

**AGENDA SUMMARY
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
MEETING OF May 08, 2025**

**Judge W.E. Tucker Room (At the back of the Veteran's Memorial Hall)
1425 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA**

The Agenda is posted in the entrance of the County Office Building at 1160 Civic Center Blvd, at the entrance of the General Services Department at 146 Garden Highway. Materials related to action items and items submitted after distribution of the Agenda packet are available on the Sutter County Website at <https://www.suttercounty.org/government/meeting-groups/fish-and-game-advisory-commission>.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public will be allowed to address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission. State law provides that no discussion or action may be taken on any item not appearing on the posted Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 10, 2025, Minutes

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) Approve Treasurer's Report -
- 2) Approve submitted invoice(s) for payment/reimbursement if needed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

APPEARANCE ITEMS – None at this time

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Presentation of and discussion regarding information associated with possible grants and funding projects that align with the commission goals and activities. (i.e Grants for Education trips for teachers for their classes outdoor related field trips. Fish hatcheries, Release fish fry, Gray Lodge, Shady Creek Scholarships etc)
- 2) Discussion and planning for a Fishing Day Activity, location to be determined, commission members to provide supplies & teach children how to tie hooks, bait, etc.
 - a. Location- Sutter County or Grey Lodge Possible

- 3) Discussion and feedback on Wood-Duck box project, high school shop classes involvement, donations (Approx cost \$200.00?)
- 4) Discussion and action regarding Warden radio upgrade to include letter to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the amount of \$5885.00 for software costs.
 - a. Working with Ken Sra re Board of Supervisor's meeting in April.
- 5) Discussion and action regarding additional Quail Egg Project 4-H Donation.
- 6) Presentation of and Discussion regarding Letter from Dale Whitmore regarding expenditures/donation for education and conservation activities, joint inter-county projects and collaborations.

COMMISSION COMMITTEES

- a. Commission Hunt – Chuck Wyllie
- b. Boat Ramp – Don Manley
- c. Education – Tiffany Walden
- d. Conservation – Bruce Hutchinson
- e. Special Projects – Donald Priem
- f. Planning & Budget – Danarae Doub-Reed – Budget
- g. Fishing Committee – Robert Ripley

FISH AND WILDLIFE WARDEN UPDATE

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST UPDATE –

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE –

CA Fish and Game Commission – Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulation concerning falconry. April 23, 2025. 4/29/25

CA Fish and Game Commission – Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulation re Central Valley Sport Fishing. April 23, 2025. 4/29/25

For absences or agenda information please contact:

Chuck Wyllie (530) 671-9250

**MINUTES OF THE
SUTTER COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING OF
April 10, 2025**

At 1425 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Tucker Room, Yuba City, CA

Members Present:

Bill McFarland
Bruce Hutchinson
Chuck Wyllie
Danarae Doub-Reed
Donald Manley
Donald Priem
Tiffany Walden
Ronald Benton
Robert Ripley

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Thaddeus Eubanks

Others Present: (signing is voluntary, this list represents guests that signed the sign-in sheet)

Rene McCrory (4-H Staff)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

REGULAR MEETING:

Called the regular meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2025, Minutes

Motion to approve: To Approve

Commissioner Comments

By: Priem Second: Manley

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: Action of Commission: Approved

CONSENT CALENDAR

1) Treasurer's Report – Report/Approval of expenditures for March 2025

a. . – Approval with exclusions re last 8 pages

.By: Ripley Second: Doub-Reed

Yeas: 9 Abstain: 0

Action of Commission: Approved

2) Payment/Reimbursement—None

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

None

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Presentation of and discussion regarding information associated with possible grants and funding projects that align with the commission goals and activities. (i.e Grants for Education trips for teachers for their classes outdoor related field trips. Fish hatcheries, Release fish fry, Gray Lodge, Shady Creek Scholarships etc)
 - a. Reagendaize for May

- 2) Discussion and planning for a Fishing Day Activity, location to be determined, commission members to provide supplies & teach children how to tie hooks, bait, etc.
 - a. Warden Frazer looking into locations
 - b. Multiple commissioners looking into options for locations, accessibility
 - c. Location-keep in Sutter County, Grey Lodge?
 - d. Marysville City Admin possible support
 - e. Reagendaize for May

- 3) Discussion and feedback on Wood-Duck box project, high school shop classes involvement, donations
 - a. Warden Frazer looking into locations, Tiffany to check with local schools/scouts
 - b. Robert Ripley working on this, George Harse the F&G Biologist will work with us on this.
 - c. Work on 25 boxes
 - d. Reagendaize for May

- 4) Discussion and action regarding Warden radio upgrade to include letter to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the amount of \$5885.00 for software costs.
 - a. Discussion regarding warden radio not able to communicate with county following recent actions.
 - b. Tiffany wrote letter for the Commission to submit to BOS for upgrading radios. 4 for \$5885.00 is the new request. Chuck will take the letter and press forward with the request, 3 wardens and their supervising Lieutenant. Radios to stay in Sutter County (encrypted to communicate with surrounding law enforcement).Motion to move forward with letter to BOS with new quote at \$5885.00 approved at 12/24 meeting.
 - Paperwork and minutes submitted to General Services Staff Analyst February 2025 for staff report to request addition to Board of Supervisors Agenda.
 - c. Change wording in letter to "Donation"
 - d. Reagendaize for May

- 5) Discussion and action regarding Quail Egg Project.
 - a. Motion to approve: To Approve \$300.00 donation for Sutter Yuba 4-H Commission for Quail Egg Project. Agendaize discussion/donation \$900.00 for May 2025.
By: Manley Second: Ripley
Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain:
Action of Commission: Approved

Commission Committee Reports –

- A. **Commission Hunt- Chuck Wyllie:** No Report
- B. **Boat Ramp, Don Manley:** No Report
- C. **Education- Tiffany Walden:** No Report
- D. **Special Projects- Don Priem:** No Report
- E. **Planning & Budget- Danarae Doub-Reed:** No Report
- F. **Fishing Committee – Robert Ripley:** Striper starting to run better

Fish and Wildlife Warden Update –

Wildlife Biologist Update –George Harse-

Commissioner Comments – Duck Egg Project (Ripley) for next year,

Correspondence –

CA Fish & Game Commission – Notice of Location of Hearing for: migratory waterfowl, big game hunting for 2025, recreational take of barred sand bass, commercial harvest of kelp/sea palm and other aquatic plants, commercial take of red and other sea urchins. March 4, 2025.
3/14/25

Notes- End meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia DeSantis

Sutter County General Services

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April 13, 2025

Subject: Request for May 8, 2025 Sutter County Fish and Game Commission Agenda Item

Sutter County Fish and Game Commission
c/o Sutter County General Services
146 Garden Highway, Yuba City CA 95991

Dear Commission Members:

It has come to my attention that there is a current discussion about spending Sutter County Fish and Game Fund monies “within” or “outside” Sutter County for the benefit of Sutter County residents and wildlife. Are we taking the narrow view that only Sutter County residents and wildlife can benefit from Sutter County Fish and Game Commission programs or are the residents and wildlife in Sutter, Yuba, Yolo, Butte, and Sacramento Counties intertwined regardless of what county the event or project is held in.

Ordinance NO. 1663 paragraph 78-020(e) states:

The Commission shall review all fish and game programs and the administration of these programs, and make recommendation thereon to the Board of Supervisors of Sutter County, with particular attention to the following areas:

(e) Advice and recommendation with regard to all expenditures from the County’s Fish and Game Fund, the appropriateness and effectiveness of all County-sponsored services relating to fish and game protection, and all proposals relating to the extension and enhancement or discontinuance of any services of the County having a direct or indirect effect on fish and game propagation, programs, policies, and practices existing within the County of Sutter.

Do we want the neighboring Fish and Game Commissions collaborating with joint inter-county projects or shall we exclude “outside” entities from spending money in Sutter County. If other Fish and Game Commissions, sporting groups, service clubs, and individuals only consider supporting events and projects within their county boundaries can we ever experience the greater benefits of community collaboration.

Within our Sacramento Valley area, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board are just a few of the multi-County agencies setting the example for collaboration for the greater benefit of all. We would not get our levees upgraded if the Federal, State and local governments did not collaborate for the good of all.

Examples:

Kiwanis Club Ellis Lake May Fishing Derby in Yuba County.

From 2011 – 2019 there were 500 – 700 youth taking part in a day of fishing (and many days thereafter) at Ellis Lake in Yuba County. Sutter County would donate \$500 along with donations from the Nor Cal Guides and Sportsmen’s Association. 1500 – 2000 lbs of catfish were planted. Probably 40-60 percent of the youth were from Sutter County.

After 2022, the collaboration ended and now there are 100 – 150 youth attending the event. About 500-600 pounds of catfish are planted.

American Legion Disabled Veterans Pheasant Hunt in Zamora, Yolo County.

The disabled veterans come from all over California including Sutter County. Is it necessary to “pro-rate” the county contribution by the number of Sutter County disabled veterans or can Sutter County make a donation for the good of all. In past years, the Sutter County donation was sometimes 5% of the yearly cost and the Sutter County disabled veterans made up 10% of the total veterans.

Woodleaf 6th Grade Camp in Yuba County-- Several years ago, the Commission would provide financing to send youth to camp. The youth would come from Sutter County Schools and the money would be spent at the Woodleaf Camp in Yuba County.

Duck Egg Project at the Pacific Valley Ranch in Yuba County – Several years ago, the Commission was active in collecting mallard eggs from farm fields which were going to be disced and the eggs destroyed. The Commission sponsored the hatching and raising of hundreds of mallards in Yuba County which then flew all over the state.

The point of this letter is that it takes a lot of effort on the part of many people to make these programs, and their benefits, available to our area residents. We need to be a partner to other Fish and Game Commissions, the service clubs and individuals to bring the greatest good to our Sutter-Yuba community, regardless of where the event or project is taking place. Placing artificial boundaries on the locations and types of wildlife projects our commission chooses to support will cripple our effectiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Whitmore".

Dale Whitmore