



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.....

This year the Commission was pleased to receive proposals for many wonderful education programs and restoration projects. The Marin County Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved the following grant proposals for funding in 2020-2021. These grant recipients, a mix of Marin non-profit organizations, will use the awards for equipment and supplies that directly benefit habitat, wildlife and fish populations in Marin.

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 to provide (6) 2 way radios and funding for 1st quarter of satellite phone service. Information: (415) 663-1200 ext. 303.

Felidae Conservation Fund

The F.C.F. monitors puma activity in Marin County to determine their populations and movements. Funding is for trail cameras and locks. Information: (415) 354-5655.

Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC)

The EAC provides youth outdoor experiences to learn about the unique habitats of West Marin fish and wildlife. The grant funding is to update and expand the current youth education programs. Info: (415) 663-9312.

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STRAW

Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) started in 1992 to respond to the problem of an endangered species. Today, STRAW is a wing of Point Blue that sustains a network of teachers, students and restoration specialists who plan and implement watershed and riparian corridor restoration projects. The grant funding is to purchase equipment to support classroom and hands-on, in-the-field projects. Information: www.pointblue.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 funding is for materials, literature and support items for Nature Discovery Programs, Terwilliger Nature Camps, and Wildlife Ambassador Programs. Info: (415) 456-7283 or www.wildcare.org.

Marin Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society was established more than 50 years ago to protect the environment. Marin Audubon's educational activities focus on birds, other wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The grant funding is to improve the habitat at Corte Madera and Bahia wetlands. Information: www.marinaudubon.org.

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

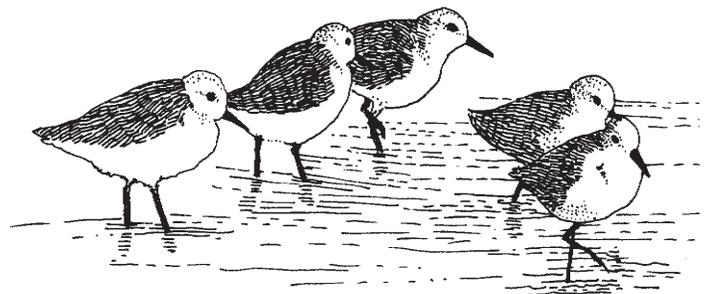
Founded in 1995, "Friends" works on habitat enhancement, fish passage, flood management, and public outreach and education. The grant funding is to purchase 2 loggers to monitor water surface elevations during the partial removal of the lower concrete channel.

Golden Gate Trout Unlimited (GGTU)

Golden Gate Trout Unlimited's "first cast" program started in 2001 to engender TU's values of conserving, protecting, and restoring coldwater fishing into youthful stewards of our environment. The grant is for literature, tackle and fly tying equipment for youths, 8-10 years old. Information: (415) 307-5363.

Slide Ranch

Established in 1970 on the Marin coast, Slide Ranch is a working ranch/farm that has an ongoing program of hands on educational experience for children to connect with nature. The grant funding is for tents and sleeping bags. Information: development@slideranch.org.



Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR)

ACR was founded in 1962 to protect one of the largest heronries on the west coast. ACR's mission is to protect nature through land preservation, nature-based education and conservation science. The grant funding is for equipment and tower to track the declining population of banded shore birds on Tomales Bay.

Information: (415) 868-9244.

All One Ocean

This group, founded in 2010, is working to protect ocean and marine life from the dangers posed by marine debris, especially plastic trash. They have established "Beach Clean-Up Stations" (B'CUS) at various West Marin beaches. They also have an educational program for local Bay Area schools about the dangers of marine debris to ocean ecosystem and human health. The grant funding is for materials and supplies to repair and maintain B'CUS. Info: (510) 859-9198.

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary

The Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary protects open space in Tiburon along the San Francisco Bay and provides nature education programs about local flora and fauna. The grant funding is for materials for their native plant nursery and for an A.E.D. medical device.

Information:

(415) 388-2524 or

www.tiburonaudubon.org.



River Otter Ecology Project

Hands-on high school program with students, scientists, and teachers to collect data on the life and role of otters in watershed ecosystems. The funding is to support materials and supplies. Info: megan@riverotterecology.org.

Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN)

SPAWN works to protect endangered salmonids and improve ecosystem health in the Lagunitas Creek Watershed. The grant funding is for supplies and equipment to support their native plant nursery. Info: (415) 663-8590 ext. 6.

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed (for College of Marin)

COM students in partnership with "Friends" will install, operate, mentor, and record the environmental variables resulting from the concrete channel removal downstream of the Stadium Way Bridge. The grant funding is for the purchase of E.S.S. sensors and related equipment. Information: (415) 755-0874.

**This year, due to the
COVID-19 restrictions,
we will not host our
annual barbecue.**

**"Stay safe and wear
your mask"**



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The Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the County of Marin Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin. 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.

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) 473-4204, <http://cemarlin.ucdavis.edu>