

MODOC COUNTY
FISH, GAME & RECREATION COMMISSION
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ALTURAS, CA 96101

MINUTES – August 31, 2016

The meeting of the Modoc County Fish, Game and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Chris Ratliff at 6:00 pm.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Paul Molder, Chris Ratliff, Cheryl Kunert, Pete Carey, Mark Moriarty, Patricia Smith and George Wistos

PUBLIC PRESENT: Richard Shinn, Gary Sides and Ted Stieger.

Minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting was approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

California Fish and Game Commission

- * Notice of August 24-25, 2016 meeting agenda.
- * Notice of revised August 24-25, 2016 meeting agenda.
- * Notice of Final consideration of the petition to list northern spotted owl.
- * Notice of final consideration of the petition to list Townsend's big-eared bat.
- * Notice of September 21, 2016 Wildlife Resources Committee meeting agenda.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC: Nothing to report.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Department of Fish & Wildlife: Richard Shinn reported that they had captured 19 pronghorn kids for their continued study. He has also submitted a Bear Study Proposal, the idea is to capture bear and assess population and collect data so that in the future a bear hunt can be established. Along with the bear proposal he also submitted a Deer Study Proposal.

He will be working on Big Game Regulation Proposals, one for an Apprentice Deer Hunt in the Warner's, one to modify the hunt dates for the antlerless cow elk and another on the Point Value when submitting for tags with a youth in the party.

Richard relayed to the Commission that Karen Kovacs would be coming next month to provide an update on the wolf to the Board of Supervisors.

He reported to the Commission that there were issues with the Pine Creek gate/head gate again. He and the Refuge will be working on this.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Children's Pond/Expo: Doc has drafted a letter of commendation for Paul Divine for his help with the fish/children's pond at the Expo.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deer Issue on Highway 139: Paul reported that more deer have been killed.

Guzzlers: Paul reported that two guzzlers had been installed last week. He also relayed that Garrett Knowles had applied for a Mule Deer Grant and with that funding they have been making repairs to some of the existing guzzlers.

Bear Season: Richard Shinn stated to the Commission that a bear hunt in Modoc would not happen until data on the bear numbers was compiled.

Fish Pack-in: All reports were that the plant went well.

Goose Season: Curt drafted a letter to CDFW Director Charlton Bonham concerning hunt dates for the different species of geese. The letter was read to the Commission, Patricia Smith moved to approve and send the letter, seconded by Pete Carey. All present in favor.

Modoc District Fair Booth: Cheryl reported that this year's booth took a blue ribbon.

Jr. Chukar Hunt: Cheryl asked the Commission if they would like to do the hunt again. All present were in favor of doing the hunt again. A sub-committee was set with Paul, Mark, Cheryl, Jon and possible Steve Clay and Reese Soriano. Cheryl will set a meeting date and notify these members.

Reestablish Warm Water Fisheries: Paul is working on.

Refuge CCP's: Nothing new, remove from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reestablish 10 Fish Limit: Need Paul Divine's input on this. Maybe possibly only on the Brook Trout.

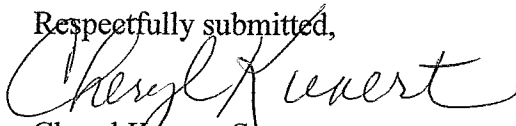
OTHER BUSINESS:

The Modoc Refuge has put out requests for their Jr. Waterfowl Hunt. Applications are due September 2nd.

Cheryl has contacted Paul Divine about Pine Creek Reservoir being low and he will check into it.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Kunert, Secretary