



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission  
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482

## MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2017

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
Mendocino County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070 Ukiah, CA 9548

***The Mendocino Fish and Game Commission is charged with reporting to and advising the Board of Supervisors on fish, game, and wildlife matters including information and identified threats.***

The Commission met on January 17, 2016 in Willits. Below is a brief summary:

### **Commissioners:**

- Anna Neumann, newly appointed for 4<sup>th</sup> District, yet to be sworn in.
- Sean White, representing 1<sup>st</sup> District, resigned as of January 17, 2017.
- Autumn Bremmer, Costal Member at Large, resigned as of January 17, 2017.

Remaining Commissioners are reaching out to potential applicants in their communities.

### **Prosecution of Local Fish and Game Regulation Infractions**

The Commission identifies the need of increased enforcement of fines to provide disincentive to Fish and Wildlife infractions and requests involvement from the Board of Supervisors to review the lack of resources to prosecute infractions in the County. The Commission continued discussing ways to support an increase of infraction enforcement including communication with the District Attorney and the use of a Special Prosecutor experienced in fish and wildlife regulations.

### **2016-2017 Grant Cycle**

Applicants of the Fish and Game Commission 2016/2017 Grant Cycle were invited to present, with comments and questions from Commission and public. The Ad Hoc Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to review and rank the presentations based on *Criteria for Assessing Grant Applications to the Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission (Version 3.0 – Jan. 2015)*. A Special Meeting was held Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to vote on recommendations for funding and a request for Board of Supervisors consent calendar approval at the February 14, 2017 meeting was submitted though Planning & Building Department. All Grant Applications are listed at bottom of this memo and can be reviewed in full on the Fish and Game County website [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dfg/](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dfg/).

### **Bear-Proof Refuse Receptacles**

The Mendocino Wildlife Association is coordinating with Solid Waste and other interested parties in exploring implementation of bear-proof receptacle prototypes, tracking data on repetitive bear issue locations to target, researching grant options for funding, and suggested educational approaches. Item forwarded to next meeting.

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## **Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hosting of the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan Open House.**

BLM hosted an open house regarding the 20 year planning process for public lands managed by the Arcata and Redding Field Offices at the Willits City Hall on January 17, 2017, the same night of Fish and Game Commission meeting. Coordination prior to the event resulted in Fish & Game meeting being held across the hall to support both events.

## **Cooperative Agency Reports**

Reports were heard from representatives in the fisheries industry regarding the recent abalone issues and Mendocino Wildlife Association regarding fencing issues.

## **2017 Meeting Schedule** (*all meetings to begin at 6:00pm*)

March 14, 2017: Fort Bragg  
May 9, 2017: Ukiah  
July 11, 2017: Willits

September 12, 2017: Fort Bragg  
November 14, 2017: Ukiah

## **2016/2017 Grant Proposals**

The following applications were submitted:

- Sub-tidal Marine Protected Area Monitoring of Mendocino County's Rocky Reefs by Reef Check California (Requested \$10,000. Commission recommending funding \$8,500)
- Education and Wildlife Rescue Programs by Woodlands Wildlife (Requested \$2,500. Commission recommending funding of \$2,500)
- Town Creek Restoration Planning and Education by Eel River Recover Project (Requested \$4,000. Commission recommending funding \$4,000)
- Mill Creek Stream Bank Stabilization & Riparian Corridor Development Project by Round Valley Indian Tribes (Requested \$20,814. Commission recommending funding \$10,000)
- Watershed Education and Through Distribution of a Cannabis Best Management Practices Guide Protection by Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (Requested \$5,950. Commission does not recommending funding.)
- Abalone Emergency Restrictions 2017 Video by Mendocino TV (Requested \$5,000. Commission does not recommend funding.)

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