

**LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**  
707 NEVADA STREET, SUSANVILLE, CA 96130

Aaron Albaugh, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors  
221 South Roop St. Suite 4  
Susanville, CA 96130

16 March 2017

Dear Chairman Albaugh:

The Lassen County Fish and Game Commission (Commission) serves at the pleasure of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors (Board) providing the Board with advice and recommendations relative to fish, game and their habitat. The Commission holds regular monthly public meetings for the purpose of taking input from the public and governmental agencies regarding matters of interest relative to fish & game resources in Lassen County.

The Commission works with the local California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) biologists and law enforcement, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, local sportsmen's groups and various other interested Lassen County residents to promote the conservation and improvement of fishery and wildlife resources. The Commission is made up of state and federal scientists, sportsmen, and interested individuals representing all 5 Supervisorial Districts. Funding for the Commission's expenditures is provided by fine monies collected by Lassen County from violations of Fish & Game Code returned from the State.

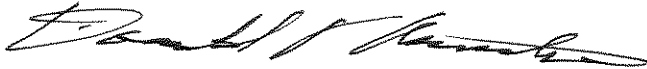
Until recently, sufficient fine money had been collected to keep the Commission solvent providing funding for such events as the Junior Fishing Derby and compensation for secretarial services required to document the Commission's activities and assorted administrative material costs. Unfortunately the Commission has not received any fine money for several months and has not been able to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities. Our Secretary, while continuing to serve, has not been compensated for her services since September 2016. None of the individual Commissioners claim any reimbursement for mileage or meals for travel allowance relative to official Commission business as provided for in the by-laws.

The Commission has met with the Lassen County Administrative Officer relative to the disposition of fine monies collected from violations of Fish & Game Code. Results of this meeting did show that there are far fewer cases entering the judicial system. Data from CDFW reported a significant decline in citations filed in Lassen County. In 2014 there were 26 Fish & Game related cases filed, 2015 saw 14 filed and in 2016, a mere 11 cases were filed. Several of these were plea bargained and in many cases no fine monies were collected as result of discretionary judicial ruling. The obvious result of this decline is that the Commission has insufficient funding to continue to meet its financial obligations.

This Commission is requesting that the Board consider financial assistance in the amount of \$3,000 to allow us to meet our past due obligations and fund the Commission's requirements for secretarial services into 2017 as well as cost for operating supplies (postage, paper etc.).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Armentrout", written in a cursive style.

Donald J. Armentrout, Chairman  
Lassen County Fish & Game Commission