



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

January 22, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Santa Barbara County Planning & Development
Planning Commission Hearing Room, Rm. 17
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PHIL BEGUHL	Commercial Fisherman
KELLY CALDERA	Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Association
WILLIAM GIORGI	3 rd District
BOB KOBER	5 th District
ART KVAAS	Santa Barbara Channel Fishing Club,
TOM MARTINEZ	Santa Maria Valley Sportsman's Association, Vice Chair
MIKE MOROPOLOUS	1 st District
DONALD PACK	Santa Ynez Valley Pistol & Bow Club
DAVID PRITCHETT	2 nd District
BILL WARNEKROS	Winchester Canyon Gun Club, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

LEE MILLER	Vandenberg Rod and Gun Club
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STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON FOSTER	Board Assistant Specialist
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GUESTS/PARTICIPANTS: None

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair, Art Kvaas at 7: 07 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

III. **MINUTES:** Martinez, moved, seconded by Martinez and carried by a vote of 8-2, (Pritchett and Miller absent) to approve the minutes from the January 22nd, 2009 meeting with revisions.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Donald Pack was introduced as the new Santa Barbara County Fish & Game Commissioner. Mr. Pack shared his background and interests and represents the Santa Ynez Valley Pistol & Bow Club.

V. CONTINUED ITEMS:

a. Final Budget Consideration.

Art Kvass spoke with Liz Mason regarding the binoculars being used by the Cachuma Lake Nature Center when they bird watch with the kids. Ms. Mason stated that they would prefer to have binoculars due to the easy use and stability that they bring.

Motion by Warnekros and seconded by Kvass, and carried by a vote of 9-1 (Miller absent) to approve the Santa Barbara County Fish & Game Commission Budget for the Fiscal Year of 2009-2010.

b. Wild Fire Task Force update.

Bill Giorgi updated the commission members with the latest developments of the Wild Fire Task Force. Mr. Giorgi stated that it has been disappointing and frustrating due to the lack of support from certain individuals and groups within the county unless we went through the Fire Safe Council. The issue with that is they have a different mission statement than the County Fish & Game that looks to improving the habitat for fish and game; the Fire Safe Council are looking to work within the houses and are not interested in burning brush. Mr. Giorgi stated that he attended a legislative council meeting because there was possibly some federal money available for this issue but it turned out the funds were earmarked for non-fire type of work and did not support any kind of controlled burning. Mr. Giorgi plans on speaking with Third District Supervisor Doreen Farr regarding this issue. It was suggested that Supervisor Farr be invited to the next meeting.

c. Marine Life Protection Act, South Coast Region.

Phil Beguhl reported that the science advisory team gave a presentation to the stake holders groups and explained the structure in which the reserves are to be put together. The reserves are to be a minimum of three by three miles with a maximum distance apart of thirty four miles. The areas are split up into bio-regions and for the purposes of our area they are looking to capture sandy beaches, oil seeps, submarine canyons, kelp beds, estuaries, rocky bottoms and soft bottom habitats across the different depths. There is strong interest to locate a reserve in the Conception area, and in the Magu Canyon, Naples and the University Campus Point area due to the characteristics of those particular areas. Mr. Beguhl also discussed the inclusion on the Channel Islands in the Marine Life Protection Act the issues and concerns surrounding and the first workshop will be held on January 29th.

V. New Items

a. Report from the Chair.

Chairman Art Kvaas shared with the commission members the history of the formation of the County Fish & Game Commission and reviewed what has transpired over the last 30 years. Mr. Kvass stated that while he has enjoyed his tenure as the Chair he is looking forward to handing over the responsibility to someone new and looks forward to still being an active participant on the commission.

b. Reimbursement of Grant Expenditures.

- i. Presentation by Sarah Paddock from Central Coast Salmon Enhancement Central Coast Salmon was scheduled to give a presentation to show the commission what they do with the funds they have received in the past. They were asked to give this presentation to the commission and did not show up. Therefore no funds will be given to the organization this fiscal year.

- c. Discussion of Reimbursements for Cachuma Lake Nature Center.

Due to their lack of a contract administrator, the Nature Center missed the County of Santa Barbara deadline to submit during the counties fiscal year. Invoices for reimbursement they were unable to collect payment for will be allowed to be included into this years budget.

- d. Nominations and election for Commission Officers.

Mike Moropolous, Bill Warnekros and Kelly Caldera made up the nominating committee.

Motion by Beguhl, seconded by Giorgi to elect Bill Warenkros and carried by a vote of 9-1 (Miller absent) as Chair of the Santa Barbara County Fish & Game Commission,

Motion by Warnekros, seconded by Giorgi and carried by a vote of 9-1 (Miller absent) to elect Tom Martinez as Vice Chair of the Santa Barbara County Fish & Game Commission

Motion by Beguhl, seconded by Kober and carried by a vote of 9-1 (Miller absent) to close the nominations.

Motion by Beguhl and seconded by Martinez and carried by 9-1 (Miller absent) to elect George Wittenburg to the position of Secretary of the Santa Barbara Fish and Game Commission.

- e. Stan Radom Conservation/Education Award.

Mike Moropolous proposed to the commission to change the name of the Stan Radom Conservation/Education Award to "The Stan Radom and Art Kvaas Award". Mr. Moropolous stated that he felt that since Mr. Kvaas has been dedicated member of the commission for the past 32 years.

Motion by Wittenburg, seconded by Martinez and carried by 9-1 (Miller absent) to change the name of the award to the "Stan Radom and Art Kvaas Conservation/Edward Award.

Motion by Warnekros, seconded by Beguhl to present the Stan Radom and Art Kvaas Conservation/Education Award to Art Kvaas.

Motion by Giorgi to adjourn, seconded by Kober.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:11 p.m.

V1. NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2009