



County of Nevada
Fish & Wildlife Commission



Report From the Nevada County Fish and Wildlife
Commission

Jeff Jenkins, Chair

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Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Commissioners Involvement In Other Organizations

- California Deer Foundation
- California Naturalist Program
- California Waterfowl Association
- Central Sierra Association of County Fish & Wildlife Commissioners
- Delta Waterfowl
- Ducks Unlimited
- Pheasants Forever
- Mule Deer Foundation
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Sierra Streams Institute
- The Wildlife Society
- Truckee River Basin Water Group
- Truckee Trout Derby
- Wildlife Rehab and Release



Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission

- Established by Resolution 77-442
- Advise the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on matters concerning Fish and Wildlife resources of Nevada County
- Foster cooperation among agencies and institutions, interest groups, individuals, public and private property owners, and others to benefit the County's fish and wildlife assets
- Advise and assist the County Board of Supervisors in the allocation of funds from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.



Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund

- The California Fish and Game Code Section 13100 establishes the County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund to be expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Funds are received through various Fish and Game fines.
- The BOS established the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise and make recommendations to the BOS on the expenditure of funds that benefit fish and wildlife in Nevada County in accordance with California Fish and Game Code Section 13103
- Recommendations are put into form as a budget and goes through the same process as all other departmental budgets do.



Highlights

February 2016 through October 2018

- A total of \$ 8,130 in grants were recommended to the Board of Supervisors and approved for 11 local agencies and non-profit groups.
- Revision of Commission Bylaws to reduce number of members from 9 down to 5.
- 16 public meeting were held with 180 persons attending
 - 5 special programs were presented featuring guest wildlife and restoration experts
 - 3 meetings were held in Truckee
- Conducted an extensive examination of the disposition of wildlife citations issued in Nevada County and processed through the District Attorney, Courts and County Accounting System.



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Current and Developing Concerns

- Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund
 - Revenue from fines is much smaller than ever before. Less revenue means less grants to award
- Illegal trespass cannabis grows
 - Catching and prosecuting. Environmental degradation. Funds for clean-up.
- Wildfire
 - More frequent and more damaging than ever before.
- Human/Wildlife interactions
 - Lions and Bears.....Wolves?



Thank you

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Questions?



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