

Mono County Fish and Wildlife Workshop

August 17, 2021



Background

- Resolution R-21-43 suspending operations of the Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission; directing staff to return to the board with a workshop and recommendations.
- Staff met with local and regional CDFW employees and game warden.
- Staff met with other county commission members and staff

CA Advisory Commissions

Of the 58 California counties, 15 have no advisory body.

- F&G Funds were handled by staff
- (Parks and Recreation or Planning departments)
- Or handled directly by the Board of Supervisors



CA Advisory Commissions

9 have non-traditional advisory bodies.

- Modoc – “Fish, Game & Recreation Commission”
- Napa – “Wildlife Conservation Commission”
- Yolo – “Parks, Rec and Wildlife Commission”
- Tuolumne - “Fish and Game Preservation Fund Committee”
- Fresno – “Recreation and Wildlife Commission”



Moving Forward...

- Determine scope: What advisement or public expertise is the board seeking?
- What is the best use of staff time and resources?

Scenario 1 – F&G Fund Committee

- Yearly or twice a year committee that meets to formally take F&G Fine Fund project requests for board approval.
- Create a formal grant application process and evaluation system.
- *Issue: No other advisement on other fish and wildlife related issues.*

Scenario 2 – No Further Action

- Continue disbandment
- Staff and Board manage F&G Fine Fund requests and expenditures
- *Issue: Public vetting or input based on relevant issue and necessity.*

Scenario 3 – Reinstate Fish & Wildlife Commission

Reinstate Fish and Wildlife Commission

- Scope: Advise the Board of Fish and Wildlife related issues and recommend F&G Fine Fund Expenditures
- 5 members, one commissioner for each board member that expires with the corresponding supervisor's term.
- Meet Quarterly with a yearly rotating Chair and Vice Chair.

Issue: Historical issues could persist.

Scenario 4 – Staff Recommendation

■ Create a grant application program administered by the Economic Development Department for F&W Fine Fund Expenditures.

- Similar yearly grant cycle as the Community Events Market Fund, Historical Societies Grant Program and Performing and Visual Arts program
- Board of Supervisors would still approve yearly requests.
- Fish and wildlife issues would be brought to the board for public input and desired action.

Next Steps

- No resolution needed for staff to create a Fish and Wildlife grant program for Board approval.
- Staff would continue to still manage fish stocking and budgets.
- Staff would continue to manage emerging fish and wildlife issues with the board.
- Staff can create the program to include in our November grant cycle.

Questions?

