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AGENDA: 2/12/02

January 24, 2002

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

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 2001. 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,

TANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

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cc: Fish and Game Advisory Commission

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2001 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 January and July, at 7:00 pm at 701 Ocean Street, OceanView Conference Room, Santa Cruz.

Commission Structure

As of December 31,2001, the Commission is made up of Chairperson Gary Lease representing the 5^{th} District; Vice Chair James Ritchey representing the 1^{st} District; and other Commissioners including Dennis Murphy 1^{st} District, Harlie Peterson and Walt Smith 2^{nd} District, Jodi Frediani and Homer McCrary 3^{rd} District, Frank Estrada and Frank "Chico" Castro 4^{th} District.

Commission Staff

Kristen Schroeder, Fisheries Resource Planner, with the Resource Section of the Planning Department, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

Attendance:

See attached roster

Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2001

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission funded a number of local fishery and wildlife projects, including the purchase of salmon pens for the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, enforcement equipment for Fish and Game, and a few smaller projects funded through a public grants program. The Commission sent a letter to Senator McPherson regarding an Inter-State Compact for game law violators; California joined the Inter-State Compact in late Fall. The Commission continued to follow issues related to the listing of steelhead and coho, including new fishing regulations. The Commission has been preparing to make recommendations regarding allocations from the Santa Cruz County Stream Enhancement Fund. In addition, the Commission followed several topics of interest including the Los Padres National Forest Plan,

Fishery Management Plan for the Nearshore Fishery, and the Lower San Lorenzo Enhancement Plan.

Additional Activities

Commissioner Ritchey attended the state meeting of county Fish and Game Advisory Commissions. Commissioner Smith attended a funding meeting sponsored by the Monterey County Fish and Game Commission.

The Commission continued to provide a forum for members of the public to voice concerns or issues 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.

Future Goals

The Commission will make recommendations to the Stream Enhancement Fund for expenditure on local projects. The Commission will continue to fund grant projects, which are of benefit to local fish and wildlife species and their habitat. The Commission will continue to provide a forum for public input regarding fish and game issues, and will continue to support California Department of Fish and Game enforcement. The Commission will continue to monitor sea mammal/salmonid interactions and will continue to review proposed legislation. The Commission will be active in countywide 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.

Fish and Game Commission Attendance 2001

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ritchey	P	Ex	Ex	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P
Murphy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Abs	P
Peterson	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P
Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	P	P
Frediani	Ex	P	P	Ex	Ex	P	P	P	Ex	P
McCrary	Ex	P	Abs	Ex	P	Ex	P	P	P	P
Estrada	P	P	P	P	P	Ex	P	Ex	Abs	P
Gallagher	P	Ex	Res							
Castro							P	P	P	P
Lease	P	P	P	Ex	Ex	P	P	Ex	P	Ex
North	P	Ex	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs	Res		

P = Present

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Abs = Absent

Res = Resigned

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