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# LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

707 NEVADA STREET, CALIFORNIA, CA 96130

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY March 20st, 2025

The meeting of the Lassen County Fish and Game Commission was called to order by Chairman Chris O'Brien at 7:00 pm.

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT</u>: Chairman & Dist. 1 – Chris O'Brien, Vice Chairman & Dist. 5 – Paul Smith, Dist. 2 – Tony Ardito, Dist.3 - Christian Siemer

Absent: Dist.4 - Chase Dahle, Dist.3&4 Alternate - Jesse Midgley

<u>PUBLIC PRESENT</u>: Brian Ehler – CDFW, Missy Nelson - BLM, Mindie Hilton – Lassen County Planning and Building (to present County Surveyor - Don Willis' Eagle Lake water levels report), Erica Giusti, Caroline O'Brien, Della Smith, and Lassen County Supervisor Mike Scanlan

Commissioner Ardito led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Agenda Approval.

Commissioner Ardito moved to approve the Agenda, Vice- Chairman Smith seconded, motion carried.

**Minutes Approval**. Vice Chairman Smith moved to approve the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes as presented. Chairman O'Brien seconded; motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**MATTERS INITIATED BY THE PUBLIC:** none

### 1. AGENCY REPORTS:

a) CDFW – Brian Ehler reports the Jr./Apprentice Hunt scheduled for Ash Creek area is on hold waiting to hear back from Sacramento. Staff will be conducting more deer counts this coming year. Several large wildlife captures have already occurred with wolves being collared. Local chatter says wolves have been seen around Susanville. Compensation for wolf depredation is pending for many ranchers. Deer, Pronghorn, and Elk counts have taken place throughout the county. Survey results may reduce tag quotas. Juniper allows Mountain Lions to kill pronghorn more easily. An overall population estimate is still needed. The surveyed region indicates there has been a significant increase in losses of pronghorn and deer. CDFW Regional Manager Tina Bartlett is meeting with ranch representatives and sheriffs to address rancher's concerns. Siemer asks if there have been any changes to the predator harvest situation. Ardito would like more information about helicopter counts. Smith shared that U.C. Davis and U.C. Berkley are doing

investigations of the suspected depredations from wolves. There is a full report posted by Davis about gathering DNA evidence. Erica G. commented that the numbers already lost is horrifying and they're continuing to explode hitting ranchers hardest. Ehler confirmed there is a serious uptick in numbers of depredations. The bear population has also greatly increased since the last regional survey. Dogs are needed to help reduce the bear population, the department's estimate of mountain lions in the area is still pretty low, and they are interested in conserving lions. The endangered status of wolves versus viable breeding pairs indicates we are now definitely in Phase 2, which is the recommended Phase to delist wolves and this may happen in the future, but it is a long process. We went from Phase 1 to Phase 2 in less than 10 years. Phase 3 is 8 breeding pairs. Discussion followed.

- b) BLM Missy Nelson reports acquisitions of identified parcels have all gone through, including Bald Mountain and Smoke Creek. Pile burnings continue in the Horse Lake area. Juniper cutting is going through the phases, with 8-10' trees being harvested to reduce their density. There will be a solar meeting for pre-project planning mostly in Nevada. O'Brien asks about the Energy Emergency Executive order trickle down. Nelson states there is one wind energy project. Projects get presented, but never go anywhere.
- c) Forest Service none
- d) Planning and Building Department Mindie Hilton gave an update on the Eagle Lake water level provided by their Dept. Surveyor Don Willis, as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, it is at 9" or 5,094.53' and is up 6.3" from last year's levels.
- e) Budget FY 24-25 F&G Commission Fund 118, Unit 1181 is status quo with a \$38,758.28 balance.

# 2. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:** none

# 3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Vice Chairman Smith attended the Area Transportation meeting. NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) is trying to gain traction and is searching for additional grant funding to assist the Wildlife Strike Prevention and Crossings Corridor project.
- b) Commissioner Siemer reports that progress has been made and Guzzlers have been completely installed in water deprived areas. The BLM crews have done a really good job with the construction and completion of long-standing projects. All that needs to be done now is to invoice the County for the completed Guzzler Projects in the amount of \$13,650.00

### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) The Letter of Support for the Fishing rules and regulations was reapproved and forwarded to the Lassen County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to be added to their consent calendar for the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting.
- b) Fish & Game Commission Bylaws have been forwarded to the Assistant to the CAO for review and to be moved forward for BOS approval.

- c) District #1 Commissioner is vacant with the resignation of Chairman Chris O'Brien as of March 31, 2025, Commissioner Ardito submitted his application for re-appointment for District 2. Chase Dahle's District 4's Commissioner appointment expired for lack of submission for re-appointment as of March 31, 2025.
- 5. <u>ACTION ITEMS</u> (matters before the Commission) Nominations: Chairman of the Commission. Siemer nominates Smith and Ardito seconds. Vice Chairman, Siemer nominates Ardito and Smith seconds. Election will occur per current Fish and Game Commission Bylaws at the April 17, 2025 regular meeting.
- **6.** <u>COMMISSIONER REPORTS</u> A Fish and Game Commission plaque was presented to Chris O'Brien for his many years of dedicated service. Celebration followed.
- <u>REMINDERS:</u> The next Lassen County Fish and Game Commission meeting will be Thursday, April 17th @ 7:00 pm., at 707 Nevada Street, Susanville, CA. 96130

Commissioner Ardito motioned for the meeting to close, Siemer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Uvea Grace, Clerk

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

THE MAY 6, 2025, REGULARLY
SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LASSEN
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HAS
BEEN CANCELED.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED LASSEN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR **JUNE 3, 2025**, AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS 707 NEVADA ST., SUSANVILLE CA 96130

For questions, please contact the Lassen County Department of Planning and Building Services, (530) 251-8269.

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#### Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

ABC 211 (6/99)

State of California

TO:Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

1900 CHURN CREEK RD

**STE 215** 

REDDING, CA 96002

(530) 224-4830

File Number: 668480 Receipt Number: 2989829

Geographical Code: 1800 Copies Mailed Date: April 18, 2025

Issued Date:

DISTRICT SERVING LOCATION: REDDING

First Owner:

**BJORN ENTERPRISES LLC** 

Name of Business:

LASSEN RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

Location of Business:

548-335 OLD HIGHWAY RD MCARTHUR, CA 96056

County

**LASSEN** 

Is Premises inside city limits

No

Census Tract:

0401.00

Mailing Address:(If different

from

2228 EDGELANDS DR

**RENO, NV 89521** 

premises address)

Type of license(s):

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Dropping Partner: Yes No

Transferor's license/name:

635153 / CAMPING INSPIRATIONS, LLC

License Type 40 - On-Sale Beer	<u>Transaction Type</u> PER	<u>Master</u> Y	Secondary LT And Count		
License Type	Transaction Description	Fee Code	Dup	Date	<u>Fee</u>
Application Fee	ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMIT	NA	1	04/18/25	\$100.00
Application Fee	PERSON TO PERSON TRF	NA	0	04/18/25	\$410.00
Application Fee	FEDERAL FINGERPRINTS	NA	1	04/18/25	\$24.00
Application Fee	STATE FINGERPRINTS	NA	1	04/18/25	\$39.00
40 - On-Sale Beer	ANNUAL FEE	NA	0	04/18/25	\$490.00
				Total	\$1,063.00

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No

Have you ever violated any provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, or regulations of the Department pertaining to the Act? No

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of LASSEN

Date: April 18, 2025

Applicant Name(s)

**BJORN ENTERPRISES LLC** 

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# FAIR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025** 

5:30 PM

**FAIR OFFICE**