

TEHAMA COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Draft Minutes

The Department of Agriculture, Walnut Room

1834 Walnut Street

Red Bluff, CA 96080

May 12, 2026

Next meeting will be held on June 9, 2026.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Jim Connors, Julie Sisneros, Lee Morgan, Keith Marine, Steve Joiner, and Lorin Fleming. The meeting was clerked by Commissioner Morgan.

Guests: California Department of Fish and Game Environmental Scientist Pat Sater.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connors at 8:06 a.m.

Public Comments: none

Election of Officers: The same officers from the past year were nominated and approved again by unanimous vote: Chairman Jim Connors, Vice Chairman Lee Morgan, and Secretary Julie Sisneros.

Update on the cleaning and condition of the three Tehama County boat ramps: The three Sacramento River boat ramps managed by the county- Bend, Mill Creek, and Woodson (River Park) all have received their spring cleaning and are functional for boat launching.

Update regarding NorCal Guides Association request for funding to distribute salmon carcasses back into the Sacramento River:

There was a consensus within the commission that this work is beneficial and we hope that it will continue. This nonprofit has been conducting this work on a limited budget and is seeking funding from assorted sources including this commission. It is expected that they will submit a grant proposal at an upcoming commission meeting, perhaps the next one, to continue this work in the coming fall and winter. Commissioner Marine will reach out to them before the next meeting to discuss where they are in proposal development.

Report out regarding the 2026 Trout in the Classroom Program: The program operated with six county classes this year. The release of the juvenile fish occurred on April 1 at 10 AM at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam boat launch. The program continues to be popular with local schools.

CDFW Staff Reports:

Pat Sater reported that placement of the ten commission funded deer telemetry ear tags is off to a slow start as the deer have been very skittish and difficult to capture. He has placed one ear tag on a buck on the west side of the county and has four remaining to affix. He has five tags yet to place on deer in the east Tehama herd. The telemetry seeks to learn more about current deer migration and survival to better manage these populations.

Additionally, there have been a number of wolf reports across the county. Wolves have been verified by the department in multiple locations on the east side of the county, but reports from the western part of the county are still not verified and no wolf predation has been documented on the west side. The department has revised their thinking about the past reported Ishi wolf pack. They no longer believe a separate pack exists in or near the Ishi Wilderness, just that a pair of wolves are occasionally seen hunting in that area, and other sightings near that area are probably from the Ice Cave wolf pack.

Commissioner Reports:

Steve Joiner: None.

Keith Marine: There will be a Sacramento River Chinook salmon recreational fishing season this year but the existing and expected warm ocean conditions off the California coast this year are not expected to be good for providing good Chinook ocean habitat or fishing opportunities in 2027 and perhaps longer.

Lee Morgan: None

Jim Connors: He will be having knee surgery soon and is not sure how that may affect his attendance at the June meeting.

Lorin Fleming: Saw in the news that the California Department of Water Resources will suspend their mussel inspection rules for Lake Oroville.

Julie Sisneros: A new law is expected to affect how our commission meetings will be conducted starting July 1. More information will be presented at the June meeting, but we expect to move the meeting location to the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Chamber as that will allow the meetings to be video recorded and broadcast live, as well as facilitate citizens joining the meetings remotely via phone call.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.