



## MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### I. MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATION/DUTIES

The Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Committee was established by Board Order on June 20, 1947 (Exhibit 1). Resolution No. 81-239, adopted by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on April 28, 1981, created the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission, and set the rules and regulations for the operation of the Commission (Exhibit 2).

Section 7 of the Bylaws established the duties for the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) as follows:

*The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and use of fish and game propagation funds. The Commission shall also investigate and evaluate proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.*

### II. 2023 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Commission is appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and is composed of fifteen residents of Monterey County, with three (3) members appointed from each supervisorial district. Each Commissioner shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from and after February 1 of the year in which the appointment was made. Terms shall be staggered so that a simple majority are appointed in one year and the balance the following year. The bylaws do not designate how many times a member may be reappointed. Commissioners serve without compensation except for reimbursement for traveling expenses to and from Commission meetings and reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the course of official duties.

#### **Commissioners Representing District 1**

Charles Nelson	Fred Ledesma	Vacant
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#### **Commissioners Representing District 2**

Joshua Jones	Manuel Morales	Vacant
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#### **Commissioners Representing District 3**

Fred Crummey	Vacant	Vacant
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#### **Commissioners Representing District 4**

Joseph Burnett	Craig Evans	Vacant
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#### **Commissioners Representing District 5**

Kevin Kreyenhagen	Ron Lemos	Ty Brooks
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Commissioners leaving the Commission in 2023 included District 1 Commissioner Rich Hughett, District 3 Commissioner Anthony Storelli and Jason Muscio. New Appointments to the Commission include District 3 Commissioner Fred Crummey (appointed 10/24/2023).

### III. 2023 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTIVITY

In 2023, the Commission conducted six (6) open and public meetings (Exhibit 3). Five (5) Meetings were held, and one (1) meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

As prescribed by the Commission bylaws, the first meeting of the year began with the election of officers. For 2023, the Commission voted to keep the 2022 slate of officers.

#### **Commission 2023 Activity Highlights**

A predominant focus of the Commission as prescribed by the bylaws involves the review of grant applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for award of Propagation Grant Program funds. California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 stipulates the sole authorized expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made (Exhibit 4).

1. The Commission received presentations from ten grant applicants for fiscal year 2023-2024 Propagation Fund Grant program.

Fort Ord National Reserve	SPCA Monterey County of Monterey
International Bird Rescue	Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures
Pacific Grove Museum of National History	Marine Life Studies
Olivia Mandilk	O'Neill Sea Odyssey
Monterey Audubon Society	The Wahine Project
2. The Commission monitored Fish and Game Propagation Fund revenues received and ongoing expenditures.
3. The Commission clarified that fine revenue comes from criminal cases and settlement revenue comes from civil cases.
4. The Commission provided a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for \$40,000 for the FY 2022-23 Propagation Fund Budget.

#### **The Commission received periodic verbal reports from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife staff during 2023 including but not limited to the following subjects:**

1. Endangered species sightings and anticipated revenue from fines.

#### **The Commission also received periodic informational reports from Staff, including:**

1. Fiscal year 2022-2023 Fish and Game Propagation Fund financial summaries.
2. Fiscal year 2023-2024 Fish and Game Propagation Fund financial summaries.
3. County staff impact on Commission Budget.

#### **The Commission also received the following verbal reports:**

1. Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau - Farm and ranch wildlife impacts.
2. Joe Burnett, Ventana Wildlife Society – Avian Influenza.
3. Zach Mills, CDFW Biologist, Monterey & San Benito Counties – mountain lions, beavers and other game.

#### **The Commission also considered/reviewed the following matters:**

1. Received an Update on proposed list of Commission projects.
2. Approved the Fish and Game Advisory Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Commission would like to thank the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for its commitment to providing support and funding needed to promote fishing and hunting and the propagation and conservation of the area's fish and wildlife resources. The Commission has served in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors for approximately 75 years and looks forward to continued collaboration with Staff and advising the Board on the effective management practices to sustain its valuable fish and wildlife resources for County residents and visitors to the area.

V. EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1-Board Order forming Advisory Committee

Exhibit 2-Resolution 81-239 Creating Commission

Exhibit 3-2023 Commission Meeting Dates

Exhibit 4-California Fish and Game Code Section 13103