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MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES
January 14th, 2020

Novato Farm Advisors' Office
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Members Present: Ed Schulze, Susan Ristow, Laurette Rogers, Brad Stompe, Al Nichelini

Excused/Absent: Craig Anderson, Brooke Halsey, David Lewis, UCCE (ex-officio)

Non-excused/Absent: None

Guests present: None

Meeting called to order 5:11 pm. Agenda accepted, and September and November minutes were approved as modified.

Correspondence and Announcements:

- Point Blue's STRAW Restoration Invitation
- The Rail, with an article on barred owls
- Mill Valley Streamkeepers' Newsletter
- Friends of Corte Madera Watershed newsletter, Creek Chronicles

Thank You letters:

- Audubon Canyon Ranch
- Greater Farallones
- YMCA from Point Bonita
- River Otter Ecology Project

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- Proposed regulations for waterfowl hunting 2020/2021
- Proposed regulatory action re: mammal hunting season 2020/2021
- Proposed regulatory action re: Upper Klamath-Trinity Spring chinook salmon fishing
- Proposed regulatory action re: Klamath Basin sport fishing
- Proposed code regulations for Central Valley sport fishing
- Petition to list the Shasta snow wreath
- Petition from the Center for Biological Diversity to list the western Joshua tree as a threatened species.
- 90-day extension, emergency regulations for the taking of the Chinook salmon in the waters of the Klamath River basin downstream from Iron Gate and Lewiston Dam.

Public Expression: None

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Old Business:

- Newt Brigade: complaints in newspaper; doing their job moving newts.
- 5pm Meeting time for February as well; then change by-laws if we decide evenings are best.
- Ed submitted the biannual report.

Presentations: None

New Business:

Sent out emails and did phone calls re:

- Trout Unlimited (no receipts for two years); Larry Lack will get us the receipts next month.
- Environmental Action Committee (EAC) which just sent many receipts recently.

Ed went to 6 sessions about Abalone Recovery Plan; population still dwindling. Seastars have decreased, causing Urchins to increase, and competing for kelp, thus affecting abalone populations. Biologists say to wait until the population recovers a bit before you'll be able to take some. Question: How many abalone will be harvestable in the future?

Meeting adjourned in memory of Gary Frugoli 5:45 pm.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- * Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 Farm Advisor office at 5 pm.
- * Grant Meeting – Saturday, March 21st or Saturday, March 28th