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Kings River Conservancy Gives Money to Help Fund Extra Warden Patrols.

The Kings River Conservancy (KRC) donated \$12,540 to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to fund additional warden patrols along the Kings River. The money will directly benefit sport fishing to help stop poachers along the river.

This was the first installment of a biannual donation. This donation is a combination of the proceeds from a KRC raffle for a fishing trip to the Owens River and an additional \$8,000 from the Central Valley Community Foundation (CVCF). The funds raised for the warden patrols are matched by the Edward K. Martin Family Foundation administered by CVCF.

The next installment will be donated from the proceeds of the second raffle this year. On June 15 a drawing will be held for a fishing trip to Yellowstone National Park. It will include fishing for two people, two days on the water, and three nights stay at a house in West Yellowstone (one room provided). The fishing trip must be booked mid-week from mid-August to mid-September of 2021. Tickets are \$20 each and all proceeds will go to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“This program continues to provide much needed additional warden hours on the Lower Kings River,” said Hank Urbach, board member, Kings River Conservancy.

The Kings River Conservancy usually hosts the Frank Jones Memorial Warden Patrol Fund Barbeque to raise money but due to COVID-19 the event has not taken place. The two raffles are helping KRC continue the tradition of donating to fund the extra patrols.

Over the past ten years in excess of \$120,000 has been raised by this effort and has been effective in enforcing fishing regulations along the river. The increased warden patrols help ensure fishers are releasing and abiding by other limits.

“We are so thankful to everyone who has donated to the program over the years,” said Urbach. “It helps support our mission to protect the Kings.”

Frank Jones enjoyed catch-and-release fishing on the Kings River and throughout the U.S., as well as in Argentina and Canada with both family and friends. The annual event normally held to raise money for the California Department of Fish and Game and is named in Mr. Jones’ honor.

The Kings River Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to encourage public safety and sound public conservation practices along the Kings River corridor from Pine Flat Dam to Highway 99. To protect, enhance and educate people about the Kings River. They participate in functions such as invasive species removal, a trout incubator house to release trout into the river, adding warden patrols and maintaining safe public trails and access points along the river.

For more information about the Kings River Conservancy contact the Kings River Conservancy at 559-787-9500 or visit www.kingsriverconservancy.org.

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