

MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

This newsletter is an annual publication of the Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Volunteer members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for three year terms.

The Commission serves to advise the Board and administer the annual grant program.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.



Members:

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From The Commission.....

We are pleased to announce the following grants were approved by the Board of Supervisors for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Twelve projects from non-profit organizations will receive grants that directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin County and also provide educational opportunities. Our partnership with the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program continues as they provide additional funding for these grants.

North Bay Trout Unlimited

The North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited serves anglers and environmentally conscious friends in an ongoing effort to fulfill the mission of Trout Unlimited: "...to conserve and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds." The grant request is for a partnership effort between Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the organization to fence areas along the creeks in Devils Gulch to prevent erosion and protect salmon populations. Information: P.O. Box 6016 San Rafael, CA 94903 <http://www.nbtu.org>

Friends of Corte Madera Creek

This group of local citizens has joined together with a common interest in improving the Corte Madera Creek watershed in the communities of Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, Kentfield, Greenbrae, Larkspur, and much of Corte Madera. Activities include establishing a creek monitoring program for adults and school children to identify problem areas, developing a watershed plan, and advocating for the health of the creek. The grant request is for printing 'Creek Chronicles newsletter.' Information: (415) 454-8608

www.friendsofcortemaderacreek.org

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Tyee Foundation

The Tyee Foundation annually raises over 50,000 salmon fingerlings in net pens in Tiburon in the San Francisco Bay. Volunteers feed and release the fish as smolts to leave for ocean migration and then return to support sportfishing in Marin and Sonoma. The grant request is for net repairs. Information: (415) 665-7839.

Mill Valley Streamkeepers

The Streamkeepers are an all volunteer organization that began in 1998 working to restore and protect Mill Valley's watershed through educating the community. The grant request is for media production of banners and signs. Information: www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org

Tomaes Bay Association

This association monitors the health of the Tomales Bay Watershed; holding conferences to disseminate information. The association co-sponsors artist Dan McCormick and the Artists In the School Program of Gallery Route One in Point Reyes Station. Students from West Marin Elementary School construct various habitat restoration and protection devices along Olema Creek. The grant request is additional for straw, burlap, etc. to construct erosion control devices that are placed along creekbanks. This project continues every year with each seventh grade class conducting both science and art activities around the watershed. Information: P.O. Box 369, Point Reyes, CA 95956



Point Reyes Seashore Association

This association is a partner with the National Park Service at Point Reyes National Seashore. Membership dues support a variety of park programs. The association provides a variety of educational field seminars, summer camp programs, and operates sales outlets in park visitor centers that help fund various park programs. The grant request is for printing the 'Elephant Seal newspaper' to provide the public with information about this recovering species. Information: (415) 663-1200 www.ptreyes.org

Tiburon Peninsula Foundation

The Tiburon Peninsula Foundation works to promote, facilitate, and enhance the quality of life and sense of community on the Tiburon peninsula. The grant request is for plants and materials for ongoing student restoration efforts on Blackies Pasture. Information: (415) 640-4522 www.tiburonpeninsulafoundation.org

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment and is also a chapter of the National Audubon Society. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds and other wildlife as well as wildlife habitats. The Society offers regularly scheduled field trips to natural areas focused on bird identification, and monthly programs on natural history topics. The grant request is for revegetation materials for the ongoing Bahia Baylands Restoration. Information: (415) 721-4271 www.marinaudubon.org

Salmon Protection And Watershed Network (SPAWN)

SPAWN is working to protect endangered salmonids in the Lagunitas Watershed (West Marin/San Geronimo Valley) through public education, and habitat restoration projects including a native plant nursery. The grant request is for native plant nursery supplies and salmon rescue equipment. Information: (415) 663-8590

The Bay Institute

The Bay Institute was founded in 1981 with the mission of restoring and protecting the San Francisco Bay Estuary to insure adequate habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species of the region. The grant request is for supplies for creek restoration and plantings along Stemple and Walker Creeks through the STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed) program. Information: (415) 878-2929 www.bay.org

The Dance Palace Community Center

The Community Center serves West Marin by providing classes, meeting space, concerts, cultural events, afterschool programs as well as a summer camp. The grant request is for materials for nature study classes during the annual summer camp and science education for the elementary afterschool program. Information: (415) 663-1075 www.dancepalace.org

Wildcare

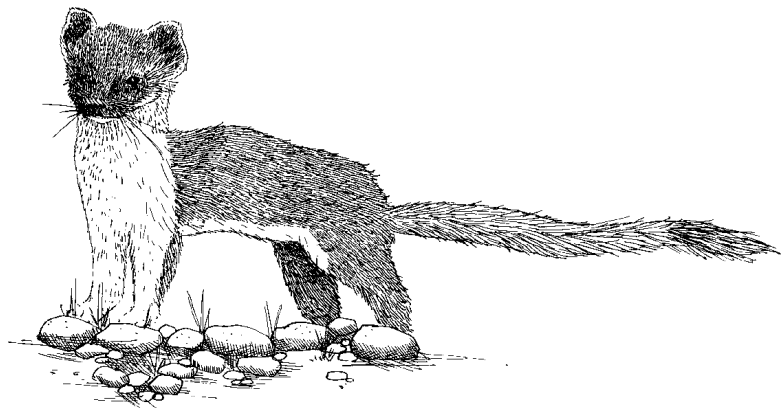
Wildcare/Terwilliger Nature Education and Wildlife Rehabilitation operate a wildlife rehabilitation center for injured animals.

In addition, Terwilliger nature vans travel off-site to dozens of schools throughout the area each year to provide hands on nature education. The grant request is for animal exhibits and to construct and install 20 boxes for "The Hungry Owl Project." Information: (415) 453-1000

Mark Your Calendars! Annual Barbecue

***Thursday, September 16
4:30 pm - 7:30pm
Lagoon Park
(next to jury parking)***

Marin County's Fish and Wildlife Commission Annual Barbecue. Meet Commission members, grantees, wardens and others associated with Commission activities. Learn more about the Commission grant projects to enhance the fish and wildlife habitat and populations of Marin County.





Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission
c/o U.C. Cooperative Extension
1682 Novato Blvd., Ste. 150B
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The Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin County and also funds provided by the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. The funds are designated to enhance fish and wildlife resources in the county and for public education. Grant proposals submitted to the Commission Chair are reviewed during the first quarter of any calendar year and recommended on a competitive basis and availability of funds. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, funding becomes available by fall of the same year. The commission can also provide letters of endorsement for projects seeking alternative sources of funding. The commission sponsors an annual barbecue (September 16, 2010) for grantees and community groups.

For applications and deadline information, contact Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.C. Cooperative Extension, 1682 Novato Boulevard, Suite 150 B, Novato, CA 94947-7021, (415) 499-4204.



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May 18, 2010

Board of Supervisors
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 Civic Center
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REGARDING: Authorization by the Board of Supervisors of projects recommended by the Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission (MCFWC) for the enhancement of fish and wildlife resources in Marin County for FY 2010-11.

RECOMMENDATION: Funding for \$19,293 of the total amount requested for the recommended projects and administrative support is authorized in the MCFWC FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget, which is being considered by your Board. The remaining \$5,000 is contributed by the DPW MCSTOPPP program and will be invoiced from their FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. The total recommendation for the projects is \$24,293.

SUMMARY: MCFWC annually reviews grant requests from local organizations to fund projects that promote restoration, sustainable use, management, and related educational programs of the fish and wildlife resources in Marin County. The Commission then provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors based on their merit and the availability of funds. MCFWC asks that the Board approve these recommended funding requests. These grants, if approved, would be initiated in FY 2010-11.

NOTE: This year, due to reduced state allocations, we are limiting our recommendations for grant disbursements.

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no General Fund costs associated with this request.

Following are the fourteen projects and recommended funding amounts:

<u>Grant Applications</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
1. <i>Pt. Reyes Community Center/Dance Palace Camp</i> Approved for West Marin Nature Camp for youth – education supplies & transportation Loretta Farley abstained	\$ 1,990	\$ 1,990
2. <i>Friends of Corte Madera Creek</i> Approved Item B: Printing 4,000 copies of "Creek Chronicles" semi-annual newsletter	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,000
3. <i>Marin Audubon</i> Approved Item C: Material purchase and equipment rental for Bahia native plant revegetation	\$ 3,100	\$ 1,875
4. <i>Mill Valley Streamkeepers</i> Approved Item C: Purchase of stamps, paper canvas, paint, poles	\$ 650	\$ 650

5. <i>North Bay Trout Unlimited</i> Approved Item B: Fencing material & signage to protect Coho on Devil's Gulch trail	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,438
6. <i>Point Reyes Seashore Association</i> Printing of "Elephant Seal" newsletter, viewing & lifecycle info Loretta Farley abstained	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
7. <i>SPAWN</i> Approved Item B: Plant nursery supplies (pots, soil, etc.)	\$10,000	\$ 2,500
8. <i>The Bay Institute - S.T.R.A.W</i> Approved for supplies: tool boxes for trucks, water quality backpack, GPS unit, digital projector, rolling backpack	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,610
9. <i>Tomaes Bay Association</i> Material for sediment control on the John West fork of Olema Creek	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
10. <i>Tyee Foundation</i> Approved Item D: Equipment repair and Replacement at Romberg Tiburon Center Brooke Halsey abstained	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,880
11. <i>Wildcare - Hungry Owl Project</i> Approved Item C: Purchase of 20 Barn owl boxes and hardware	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,000
12. <i>Wildcare - Terwilliger Nature Education Program</i> Printing nature education brochures	\$ 3,850	\$ 1,300
13. <i>Wilderness Way</i> Printing & mailing of S.G.V. Environmental Resource Guide	\$ 4,500	0
14. <i>Tiburon Peninsula Foundation</i> Approved Item B: Plants, gloves, tools for Blackie's Pasture restoration	\$ 2,000	\$ 650
15. <i>Administrative / Staff Support</i>	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
TOTALS	\$53,628	\$24,293

REVIEWED BY: Auditor Controller N/A County Counsel N/A
 Human Resources N/A

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Ed Schulze at (415) 897-8969.

Respectfully submitted,



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