



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.



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From The Commission.....

It has been another year of wonderful and educational projects proposed to the commission. Nine projects were forwarded for the 2012-2013 year to the Board of Supervisors from non-profit organizations for grants that provide equipment and supplies to directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin County. In addition, the Commission provided support to local staff from the California Department of Fish & Game for monitoring and protecting wildlife and habitat in Marin County. Equipment was also purchased to support state fish and game wardens in the area. We also received additional funds for distribution from the North Bay Watershed Association.

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 fish tagging at the Tiburon net pens. Information: (650) 298-9300.

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 publishing a newsletter about endangered species.

Information: www.ptreyes.org.

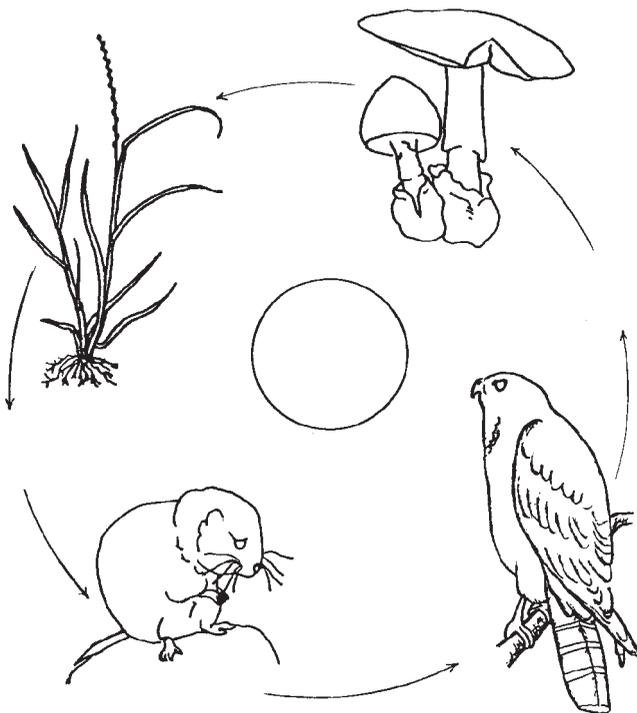
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The Dance Palace Community Center

The Community Center serves West Marin by providing classes, meeting space, concerts, cultural events, after-school programs as well as a summer camp. The grant request is for materials for nature study classes during the annual summer camp and elementary school afterschool science education. Information: 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 a laptop computer for education programs. Information: www.wildcare.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 interpretive signage for Remillard Park. Information: www.friendsofcortemaderacreek.org

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society (MAS) 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 continuing support for revegetation materials such as plants and tools for the ongoing Bahia Baylands Restoration. Information: www.marinaudubon.org

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 newsletter production. Information: www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org

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 supports the partnership effort between Samuel P. Taylor State Park and the organization and the continuing grant request is for water testing along the creeks in Devil's Gulch to protect salmon populations. Information: www.nbtu.org

S.T.R.A.W.

Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) grew out of the work of the Shrimp Project begun in 1992 to respond to the problem of an endangered species. Today STRAW, as a wing of Point Reyes Conservation Science, sustains a network of teachers, students and restoration specialists that plan and implement watershed studies in the San Francisco Bay region. The grant request is for a portion of a 'water buffalo' to provide water to newly planted seedlings. Information: www.prbo.org

Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Barbecue

Thursday,
September 20

4:30 pm -7:30 pm

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.

On The Web!

Check the Cooperative Extension website at <http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu> for information and to download applications.



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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. 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 20, 2012) 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 <http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu>