

# MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2026

TO: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission

SUBJECT: Annual Update 2025-2026

## Summary of Commission Activities

- Meeting start time changed from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM (March 2025) to allow more time for speakers.
- Supervisors invited to share ideas; Commission discussed ways to support Board priorities from the Humboldt County Plan.
- Topics monitored: Pacific Fisheries Management Council recommendations, Nordic Fish Farm, Fish Cleaning Station cost research, Wharfinger boat ramp repairs and eelgrass clearance, declining access to fishing/hunting areas, offshore wind development (on hold), mammalian composting issues, fishing and hunting regulations, review of Natural Resources Element, and grant cycle restart pending CDFW approval.
- Elk management recommendations and elk tag discussion with CDFW representative.
- Fish and Game Commission Grant Awards. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors grant (these requests at this amount) totaling no more than \$5000.
- Drafted new bylaws for the commission, January 2026 for approval.

## Key Presentations with Dates

- February 18, 2025: Dominic Vitali, Caltrans Environmental Branch Chief – Fernbridge emergency repairs and replacement options.
- March 18, 2025: Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board – Changes in membership appointments.
- April 15, 2025: Supervisor Natalie Arroyo to discuss Humboldt County Plan Implementations.
- August 19, 2025: Supervisor Steve Madrone.

- November 18, 2025: Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board: Explain the changes to the commission and how it's going to be 10 members only. Also, in the agenda item that went to the BOS, we noted that you don't have By Laws for the commission. This is a guide on how to run the meeting, how it's formed, what rules apply, etc. All Boards and commissions should have them. It helps reference all the things the code and the ordinances state about the commission. Also introduce some existing ones to the commission and then have the Commission work on modifying and adopting one of our own.
- December 16, 2025: Shawn Fresz, CDFW Public Outreach Meeting – CDFW Lands Status Updates.

## Key County Implementation Action Measures for the Board to Assist

This section outlines priority implementation measures where the Board's support is needed to advance key County conservation, planning, water management, and rural development efforts. Each item highlights an ongoing or time-bound initiative that relies on coordination between the Board and staff to meet long-term resource management goals.

| Code    | Action                                              | Timing    | Responsibility          |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| AG-IM2  | Manage Agricultural Conservation Program            | 5 Years   | Planning/Administration |
| BR-IMx3 | Oak Woodlands Conservation Program                  | 5 Years   | Long Range Planning     |
| BR-IMx4 | Modify Streamside Management Area Ordinance         | 1–2 Years | Long Range Planning     |
| WR-IM9  | North Coast Integrated Regional Water Mgmt Planning | Ongoing   | Public Works            |
| WR-IMx1 | Update Water Quality Regulations                    | 2–5 Years | Long Range Planning     |
| WR-S10  | Projects near Wild & Scenic Rivers                  | Ongoing   | Current Planning        |
| WR-S12  | Water Export Projects on Humboldt Rivers            | Ongoing   | Board of Supervisors    |
| C-P39   | Commercial Fishing Facilities                       | Ongoing   | Board of Supervisors    |
| RL-P6   | Rural Development in the King Range                 | Ongoing   | Current Planning        |