

Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2009, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters

Attendees

John Beuttler, Committee
Jim Crenshaw, Committee
Jim Edgar, Committee
Ken Jones, Committee
Michael Martin, Committee
John Ryzanych, Committee

Terry Foreman, DFG
Kyle Murphy, DFG
Heather McIntire, DFG
Karen Mitchell, DFG
Matt Robinson, DFG

Gary Adams, CSBA
Mike Reihl, BBAC

Effect of AB 1052 – Terry Foreman

The new Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp legislation, AB 1052, went into effect October 11, 2009. The new legislation requires the Department, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, to develop a grant program. Administratively, the only change to becoming a grant program is the grants/contracts will no longer be processed through the Department of General Services. The elimination of this step will shorten the amount of time it takes to get a contract/grant executed.

The Committee wants to ensure the grants will be held to normal contractual obligations and have the same requirements as a contract, including a scope of work, deliverables, tasks, and budgets. The Department agreed and will ensure that all future grants will include the same requirements as a contract.

The Advisory Committee expressed their vision for a new grant program. The new grant program should have a plan that addresses the issue of the decline of Delta fisheries. The new plan should focus on the recovery of Bay-Delta sport fisheries and the projects funded should be part of that plan.

MOTION: Jim Edgar

- John Beuttler will draft the new BDSFES grant program recovery concept that describes the program's priorities and focus areas in keeping with the requirements of the new legislation. John will provide a draft to the Advisory Committee by November 16th.

SECONDED: Ken Jones
VOTE: Unanimous

Discuss Project Proposals and Vote on Projects to be Funded

The Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the 23 project proposals submitted for the 2009-2010 funding cycle. The Committee recommended funding the following proposals for a total of \$532,982.02:

1. Central Valley Hatchery Salmon Acclimation Program - \$380,906.02 (3 years)
2. Merced River Restoration Project - \$113,940 (2 years)
3. Size and Age at First Maturity and Fecundity of California Halibut in the SF Bay Area - \$9,386
4. San Joaquin River System Sturgeon Tagging and Acoustic Receiver Installation Program - \$28,750

The Committee requested additional information on two other proposals and will make a funding recommendation on those projects at the next business meeting.

- ACTION ITEM: Karen Mitchell will summarize the Committee's comments and funding recommendations and provide a draft summary to the Committee for review.

Outdoor California - Salmon Crisis, Special Issue

The Advisory Committee would like to get 10,000-20,000 copies of the Salmon Crisis issue for distribution at the upcoming ISE shows and Fly Fishing show.

- ACTION ITEM: Terry Foreman/Karen Mitchell will find out if extra copies of the salmon crisis issue are available, how much it would cost to reprint 10-20,000 copies, and the lead for reprint.

The Committee would also like to have an entire issue of Outdoor California magazine dedicated to telling the story of the Bay-Delta and the current problems facing the estuary and its fisheries.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2009 at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area in Davis.