

Promoting the conservation of wildlife resources in New York with the direct help of the sportsmen

The Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources primarily funds its research and management programs with money collected from the dedicated sportsmen and women of New York.

All hunting, fishing, and trapping license fees go directly into the Conservation Fund. These funds remain within the Department of Environmental Conservation. Federal Pittman-Robertson funds are allocated to states through a formula based on the number of licensed hunters and the land area of the state. These funds are derived from a federal excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment and are matched by the state through your hunting and trapping license dollars.

Below is a breakdown of where funds come from, how they are spent and a few examples of current projects.



The number of hunting licenses sold in New York directly affects how much Federal Aid we receive for wildlife.



Pheasant propagation and distribution



Wild Turkey survival study



Coyote ecology and affects on deer



Creating and maintaining access on Wildlife Management Areas for hunting and fishing

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The NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) was established by law to make recommendations to state agencies on state government plans, policies, and programs affecting fish and wildlife.

THE BOARD

- Consults with and advises the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) about expenditure of Conservation Fund monies and ways to increase revenue to this fund.
- Promotes participation in fishing, hunting and trapping, and conservation and management of New York's natural resources.
- Annually reviews the allocations and expenditures of DEC for fish and wildlife purposes and makes a report to the Commissioner of DEC by July 1st of each year.

All eleven voting members are unpaid volunteers. Three members are appointed by the Governor, three by the senate, and three by the assembly. The NYS Conservation Council and the Fish and Wildlife Management Board each designate one member. Voting members represent each of the nine DEC regions. The Commissioner of DEC and the chairs of the senate finance committee, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, or their designees, serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the board. CFAB endorses the North American Wildlife Conservation Model and bases evaluations of programs on conformity with that basic concept. CFAB supports a system that keeps wildlife as a public and sustainable resource, scientifically managed by professionals—thanks to sportswomen and sportsmen.

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