

**Mono County Fisheries Commission**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2014 ~ 10:00 am**  
**June Lake Community Center, June Lake**

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Staff present: Jeff Simpson and Stacie Klemm

Commissioners present: Jim King, Dan Anthony, Gary Jones, Gaye Mueller

Others present Jim: Erdman, Tom Jenkins, Carolyn Webb, Don Mortin, Angela Evans, John Fredrickson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Simpson led the pledge of allegiance

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Webb discussed the fishing line recycling program. Berkley has a fishing line recycling program. Berkley will provide a box with prepaid UPS label to fill with used fishing line and spools. Once the box is full, simply mail it back to Berkley. Carolyn reported that she would be willing to speak with other businesses to promote the line recycling and encourage participation.

4. STAFF REPORT

Jeff Simpson thanked the commission members for continuing their work and dedication. Simpson also reported that Tony Dublino is now in charge of the management for Conway Ranch.

5. ACTION – Elect Chair and Vice Chair to the Mono County Fisheries Commission

Before electing a new Chair, Commissioner Gaye Mueller spoke on her involvement of the Fisheries Commission and what it means to her.

After discussion - Dan Anthony made motion for Gaye Mueller to serve as Chair and Bob Dunn to serve as Vice Chair.

Gary Jones seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-2-14)

Agenda item moved to next regular meeting.

7. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Suggestion was made the commission start looking into sustainable fishing. There are many spawning streams in Mono County, and it may be worthwhile to save fish and allow them to spawn. The future of fishing may not just be stock fishing, and the only way to catch a big fish is to protect the little fish.

## 8. F&G UPDATE

Jim Erdman reported: The trout in the classroom project is moving along, fish eggs have been in the classrooms for about 6 weeks and are now swimming fry. Fishing opener was a success; the target of one fish greater than 15 inches per hour in Crowley Lake was met and exceeded with an average of 1.2 caught per hour. The Junction Reservoir lake level is going down, solar panels are generating irrigation in the water to prevent freezing and die off. Rush Creek has tested positive for mud snails. An aquaponics system is being set up on the Bishop Paiute Reservation. The Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery is having a kids fishing day on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

- Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$14,708.69
- Conway Ranch Fund - \$19,976.98
- MCFC regular budget - \$9,359.46

## 10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding all or partial of the remaining MCFC regular budget on Fish Stocking

Gaye Mueller made a motion to spend the balance of the Mono County Fisheries Commission regular budget on fish stocking.  
Jim King seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

## 11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding all or partial of the remaining Fish and Game Fine Fund budget on Fish Stocking

Gary Jones made a motion to spend \$6603 of the Fish and Game Fine Funds on fish stocking.  
Jim King seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

## 12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding up to \$1700 for printing "Procedures for Catch & Release" Advertising – Gaye Mueller

Jim King made a motion to spend \$900 on the printing of "Procedures for Catch & Release" brochures.  
Gary Jones seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

## 13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding of the Kids Fishing Festival (waiting for amount) – Gaye Mueller

Jim King made a motion to fund \$1000 to the kids fishing festival "life of a trout through a hatchery"  
Dan Anthony seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

## 14. DISCUSSION – 2014 Mono County Fish Stocking Schedule

Two truckloads will be shared between the following five locations; West Walker River, Saddlebag, Bridgeport Reservoir, Rock Creek, and Lundy Lake.

## 15. DISCUSSION – Rush Creek Fishing Regulations

Moved agenda item to next regular scheduled meeting.

16. DISCUSSION - Conway Ranch Conservation Easement

Moved agenda item to next regular scheduled meeting.

17. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Possible Fish Pens at Major Lakes

Promotion of Fish Stocking

Possible Letter for Conway Ranch

Thank You Letter to Nancy Alaniz

18. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is June 4, 2014

Chair Gaye Mueller adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

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