



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

April 28, 2011 6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

KELLY CALDERA	Santa Ynez Valley Sportsmen's Association,
ART KVAAS	Santa Barbara Channel Fishing Club
PHIL BEGUHL	Commercial Fisherman
BOB KOBER	5 th District
BILL WARNEKROS	Winchester Canyon Gun Club, Chairman
GEORGE WITTENBURG	4 th District
MIKE MOROPOLOUS	1 st District
LEE MILLER	Vandenberg Rod and Gun Club
DONALD PACK	Santa Ynez Valley Pistol & Bow Club

MEMBERS ABSENT:

WILLIAM GIORGI	3 rd District
TOM MARTINEZ	Santa Maria Valley Sportsman's Association, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON FOSTER	Board Assistant Specialist
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PUBLIC:

Stephen MacIntosh, Warden Jaime Dostal & Lt. Jim Solis both representing the California Department of Fish & Game

I. CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Warnekros at 6:10 P.M.

II. MINUTES:

Motion by Moropolous and seconded by Miller, and carried by a vote of 8-0 (Giorgi & Martinez absent) to accept the minutes of March 28, 2011.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Warden Jaime Dostal and Lt. Jim Solis from the California Fish & Game Department. Lt. Solis, replacing Jorge Gross, Tom Widroe, Congressman Elton Gallegly's Solvang Representative

IV. Presentation of the Stan Radom Award/Art Kvaas Conservation/Education Award: The presentation of the award was continued to the July 28, 2011 meeting.

V. NEW ITEMS:

a. Discuss and consider a resolution on having a wilderness area designated in our Santa Barbara front country.

Jeff Kyper, Executive Director, of Los Padres Forest Watch, provided some background of the organization and stated that it has been in existence for 7 years. The group is a watch dog organization for the National Forest and organize volunteer habitat restoration projects. Mr. Kyper gave a presentation on the areas of the Los Padres Nation Forest that are not currently in the protected wilderness area but have the potential to be added to it. Mr. Kyper also stated that Wilderness is defined as areas that remain in its natural state, no roads, no development. How does a potential area of wilderness become a wilderness? It requires an act of congress. It also takes the local community working with their congressional representative, identifying which areas that are appropriate and suitable introducing a bill, go through the political process, approved and eventually being signed into law by President of the United States. Mr. Kyper distributed color coded maps to illustrate the existing and proposed wilderness areas. On Monday afternoon, a meeting will take place in Congress Gallegly's Solvang office, to discuss the possibility of the bill with a few individuals who the Congressman's office has identified as being interested in this issue. Commissioners Giorgi & Wittenburg plan on will be attending.

Tom Widroe, representative from Congressman Gallegly's office, stated that Congressman Gallegly was approached about the possibility of sponsoring a bill that would expand the wilderness designation in the Los Padres National forest by a number of environmental groups, which he is open to. Congressman Gallegly doesn't advocate any particular boundaries or take any particular position on this matter. This is something that is in the proposal stage. Looking at the map there could be areas that are more or less controversial depending on its location. Public scoping would take place if a Bill were to be introduced to congress. Congressman Gallegly would like the initial bill to have the least amount of controversy and most of amount of positive reception.

VI. CONTINUED ITEMS:

a. Marine Life Protection Act, South Coast Region- Phil Beghul

Mr. Beghul stated that his term as a stake holder with the Marine Life Protection Act has ended.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

July 28, 2011

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 P.M.