

County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors



Fish and Game Commission Composition and Membership

November 17, 2015

Background

- Fish and Game Commission established in 1975
- Commission is a 12-member advisory body
 - Five Board appointees
 - One Board-appointed commercial fisher
 - Six members appointed by sportsmen organizations
- Commission is charged with:
 - Recommendations for expenditures of Fish and Game fines
 - Apprising Board of fish and game issues within the county
 - Recommendations for conservation and propagation projects

Background

- The Commission struggles to obtain a quorum for meetings
- Quorum achieved for 50% of 26 scheduled meetings since January 2011
- Prior requests to remove members for poor attendance in 1997 and 2010
- The Commission cannot conduct any official business without a quorum

Commission Input

- Fish and Game Commission considered the issue of lack of quorums at their July 30, 2015 meeting and made the following recommendations:
 - Modify quorum requirements to exclude vacant commission appointments when calculating a quorum
 - Remove Vandenberg Rod and Gun Club as an appointing organization

Options to Address Quorum

1. Status Quo
2. Reduce the number of meetings
3. Reduce the number of Commission members to five and amend membership appointment rules
4. Modify the responsibilities or practices of the Commission requiring a quorum
5. Dissolve the Fish and Game Commission

Additional Proposed Amendments

Section	Existing	Proposed
Commission name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish and Game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish and Wildlife
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twelve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five
Membership composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Board Appointed One Commercial Fisher Six Sportsmen's Association Appointees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Board Appointed.
Member Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides list of suggested qualifications for members
Removal of Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board action for Board appointees and Commercial Fisher member. Commission request to Sportsmen's Organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board action
Meeting Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required quarterly meetings, fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of semi-annual. Calendar to be set by Commission at first annual meeting.
Minutes and Agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires transmittal of meetings and agendas to Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None Minutes and Agendas available on P&D website
Review of Monthly Controller Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required review of Controller report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&D manages the Fish and Game fund and budget

Staff Recommendation

1. Adopt a Resolution which will modify the membership from 12 to 5 members and rename the Santa Barbara County Fish and Game Commission to the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission;
2. Rescind Resolutions that establish the Fish and Game Commission, 83-75, 88-594, 96-10, and -03-57; and
3. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.