearings on the status of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

Approve the Fish and Game Advisory Commission's recommendations for donations and authorize the Auditor-Controller to disburse the funds.

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**ALVIN D. JAMES**  
Planning Director

**RECOMMENDED:**

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**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO**  
County Administrative Officer

**Attachments:**

1. Fish and Game Advisory Commission Minutes, 5/6/99 and 6/3/99.
2. Project Funding Requests.

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ  
FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION  
1999 ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Members	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ritchey	p	p	p	ex	p	p	ex	p	p	ex
Murphy	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
Peterson	p	ex	ex	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
McCrary	p	p	ab	ab	ab	ab	p	p	ab	p
Frediani	p	p	ex	ex	ex	p	ab	ex	p	p
Estrada	ex	p	p	p	p	p	ex	p	p	p
Gallagher	p	p	p	ex	p	ex	p	p	p	p
Lease	ex	ex	p	p	p	ex	p	ex	p	ex
Smith	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p
North	p	p	p	p	p	ab	p	p	ab	p

p = Present  
ex = Excused  
ab = Absent