



## Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**6:00 PM**

This meeting is held at the Elk's Club  
445 Herrick Avenue  
Eureka, CA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Paul Amato, Bruce Cann, Kelly Patton, Kenny Priest, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Katherine Stonecypher, Todd Wagner, Mike Zamboni and Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Secretary. Five needed for Quorum.

Present were Paul Amato, Bruce Cann, Kelly Patton, Kenny Priest, Brad Smith, Jeff Stackhouse, Mike Zamboni and Secretary Nancy Kaytis-Slocum (arrived t 6:23 due to accident on 101)

2. **SPEAKER:** Supervisor Natalie Aroyo. As of posting this has not been confirmed.

Supervisor Natalie Aroyo was not able to attend.

### 3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is reserved for people desiring to address the committee on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.) action or commission discussion cannot be taken on open time matters, other than to receive the comments, and if deemed necessary, to refer the subject matter to the appropriate agency or department, for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent commission agenda.

Mitch Hunt, working on a path to recover a significant number of days to hunt large Canada Geese on the North Coast (North Coast Special Management Area subset of the Balance of the State region of California Waterfowl Regulations), lost when the late season Aleutian season was established, exacerbated in 2023 when the Canada goose season for the NCSMA was moved 2-3 weeks ahead of the general duck season. This will go on the March agenda.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve December 16, 2025 minutes; The January meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum

The minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

- A. Grant Funding. – Secretary Kaytis-Slocum

No report.

- B. General Plan Subcommittee Update. Commissioners Amato and Cann.

No report.

- C. Fishing

- a. Fish Cleaning Stations subcommittee report – Commissioners Smith, Wagner and Patton

Commissioner Brad Smith reported that he's been watching the launching ramp parking lot and has concluded that the only way to have a viable launching area is to have restricted access, perhaps entry by credit card. We would like to get a grant to accomplish this, and the commission suggested that Brad contact Tom Matson, Humboldt County Public Works 445-7652.

- b. PFMC –

Their first meeting is in March. On February 25, CDFW will meet in Sacramento. There is an abundance of ocean salmon. Commissioner Kenny Priest will send out information on how to contact PFMC individually to comment.

- D. Hunting

- a. Elk Working Group Meeting - Commissioner Mike Zamboni or Brad Smith

Commissioner Mike Zamboni reported that more tags are available. The Smith River area has 75 bulls. The Bald Hills and Klamath herds are doing well.

- E. Wind Farm – Commissioner Kate Stonecypher

No Report.

- F. Yearly report to the Board of Supervisors regarding accomplishments of HCFGAC. – Secretary Kaytis-Slocum and Commissioner Paul Amato. See Action Items.

This will be on our March agenda. The Secretary will re-send it out with the March agenda.

- G. HCF&GAC Bylaws – Brad Smith See Action Items

This will be on the March agenda and will be included when the March Agenda is sent out.

H. Eel River Dams – Bruce Cann

No Report.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Yearly Report: Suggested motion: Approve the Yearly Report as presented (or modified) and assign Commissioner Paul Amato or Chair Kenny Priest to present to the Board of Supervisors.
- B. Bylaws: Suggested Motion: Approve the HCF&GAC Bylaws as presented (or modified) and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Both these action items will be placed on the March Agenda and copies included when the agenda is sent out.

**10. OTHER REPORTS**

- A. Fishing and hunting regulations
- B. Legislative updates

The Nordic Farms project is no longer being considered.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- A. March 17, 2026

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.