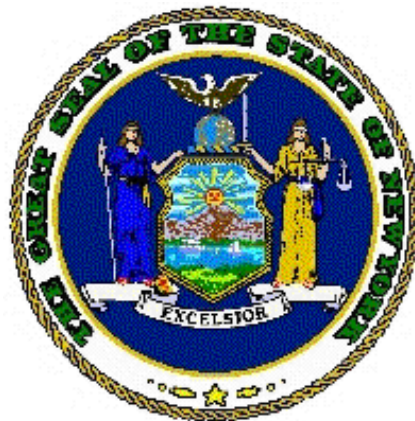


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CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD



Annual Report to the
Commissioner
and
Sportsmen and Sportswomen
April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001

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1. A Message from the Chairperson

The Conservation Fund continued on life support during the fiscal year of April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001. The Board again worked very hard to develop a comprehensive and long-term solution to sustaining the viability of the Conservation Fund and the critical fish and wildlife programs it supports. We were strongly supported by the New York State Conservation Council, the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board, many other conservation organizations and thousands of sportsmen and women who individually communicated their support or our proposals to their elected officials. We thank all of you and deeply appreciate the enduring commitment of New York's sportsmen and women to conservation of our fish and wildlife resources and to preservation of our sporting heritage.

Unfortunately, the Board's efforts to permanently solve the Conservation Fund crisis were frustrated by the most protracted budget process in the State's history. As of the date this is written, the 2001-2002 budget is still not finalized and the future of the Fund remains in jeopardy. The \$4.1 million in General Fund the legislature added to the Conservation Fund in the 2000-2001 budget maintained the Fund in the black through the end of the fiscal year, but further action will be required to prevent a Conservation Fund deficit by the end of fiscal year 2001-02. The Board has proposed a long-term solution that is described later in this report and we will continue to advocate for our proposal. As always, we will work with the Department of Environmental Conservation, the legislature, the Governor and the constituencies we represent to sustain the Fund.

The Board continues to work with the Department to improve the quality and timeliness of financial and program information the Board has to work with. We have made considerable progress in this area, but have more yet to do. In turn, the Board will continue to enhance our communication with sportsmen and women by making more use of the World Wide Web. Beginning with our January 2001 meeting, the minutes of Board meetings are now available at:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/cfabbios.htm>

This is the second annual report that is also being made available on the Web.

The Board saw two significant changes this past year. First, our Vice-Chair, Warren "Ed" Dorsch resigned as a member of the Board. Ed served the Board and the sportsmen and women of Region 4 very well and he will be missed. Mr. Mark Storti was appointed by Governor Pataki as the new Region 4 representative to the Board and member Robert Monacchio from Region 5 was elected to be Vice-chair. Second, I note with sadness the untimely death of Barbara Hogan, our longtime support secretary. Ms. Hogan served the Board and the Department well for many years. We quickly found out how difficult it is to keep track of the Board's needs when we lost Ms. Hogan.

John J. Long Jr.
Chairperson

2. About This Report

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board is required to report annually to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation by July 1st of each year. The Commissioner is to submit this report in its entirety to the governor, legislature and interested individuals by August 1st. The primary purpose of the report of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the extent to which such expenditures and appropriations are consistent with the requirements of state law. Meeting the reporting date specified in Environmental Conservation Law, Article 11-0327 has proven to be an impossible mandate. The fiscal information so critical to the accuracy of this report only begins to become available in late summer. Therefore, it is impossible for the Board to meet the July requirement. At the Board's request, the governor submitted to the legislature a proposed change in the reporting date to November 15. The legislature has not yet acted on this proposal. The Board will make its annual report available to the public by posting it on the Department of Environmental web site at www.dec.state.ny.us.

3. What is the Conservation Fund Advisory Board?

The New York State Conservation Fund Advisory Council (CFAC) was established by Chapter Four of the Laws of 1982 as a branch of the State Executive Department. It provides the license buying public of the State of New York with information about expenditure of Conservation Fund monies, thereby ensuring that the Fund is spent in accordance with the Environmental Conservation Law, specifically for the care, management, protection and enlargement of the fish and game resources of the State and for the promotion of public fishing, hunting and trapping.

Under Chapter 308 of the Laws of 1994, the Council was reestablished as the Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) and removed from the jurisdiction of Executive Law, and placed under the Environmental Conservation Law. The change allowed the addition of ex-officio members to the Board (Senate and Assembly Environmental Conservation Committees, Senate Finance Committee, Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and DEC Commissioner, or their representatives), in an effort to speed up communications and give the panel the ability to make more timely decisions.

All CFAB members are volunteers serving without salaries and having a long standing interest, knowledge and experience in fish and wildlife management, including hunting, fishing, trapping and related conservation activities. The members represent each of the nine DEC Regions with two statutory members representing the New York State Conservation Council Inc., and the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Act Board.

CFAB's function is to make recommendations to appropriate state agencies on plans, policies and programs affecting fish and wildlife. This is accomplished by CFAB review of the DEC's fish and wildlife program and the enforcement program (Titles 11 & 13 only). The Board submits an annual report to the DEC Commissioner and a fiscal report to sportsmen and women and the interested public.

Board members can be contacted by writing the Conservation Fund Advisory Board, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4750.

The specific duties of the Board are:

- Review the allocations and expenditures of DEC for fish and wildlife programs.
- Periodically make reports and release information to sportsmen and women and the general public about the Conservation Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Program.
- Consult with fish and wildlife interests and report annually to the DEC Commissioner on fiscal needs and recommendation for meeting them.
- Assist DEC in expanding sources of income to the Conservation Fund.
- Provide recommendations on the needs of fish and wildlife programs.
- Evaluate expenditures of the Conservation Fund by reviewing current and proposed fish and wildlife programs.

Fulfilment of these responsibilities is aimed at ensuring that Conservation Fund expenditures are in accordance with New York State Fiscal Law. The Conservation Fund was created under that law in 1925 requiring one half of all monies in the fund to be spent exclusively for fish and game related purposes. In 1933, the law was amended to require that all the monies be used for these purposes. For more than a half century, sportsmen and women have purchased sporting licences - principal source of Conservation Fund revenue - and ensured the stewardship of New York's fish and wildlife.

4. Accounts in the Conservation Fund

The Conservation Fund consists of several accounts. The following is a list of those accounts and a general description of the funding source. The revenue figures reported below for each account were obtained from the records of the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) and are official figures.

Traditional Account

As the name implies, the "Traditional Account" generally consists of monies raised from hunting, fishing and trapping licenses. Other sources of funding for the Traditional Account include:

- Return a gift to wildlife;
- Deer management and other special permits;
- Fines from Title 11 & 13 violations;
- Certain rentals, royalties and miscellaneous sales; and
- Interest, including interest transferred from the life time license account.

During 2000/2001, the Traditional Account generated **\$33,573,636**.

Marine Resources Account

The Marine Resources Account generated monies from activities in the marine district of Long Island. Licenses and permits include the shellfish permits, wetlands permits, charter boat permits, whelk permits, food fish/crustacean permits, fines and other revenues. During 2000/2001, the

Marine Resources Account generated **\$3,278,686**.

Migratory Bird Account

This is a relatively small account and funds are generated through the sale of collector stamps. During 2000/2001, this account generated **\$41,946**.

Guide License Account

Another very small account, the Guide License Account, generated **\$59,602** from the sale of guide licenses.

Surf Clam & Ocean Quahog Account

This account generated **\$74,890** from fees associated with the account.

Life Time License Account

The sale of “life time” licenses generates the monies in this very important account. The principle may not be touched by law and interest is transferred from this account to the Traditional Account annually. The formula for the transfer is designed to replace money lost from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses when a life time license is purchased. The most important feature of the account is the fact that a person’s life time license money continues to work long after the person has stopped hunting or fishing or has died. It is the ultimate long-term commitment that a sportsman or woman can make to his or her sport. During the year 2000/2001, the lifetime license account generated **\$1,355,824** and had a balance of **\$8,709,505**.

5. Members of the current Board

Region 1

Charles A. Bevilacqua was born in Brooklyn and has been a resident of Nassau County since 1950. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and attended Nassau Community College and the American Management Institute. He has been active in community affairs as a former Scoutmaster, fund raiser and assistant coach for the Syosset Spartans Young Sports Program. He is an avid hunter, angler, competitive target shooter and Life Member of the National Rifle Association. Presently, Charlie serves on the Nassau County Forest Practices Board, the NYS Open Space Advisory committee for Region 1 and the NYS Conservation Council/NY Power Authority Joint Task Force on Energy and Natural Resources. He has been active with the Nassau County Fish and Game Association, holding offices as President, Vice-President and Director. He is a past president of the Manhasset Bay Sportsmen’s Club. Charlie has held several offices with the NYS Conservation Council, including Vice-President, Regional Director and a member of several key

committees. He is associated with Nassau Suffolk Realty. He has held various management positions with Lisa & Company, has been a Senior Field Engineer with TRW and a Sales Manager with Singer Business Machines. He was appointed in 1984 to serve as the representative of Region 1.

Region 2

John F. Matuszewicz, a hunter and angler for more than 50 years, was born and spent all his life in Staten Island, graduated from local public schools and served in the US Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean Conflict as a Helicopter Mechanic and Crew Chief. He is an Honorary Life member and past commander of the American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association (35 years), the Colonial rifle & Pistol Club (35 years), Co-Founder and Secretary of the Isle Wide Rifle&Pistol Shooting Club and a member and Past Exalted Ruler of the B.P.O. Elks, Lodge 841 serving as a State Trustee, National Foundation and Scholarship Chairman. He

has also served as a DEC Hunter Education Instructor. In his professional life, John worked for the Food Machinery & Chemical Corporation (9 years), Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company as an Analytical Chemist (35 years), retiring in 1990. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Conservationist Award 2000, presented by the New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society. In retirement he enjoys teaching his seven grandchildren the basic fundamentals of hunting, fishing, gun safety and conservation.

Region 3

Francis E. Hartmann, Secretary, was born in Cohecton, Sullivan County in 1925 and currently resides in Sparrowbush. He is a graduate of Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and is now retired after working more than 40 years on aviation and space projects. He is a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in World War II. Frank is interested in all phases of the conservation field, but especially in hunting, fishing and trapping. He is a past president of the New York State Conservation Council and the Federation of Sportsman's Clubs of Sullivan County, and currently serves as Legislative Vice President of the Council. He is a charter member and former chairman of the Upper Delaware Council, a member of the National Rifle Association, Knights of Columbus, Veterans of foreign Wars and several hunting, fishing and shooting clubs. He is presently a Town Justice in the Town of Deerpark, Orange County. He was the designee of the New York State Conservation Council from 1989 to 1994 and was re-appointed in 1998 to serve as the representative from Region 3.

Region 4

Mark J. Storti was born in Barre, Vermont in 1966. He has been a New York State resident for more than 21 years. As an avid hunter, trapper and fishing enthusiast, Mark has enjoyed the outdoors from the Adirondack Mountains to the western mountains of Maine. He is a graduate of SUNY at Plattsburgh with a B.A. in geography and a minor in land use planning. Presently, Mark is employed by Schenectady County as a Senior Geographic Information Specialist in the Planning Department. Nine years ago, Mark founded one of the largest youth fishing days in the Capital District Region. The Indian Kill Open House/Fishing Day has become one of the prominent outdoor educational and recreational experiences for Schenectady County Youths. As the president of the

Schenectady County Conservation Council, Mark was instrumental in forming one of the first Adopt-A-Natural Resource program with NYSDEC Region 4 at the Featherstonhaugh State Forest in the Town of Duaneburg. Mark is a member of the NRA, the New York State Trappers Association, the New York State Muzzle-loaders Association, Inc., the Schenectady County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, Scotia-Glenville Kiwanis and the Town of Glenville Park Planning Commission. He was appointed Region 4 representative to CFAB in 2000.

Region 5

Robert J. Monacchio, a New York State resident for more than 30 years, has fished and hunted in the state since the 1950s. He has been a camp owner and part time resident of Adirondack Park for 20 years and a full time resident and property owner for more than 13 years. Bob spent six years in the Naval Reserve and received his formal education at Rockland Community College and the Center of Occupation Education, both in New York State. In his professional life, Bob has served as Treasurer of Mountain Home Consulting Group Inc. in Edinburg (NY), President of Coordinated Components Inc. in Tallman (NY), Vice President and General Manager of Production Services for Trans World Display Corporation in New York City and Project Director for Snyder Black & Schlegel in Hartsdale (NY). He has been a writer and board member and helped edit the Edinburg Newsletter. He also has been a member and past board member of the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation Inc. and is involved in negotiations in FERC relicensing of hydro facilities on the Great Sacandaga Lake and the Hudson River. Bob has also been involved in stream stocking for DEC and has served on the Fulton County Water Quality Strategy Committee and the Saratoga County Water Quality Strategy Committee. He enjoys hunting, fishing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling, as well as restoring fishing rods, firearms and fly tying.

Region 6

Linda S. Sicley is a native New Yorker who has resided in the Town of Worth, Jefferson County, since 1979. She and her husband have two daughters and three sons and raise beef cattle on their farm on the Tug Hill Plateau. Her memberships include the Fur Harvesters Association of Jefferson County where she has been secretary since 1992, the New York State Trapper's Association, the National Rifle Association and the Black River Valley Friends of the NRA

Committee since 1996. She is a DEC Trapper Training Instructor and has participated in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Environmental Awareness Days since 1994 with a Furbearer Management Presentation. Linda is an active member of the United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School and volunteering at church functions. She is a former Delegate and Secretary of the Jefferson County Sportsmen's Federation where she served on the Legislative and Education Committees. In 1991, she received the Conservationist of the Year Award. Linda enjoys hunting, fishing and especially trapping with her family.

Region 7

Donald H. "Hap" Sherwood was born in Niagara Falls in 1949 and is a lifelong resident of New York State. He and his wife, Lynn, presently reside in Port Crane. Hap is an active hunter, angler and trapper. He attended SUNY Morrisville from 1968 to 1969 majoring in Natural Resources Conservation, later serving in the Army National Guard. Hap is Vice President of the Region 7 Federation League of the State Conservation Council and President of Elk Run Outfitters, Inc., a Whitney Point based sporting goods business. In 1997, he was appointed Region 7 representative to CFAB.

Region 8

Dennis J. Money, a lifelong resident of New York State, was born in Rome (NY) and now resides in Canandaigua. He has been active in hunting and trapping for more than 35 years. He has been a member of the Environmental, Health and Safety Group of the Rochester Gas & Electric corporation for more than 25 years where he is Principal Environmental Analyst and deals with wetlands and stream issues, environmental audits, asbestos management and wildlife initiatives. He is a former teacher at Clifton Springs High School and a Teacher-Demonstrator for the United States Atomic Energy Commission. He has a B.S. in Biology from Utica College of Syracuse University, a M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Rochester and a Certificate in Management and Labor Relations from Cornell University. He is the recipient of the Hugh E. Cummings Environmental Excellence Award for 1996, the 1998 Monroe County Environmental Management Council Career Professional Award, a member of the Ontario Sportsmen's Federation, a member of the American

Wildlife Research Foundation, Project Manager for the Rochester Peregrine Falcon Project and President of the New York River Otter Project, Inc. He is on the Executive Board of the Central and Western New York State Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. He was appointed to the Board in 1996 to serve as the representative of Region 8.

Region 9

Donald Kill resides in Lackawanna. He has three daughters and one granddaughter. The oldest of seven children, Don took an interest in conservation and the environment at an early age. He has held numerous positions with conservation organizations. Presently, he is president of the Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Clubs and Treasurer to the Buffalo Bowhunters Club. Don takes an active interest in the Erie County Conservation Society, Southtown's Walleye Association, the Erie County Environmental Council, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parent/Teacher Guild. Don is also Vice-president of the local Frontier Central Employee Association and a member of the National Rifle Association and Safari Club International. Don works closely with the DEC, local and state politicians and conservation-minded organizations on issues that concern sportsmen and sportswomen and conservationists. He was appointed in 1998 to serve as representative from Region 9.

FWMA Representative

Harry C. "Bud" Woodfield was born in Tarrytown, Westchester County, in 1923. He currently resides in Binghamton. He attended Cornell University. He has retired from state service after 35 years with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Office of parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Bud is a Trustee of Wyoming Seminary, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Conference and a certified Lay Speaker of the United Methodist Church. He is also president of the Broome County Federation of the Sportsman's Clubs and has been a hunter, angler and trapper all his life. He is a Life Member of the National Plott Hound Association and is a licensed UKC bench show judge. Bud is the designee of the NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Act Board.

NYS CC Representative

John J. Long, Chairman, was born in Niagara Falls in 1933. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Niagara University and is Vice President of United Insurance Agency, Inc., an insurance agency where he has been employed since 1949. He is a veteran of the US Army. John has hunted and fished over most of North America and is president of Outdoor World Productions, Inc. He has been active in the NYS Conservation Council since 1955 and was presented the 1987 NYS Conservationist of the Year Award by the Council and the New York Power Authority. He is a an Alternate Member of the Fish and Wildlife Management Act Board in Region 9;

past president and life member of the NYS Outdoor Writers Association; and past president of the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs. John is a Life Member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and the Association of Great lakes Outdoor Writers. He recently constructed a walleye rearing facility on his property for the Niagara River Anglers Association to stock the Niagara River. He is Captain of the Niagara County Sheriff’s Special Conservation Deputies. He was appointed to the Board in 1988 to serve as the representative of Region 9. He currently is the representative of the NYS Conservation Council.

6. Actions of the Board FY 2000/2001

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board fulfills its legislative mandate to recommend to the Department how Conservation Fund monies are spent and how to keep the Fund solvent. Usually, meetings are held monthly to discuss topics associated with issues affecting sportsmen and sportswomen and to formalize its recommendations. Robert’s Rules of Order are followed when formalizing recommendations and other official business of the CFAB. Meetings are public and the activities of the Board are made the subject of official meeting minutes which are approved by the Board and distributed to interested parties. Actions which are formal recommendations are made in the form of a motion, which requires a second and a simple majority of the Board members present to adopt the motion.

During the fiscal year 2000-2001, the Conservation Fund Advisory Board adopted the following motions:

April 10, 2000		
1. Resolution 04/00-01 “A motion to approve expenses for two trips to Washington, D.C. to lobby for CARA.” Made by Mr. Woodfield, seconded by Mr. Kill, carried.	5. Resolution 04/00-04 “Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion to adjourn.” The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00P.M.	
2. Resolution 04/00-02 “Mr. Hartmann made a motion to write to all branches of government in support of a license fee increase as defined by Article 7 of the 2000/2001 Executive Budget.” Seconded by Mr. Woodfield, carried.	May 8, 2000	
3. Resolution 04/00-03 “Mr. Kill made a motion to write to Commissioner Cahill, that New York State be an innovator in developing a new method of delivering hunter education programs.” Seconded by Mr. Dorsch, carried.	1. Resolution 05/00-01 “Minutes should be written concisely, with members present, Major Topics, and Motions only. Minutes to be approved by members prior to meeting (fax, phone, e-mail).” This resolution was adopted on a motion by Don Kill, second by Mr. Woodfield. Unanimous. DEC staff to implement	2. Resolution 05/00-02 “Mr. Barnhart’s Secretary should be assigned to CFAB meeting to record minutes in approved format with tape as a back-up.” Motion by Mr. Woodfield, seconded by Mr. Money. Carried.
4. Elections were held; Mr. Long - Chairman, Mr. Dorsch - Vice-Chairman and Mr. Hartmann - Secretary.	3. Resolution 05/00-03 “That the license fee bill	

should be made part of a re-group effort by CFAB, DEC, NYSCC, the FWMA Board, Assembly & Senate with goal being legislative support next year." The motion was made by Mr. Woodfield, seconded by Mr. Kill, Carried. License Fee Committee (Hartmann, Woodfield, Sherwood, and Bevilacqua) to implement.

6. Resolution 05/00-04 "Mr. Woodfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Hartmann." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

June 5, 2000

1. Resolution 06/00-01 "Frank Hartmann made a motion that a CFAB letter be sent to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service." The motion was seconded by John Matuszewicz and carried.
2. Resolution 06/00-02 "Frank Hartmann made a motion to approve the march minutes." It was seconded by Bud Woodfield and carried.
3. Resolution 06/00-03 "John Matuszewicz made a motion to accept the draft." It was seconded by Linda Sicley and carried.
4. Resolution 06/00-04 "John Matuszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 P.M." The motion was seconded by Bob Monacchio and carried.

July 2000

There was no meeting in July.

August 7, 2000

1. Resolution 08/00-01 "Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Bevilacqua seconded a motion to adjourn." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M. at the Black Rock Fish and Game Club.

September 11, 2000

1. Resolution 09/00-01 "Frank Hartmann made a motion to accept the August/2000 minutes." The motion was seconded by Bud Woodfield and carried.
2. Resolution 09/00-02 "John Matuszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M." The motion was seconded by Bud Woodfield and carried.

October 2, 2000

1. Resolution 10/00-01 "Mr. Woodfield made a motion to accept the September/2000 minutes with changes." The motion was seconded by Ed Dorsch and carried.
2. Resolution 10/00-02 "Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion that CFAB

oppose the federal Interior appropriation bill/compromise/agreement regarding CARA." The motion carried.

3. Resolution 10/00-03 "Mr. Dorsch made a motion and Mr. Kill seconded to approve the new format for the comparative statement." The motion carried
4. Resolution 10/00-04 "Mr. Matuszewicz moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to approve the draft CFAB annual report." The motion carried.
5. Resolution 10/00-05 "Mr. Monacchio moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to put the minutes on the web site." Chairman Long opposed. The motion carried.
6. Resolution 10/00-06 "Mr. Matuszewicz moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to adjourn." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

November 6, 2000

1. Resolution 11/00-01 "Mr. Money moved and Mr. Monacchio seconded to approve the October minutes." The motion carried.
2. Resolution 11/00-02 "Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Matuszewicz, Mr. Woodfield and Mr. Sherwood seconded a motion to accept the license and magazine package proposal." The motion carried.
7. Resolution 11/00-03 "Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion to approve the CFAB Annual Report." The motion carried unanimously.
8. Resolution 11/00-04 "Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Hartmann seconded a motion to change the due date or the CFAB Annual Report to October 1 to coincide with the license issuing year." The motion carried.
9. Resolution 11/00-05 "Mr. Hartmann moved and Mr. Sherwood seconded a motion to visit Region 6 for their annual field trip." The motion carried.
10. Resolution 11/00-06 "Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Money seconded a motion that CFAB accept and support this derby." The motion carried.
11. Resolution 11/00-07 "Mr. Matuszewicz moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

December 4, 2000

1. Resolution 12/00-01 "Mr. Woodfield made a motion to accept the November/2000 minutes with changes." The motion was seconded by Mr. Kill and carried.
2. Resolution 12/00/02 "Mr. Kill moved and Mrs.

- Sicley seconded a motion to use cover with the state seal for CFAB Annual Report.” The motion carried.
3. Resolution 12/00-03 “Mr. Hartmann moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to approve Mrs. Sicley’s proposed itinerary for the August 2001 field trip in Region 6.” The Motion carried.
 4. Resolution 12/00-04 “Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Money seconded a motion to approve the proposed Conservation Legacy package.” Region 3’s, Mr. Hartmann abstained. The motion carried.
 5. Resolution 12/00-05 “Mr. Kill moved and Mr. Woodfield seconded a motion to go forward with a pilot program of Mr. Monacchio’s license sales regional statement.” The motion passed.
 6. Resolution 12/00-06 “Mr. Kill moved and Mrs. Sicley seconded a motion to adjourn.” The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

January 8, 2001

1. Resolution 01/01-01 “Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion to approve the December 2000 minutes with changes.
2. Resolution 01/01-02 “Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion to adjourn.” The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

January 25, 2001

Special Conference Call Meeting

1. Resolution 01/01-01S “Mr. Kill moved that the Board support the proposal as detailed in the Governor’s executive budget bill. Mr. Woodfield seconded the motion.” The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 01/01-02S “Mr. Woodfield moved the meeting be adjourned.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Hartmann. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

February 12, 2001

1. Resolution 02/01/01 “Mr. Kill made a motion to approve the January 25, 2001 minutes.” It was seconded by Mr. Matuszewicz and carried.
2. Resolution 02/01-02 “Mr. Kill made a motion to adopt the fee increase reflected in the one page handout dated CFAB 2/12/2001 as the Board’s official recommendations.” It was seconded by Mr. Matuszewicz and carried.
3. Resolution 02/01-03 “Mr. Kill made a motion that Mr. Hartmann prepare a letter to the NYS SCC asking them to address the license fee increase proposal.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodfield and carried.
4. Resolution 02/01-04 “Mr. Woodfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting.” It was seconded by Mr. Matuszewicz and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

March 18, 2001

1. Resolution 03/01-01 “A motion was made by Mr. Money that Mr. Barnhart review the February minutes with Mr. Money’s notes and reissue as corrected.” Second by Mr. Hartmann.
2. Resolution 03/01-02 “Mr. Matuszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.” It was seconded by Mr. Money and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

The complete minutes of any of the meetings are available upon request from CFAB and may be viewed at:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmmr/cfabbios.htm>

7. License Fee Increase Recommendation

During the 1999/2000 fiscal year, the Conservation Fund Advisory Board recognized that the Conservation Fund was in financial trouble and that additional revenues would be needed. The Board supported a license fee increase Bill along with the Conservation Department and the New York State Conservation Council. Rather than act on the Bill, the New York State Legislature infused 4.1 million dollars into the Fund as a temporary solution for FY 2000/2001.

For fiscal year 2000-01, The Board again recommended a fee increase and other changes to improve the health of the Conservation Fund and increase opportunities for sportsmen and women. The Governor included all of the Board's recommendations in his executive budget proposal which called for amending existing provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) to do the following:

- require the Conservation Fund Advisory Board to annually review anticipated income and expenditures for fish and wildlife purposes and make a report to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation by November 15 of each year that includes a recommendation regarding appropriate fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, permits and stamps;
- authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation to set the fee schedules for licenses, stamps and permits by regulation up to, but not more than, the amounts recommended by the Conservation Fund Advisory Board;
- establish a new super-sportsman license for residents and non-residents which grants big game, small game, bowhunting, muzzleloading, fishing and turkey hunting privileges;
- alter the terms and conditions for junior licensees, to allow 14 and 15-year old licensees to hunt big game with a firearm under close supervision and to apply for deer management permits;
- authorize revenue resulting from sales of a new habitat stamp to be used for habitat management and public access improvements. Revenue from the sale of the habitat stamp would be deposited in a dedicated habitat sub-account in the Conservation Fund;
- permit resident and non-resident hunters possessing licenses and stamps that allow them to hunt during the regular season, and special archery seasons, and special muzzleloader seasons to take three deer. The proposal would also authorize the Department to set regulations to ensure this provision would improve the management of deer populations. In most circumstances, hunters would be able to take three deer, but not more than two bucks;
- extend the number of days that short-term resident and non-resident fishing licenses are valid, from three and five days, respectively, to seven days;
- authorize the Department of Environmental Conservation to offer Sportsman Education students the option of purchasing certain accredited commercial home study materials or courses to prepare for a shorter hands-on course; and also require the Department to continue to offer standard free courses; and establish the percentage of fee revenues which the issuing officers may retain upon the sale of licenses, stamps, certificates, and permits and subscriptions to "New York State Conservationist," and
- allow for a one dollar commission to the issuing agent for replacement education certificates.

This package would keep the Conservation Fund healthy, sustain critical conservation programs, increase opportunities for resident deer hunters and junior hunters, create new opportunities to manage habitat and increase public access, and make life simpler for license issuing agents. The Conservation Fund Advisory Board strongly supported this package, as did the New York State Conservation Council and a host of other conservation organizations.

At their February 2001 meeting, the Conservation Fund Advisory Board made recommendations to increase sporting license fees as shown below:

License Type	Current Fee	CFAB Recommended
Resident		
Senior Sportsman	\$ 5	\$5
Seven-day Fishing	\$ 6	\$10
Fishing	\$14	\$20
Small & Big Game	-	\$19
Small Game	\$11	\$15
Trapping	\$13	\$16
Jr. Archery	\$ 9	\$9
Jr. Trapping	\$ 6	\$6
Jr. BG & SGame	-	\$9
Jr. Small Game	\$ 5	\$5
Sportsman	\$31	\$35
Bowhunting	\$11	\$16
Muzzleloading	\$11	\$16
Super Sportsman	-	\$65
Turkey Permit	\$ 2	\$5
Nonresident		
Fishing	\$35	\$40
Hunting	\$50	\$55
Big Game	\$100	\$110
Seven-day Fishing	\$20	\$25
Muzzleloading	\$75	\$110
Bowhunting	\$100	\$110
Bear Tag	\$25	\$30
Turkey Permit	\$25	\$30
Super Sportsman	\$225	\$225
One-day Fishing	\$11	\$15

The Board's recommendations are very reasonable. New York license fees and the cost of fishing, hunting and trapping would still be a bargain if fees are increased as the Board recommended. The table on page 12 compares the Board's recommended fees with those of our neighboring states:

**A SIMPLE COMPARISON OF NEW YORK RESIDENT SPORTING LICENSE FEES
RECOMMENDED BY THE CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD
WITH FIVE NEIGHBORING STATES**

FISHING*

CT	CFAB REC. NY	VT	PA	MA	NJ	AVG.
\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$27.50	\$33.00	\$23.00

HUNTING**

MA	CFAB REC. NY	VT	PA	CT	NJ	AVG.
\$52.60	\$55.00	\$64.00	\$70.00	\$79.00	\$140.00	\$76.76

TRAPPING

CFAB REC. NY	PA	VT	CT	NJ	MA	AVG.
\$16.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$32.50	\$35.50	\$24.00

* Includes fees required to fish for all species of freshwater fish.

** Includes all fees required to hunt for small game, including waterfowl and pheasants; turkey; deer, with firearm and bow; and bear. Cost of mandatory federal migratory bird stamp (\$15) included in each state fee total.

All fees are as published on state fish and wildlife agency web sites as of January 2001.

The Board believes this comprehensive Conservation Fund package is an effective way to sustain the Fund and improve service to New York's anglers, hunters, and trappers. Unfortunately, as of October 1, 2001, (the date this report was approved by the Board) the legislature had not acted on this package or proposed an alternative solution to dealing with the Conservation Fund crisis. The Board will continue to urge the legislature to adopt this package. We continue to work with the legislature, the Department and the Governor to ensure no steps will be taken to cut conservation programs until after the legislature finally passes a budget. But, if the legislature doesn't deal with this issue, Conservation Fund expenses will have to be reduced by more than \$5 million.

Reducing fish and wildlife conservation programs by \$5 million would require draconian reductions in the services provided to sportsmen and women and other New Yorkers. For example, DEC could be forced to reduce the Environmental Conservation Officer force by as many as 25 officers, close up to four fish hatcheries, two field stations, and the game farm, cut the seasonal work force in half, and consolidate Bureaus and regional units. The impacts would be devastating - devastating to opportunities to hunt, fish and trap and to the valuable economic impact outdoor sports have in New York. The Board does not believe there is any need to even contemplate such damaging cuts. The license fee increase and other changes recommended by the Board are a permanent solution to the Conservation Fund crisis. It is a solution that sportsmen and women support and are willing to pay to implement.

8. Projected Health of Conservation Fund With and Without a License Fee Increase

The following table is an estimate of the status of the Conservation Fund Traditional Account without a license fee increase. The 4.1 million dollars provided by the legislature is included in the projected receipts for FY/2000-2001. The projections are in millions rounded to the nearest two decimal places.

With **No License Fee Increase:**

Fiscal Year	Actual Cash Balance 4/1	Projected Carry-In	Uncommitted Balance	Projected Receipts	Total Available	Projected Disbursements	Cash Balance 3/1	Projected Carry-out	Uncommitted Balance
2000-2001*	5.11	2.14	2.97	37.67**	40.64	35.05	5.59	3.39	2.2
2001-2002	5.59	3.39	2.2	34.23	36.43	38.98	-2.55	1.95	-4.5
2002-2003	-2.55	1.95	-4.5	34.84	30.34	39.85	-9.51	1.95	-11.46
2003-2004	-9.51	1.95	-11.46	35.12	23.66	40.74	-17.08	1.95	-19.03
2004-2005	-17.08	1.95	-19.03	35.40	16.37	41.66	-25.29	1.95	-27.24

* Actual FY 00-01 Receipts and Expenditures

** Note - Includes 4.1 million dollars infused by the legislature on 4/1/2000 in lieu of fee increase.

The table below reflects the status of the Conservation Fund if the license fee increase we are seeking is approved for 2001-2002.

With **Proposed License Fee Increase:**

Fiscal Year	Actual Cash Balance 4/1	Projected Carry-In	Uncommitted Balance	Projected Receipts	Total Available	Projected Disbursements	Cash Balance 3/1	Projected Carry-out	Uncommitted Balance
2000-2001*	5.11	2.14	2.97	37.67**	40.64	35.05	5.59	3.39	2.2
2001-2002	5.59	3.39	2.2	39.55***	41.75	38.98	2.77	1.95	0.82
2002-2003	2.77	1.95	0.82	43.92	44.74	39.85	4.89	1.95	2.94
2003-2004	4.89	1.95	2.94	43.95	46.89	40.74	6.15	1.95	4.2
2004-2005	6.15	1.95	4.2	43.98	48.18	41.66	6.52	1.95	4.57

* Actual FY 00-01 Receipts and Expenditures

** Note - Includes 4.1 million dollars infused by the legislature on 4/1/2000 in lieu of fee increase.

*** Represents fee increase taking place in fall of 2001.

9. Conclusion and Recommendation

You will note from the tables in section 8, that if the modest fee increase, recommended by CFAB and supported by the NYSCC, had been enacted by the legislature, the Conservation Fund would have remained solvent through FY 2004/2005 and beyond. The failure of the legislature to deal with this crisis in the FY 2001-02 budget means a larger fee increase will be required in the future to maintain the Conservation Fund. We have now lost three years of increased revenue because of the delay in approving the fee increase. The 4.1 million dollars provided by the legislature last fiscal year is not enough to prevent a deficit at the end of 2001/2002. We acknowledge that the projections are conservative, but this Board would rather err in favor of a healthy Fund than see a catastrophic negative carryover.

The Board has fulfilled its charge to review allocations and expenditures of the Department and to advise the Department with respect to the needs of various fish and wildlife programs. We have carefully analyzed the projected income to and expenditures from the Conservation Fund. We conclude that the expenditures from the Conservation Fund exceed income and that the Fund will go into deficit absent timely action to bring income and expenditures in balance. We continue to support a license fee increase, but the increase described in section 7 of this report may not be sufficient to keep the Fund solvent. It is now time for the policy makers in the legislative and executive branch to decide what action is appropriate.

10. Fiscal Report

This report presents fiscal information for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. This is the latest year for which DEC has provided information to the Board. We expect the Department to provide information for fiscal year 2000-2001 later this year. The total level of expenditure for the comprehensive fish, wildlife and marine resources program in 1999-00 was \$77,307,181. This was an increase of \$2,806,817 from the \$74,500,364 amount reported in 1998-99. An explanation of the change in each program's expenditures is contained in the appropriate narrative below.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS

Program	1998-99	1999-00	Change
Fish, Wildlife & Marine	\$ 40,194,780	\$37,436,729	\$ -2,758,051
Law Enforcement	14,401,247	16,606,392	2,205,145
Aviation	151,960	187,739	35,779
Public Affairs	130,785	87,371	-43,414
Operations	2,128,461	2,320,789	192,328
Indirect Support	12,617,787	14,408,941	1,791,154
FW&M Capital Projects	4,875,344	6,259,220	1,383,876
Total	\$ 74,500,364	\$77,307,181	\$ 2,806,817

The chart below compares the FY 1999-00 level of expenditure with FY 1998-99 by funding source. In 1999-00, the Conservation Fund paid \$37,261,859; federal aid paid \$11,960,907; Capital paid \$6,259,220; and the balance of \$21,819,380 was paid by other operating funds, including the General Fund.

SUMMARY OF SOURCES OF FUNDS

Fund	1998-99	1999-00	Change
Conservation Fund*	\$ 34,700,598	\$ 37,261,859	2,561,261
Other Operating Funds	21,482,987	21,825,195	342,208
Federal	13,441,435	11,960,907	-1,480,528
Capital	4,875,344	6,259,220	1,383,876
Total	\$74,500,364	\$ 77,307,181	\$ 2,806,817

* Includes sub-accounts: RAGTW, Migratory Bird & Marine Resources; excludes Licensed Guides.

REVENUE TO THE TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE CONSERVATION FUND

The Table below depicts the revenue for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 to the traditional account to the Conservation Fund. The figures reported here were compiled from the monthly comparative statements issued by the Department and may differ slightly from the official figures maintained by the Office of the State Comptroller due to delays in reporting deposits and audit adjustments. The Department's comparative statements do provide greater detail on revenue by license type and are useful for monitoring trends in license sales and revenue.

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
CONSERVATION FUND - TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT**

4/01/99 - 3/31/00

4/01/00 - 3/31/01

TYPE OF REVENUE	SALES	RECEIPTS	SALES	RECEIPTS	Chg. in Sales	Change in Receipts
Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses						
Res. Senior	107,097	\$429,530.00	108,401	434,931.00	1,304	5,401.00
Res. 3-Day Fishing	24,881	125,359.00	24,724	124,449.00	-157	-910.00
Res. Fishing	386,375	5,020,252.00	376,600	4,899,922.00	-9,775	-120,330.00
Jr. Hunting	21,041	84,212.00	20,603	82,477.00	-438	-1,735.00
Res. Big Game	134,563	1,615,372.00	129,074	1,549,521.00	-5,489	-65,851.00
Res. Trapping	7,946	95,865.00	7,765	93,339.00	-181	-2,526.00
Res. Jr. Trapping	552	2,765.00	539	2,701.00	-13	-64.00
Res. Jr. Archery	4,106	32,870.00	4,880	38,480.00	774	5,610.00
Res. Sportsmen	359,383	10,787,018.00	360,785	10,829,116.00	1,402	42,098.00
Res. Hunting	29,402	294,098.00	26,398	264,187.00	-3,004	-29,911.00
Bowhunting	167,690	1,679,588.00	170,879	1,711,542.00	3,189	31,954.00
Muzzleloading	84,217	843,334.00	92,380	924,972.00	8,163	81,638.00
Res. Second Deer	29,745	297,486.00	27,260	302,781.00	-2,485	5,295.00
Resident Turkey	258,927	390,690.50	258,479	389,754.00	-448	-936.50
Muskellunge	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Subtotal - Resident	1,615,925	\$21,698,439.50	1,608,767	21,648,172.00	-7,158	-50,267.50
Non-Res. Fishing	67,113	2,282,465.00	69,327	2,360,877.00	2,214	78,412.00
Non-Res. 5-Day Fishing	77,310	1,471,178.00	79,936	1,521,236.00	2,626	50,058.00
Non-Res. Hunting	9,639	474,035.00	9,512	467,889.00	-127	-6,146.00
Non-Res. 5 Day Hunting			0	0.00	0	0.00
Non-Res. Big Game	28,988	2,873,774.00	29,918	2,966,127.00	930	92,353.00
Non-Res. Trapping	19	4,768.00	24	6,022.00	5	1,254.00
Non-Res. Combination	5,085	1,139,939.00	5,848	1,310,973.00	763	171,034.00
Non-Res. Muzzleloading	1,067	79,102.00	1,471	109,069.00	404	29,967.00
Non-Res. Bowhunting	2,814	278,881.00	2,977	295,143.00	163	16,262.00
Non-Res. Bear Tag	1,507	36,402.00	1,736	41,922.00	229	5,520.00
Non-Res. Turkey	9,185	226,037.00	8,930	219,831.50	-255	-6,205.50
Subtotal - Non Resident	202,727	\$8,866,581.00	209,679	\$9,299,089.50	6,952	432,508.50
Subtotal Res. & Non Res.	1,818,652	\$30,565,020.50	1,818,446	30,947,261.50	-206	382,241.00
One Day Fishing	26,301	265,468.00	26,887	274,171.00	586	8,703.00
Replacement Turkey	1,136	2,272.00	1,121	2,242.00	-15	-30.00
Lost License Certificates	7,914	31,770.00	8,227	30,252.00	313	-1,518.00
Attorney General Adjustments		-5,516.19	0	-1,498.74	0	4,017.45
Suspense Adjustments		45,101.50	0	2,297.83	0	-42,803.67
License Refunds		-2,863.00	0	-3,738.60	0	-875.60
Revenue Accounting Audit Adjustments		-23,887.02	0	12,218.24	0	36,105.26
Transfer from Lifetime Account		208,974.00	0	0.00	0	-208,974.00
TOTAL	1,854,003	\$31,086,339.79	1,854,583	31,263,205.23	580	176,865.44

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
CONSERVATION FUND TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT**

4/01/99 - 3/31/00 4/01/00 - 3/31/01

TYPE OF REVENUE	RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS	CHANGE
Special Licenses & Permits			
Deer Management Permits	\$348,200.00	341,033.75	-7,166.25
Special Licenses	150,370.50	159,179.85	8,809.35
TOTAL	\$498,570.50	\$500,213.60	1,643.10
Misc. Receipts & Fed. Reimb.			
Fees	825.00	\$700.00	-125.00
Refund of Expenses	27,186.55	25,021.68	-2,164.87
*Fines - Court Administration and Justice Court	530,058.64	453,800.20	-76,258.44
Fines - Article 11	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines - Article 13	400.00	500.00	100.00
Fines - Other	64,885.00	14,150.00	-50,735.00
Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rentals & Royalties	21,413.31	11,548.42	-9,864.89
Miscellaneous Sales	17,886.97	26,071.44	8,184.47
Gifts & Donations	31,560.33	23,975.74	-7,584.59
Sundry General	-132.92	-27.93	104.99
TOTAL	\$694,082.88	\$555,739.55	-138,343.33
Other Revenue & Adjustments			
Interest	\$388,331.24	\$373,330.26	-15,000.98
Gifts to Wildlife	591,215.86	631,836.08	40,620.22
TOTAL	\$979,547.10	\$1,005,166.34	25,619.24
TOTAL TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT	\$33,258,540.27	\$33,324,324.72	65,784.45
*Justice Court fines are received in May, August, November and February.			

Highlights of 1999-00 expenditures in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities follow. The report covers expenditures occurring between April 1, 1999 and March 31, 2000. This period includes expenditures from FY 1999-00 appropriations and FY 1998-99 appropriations for the carry-out period April-June 1999, as well as expenditures from various fiscal year Capital appropriations.

FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE

Total direct expenditures for the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine decreased by \$2,758,051 from \$40,194,780 in 1998-99 to \$37,436,729 in 1999-00. This is due primarily to a decrease in spending on the federal grants.

Fish, Wildlife & Marine expenditures funded by the Conservation Fund declined slightly from a FY 1998-99 total of \$20,930,933 to a FY 1999-00 total of \$20,700,633. This decrease is attributed to a change in hunting, trapping & fishing guides, whereby solicitation of advertisements was no longer contracted out. Other Operating Funds, including the General Fund, contributed \$7,496,145 in support of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine compared to the FY 1998-99 total of \$7,871,673. Expenditures from Federal Aid, excluding indirect support and Capital, decreased by \$2,152,163 from \$11,392,114 to \$9,239,951. The majority of this decrease is in non-personal service due to the timing of expenditure of grant awards. Primary sources of Federal Aid include Wildlife Restoration grants, Fisheries and Marine Restoration grants, Section 6 (Endangered Species Act) grants and other grants from such federal agencies as Environmental Protection, Commerce, and Interior.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Division of Law Enforcement provided approximately 155,248 hours of time and activity or 54.7% of the total law enforcement hours worked (283,619) in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities. This was less than the 219,000 hours in 1998-99 which was 59.7% of total hours worked by Law Enforcement (366,800) and the difference may be attributed to the Training Academy which was held during FY 1999-00.

In terms of funding, this level of effort was worth \$16,606,392. The level of funding from the Conservation Fund increased from \$9,030,319 to \$9,606,163. In addition, a federal grant through the Department of Justice, COPSMORE grant program, provided \$1,013,894 in funding. This was the second year of the grant; the FY 1998-99 grant expenditure was \$326,220. Other operating funds, including the General Fund, provided \$5,986,335.

Services provided by the Division of Law Enforcement for the Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources program include enforcing fish and wildlife laws, conducting special investigations regarding license issuing officers and hunting accidents and hunter safety instruction.

AVIATION

As of April 1, 1997, the Division of Aviation was transferred to the New York State Police. At that time, the State Police became responsible for the entire Aviation operation, including conducting activities for the DEC Fish, Wildlife and Marine programs.

Services provided to Fish, Wildlife and Marine by the Aviation program include fish stocking, pond reclamation in the Adirondacks, water sampling, aerial surveys/photography and wildlife/waterfowl surveys and census.

The State Police reported that the costs incurred and flight hours logged by that agency from April 1999 to March 2000 on behalf of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities totaled \$187,739 and 510, respectively.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS and EDUCATION

Of the Division of Public Affairs and Education's total time and activity in support of all agency programs, the percentage devoted to Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities decreased from 5.5% to 3.7%. Total expenditures by the Division in direct support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine also decreased from \$130,785 to \$87,371. All expenditures were paid for by "Other Operating Funds."

Services provided by Public Affairs and Education include: providing information to the public via press releases and radio announcements about hunting/fishing seasons and zones; issuing special advisories related to hunting and fishing; and serving as liaison between DEC and the media in the area of fish, wildlife and marine activities.

OPERATIONS

Total expenditures by the Division of Operations in direct support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities for fiscal year 1999-00 totaled \$2,320,789 which is consistent with what was spent in 1998-99. The Conservation Fund contributed \$2,209,149 of the \$2,320,789. This is about 95% of the total expenditures incurred by Operations in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities during the April 1999 through March 2000 period. Other Operating Funds paid the balance of \$111,640.

Services provided by the Division of Operations for Fish, Wildlife and Marine include:

- Design and Construction which is responsible for the planning and coordination of the engineering and architectural design program as it relates to the development, rehabilitation, and maintenance of Department facilities such as dams, boat launch sites, fish hatcheries, and wildlife management areas.
- Field Operations which covers a range of services including the construction permitting, construction quality control and maintenance of a very diverse and expanding range of Department assets which include, dams, bridges, laboratories, boat launch sites, wildlife management areas, game farms and fish hatcheries.
- Transportation Services which involves responsibility for the Department's automotive equipment management program on a statewide basis. In support of all

Department programs, Transportation Services assists in the acquisition and assignment of automotive equipment, plus provides cost and use analysis, maintenance and disposal of all automotive equipment, i.e., cars, vans, pickup trucks, dump trucks, construction equipment, boats (large inboards to small outboards), etc.

Indirect support costs provided by this Division are addressed in the Indirect portion of this narrative.

CAPITAL

Capital expenditures total \$6,259,220. This is an increase of \$1,383,876 from the 1998-99 amount of \$4,875,344. Of the \$6,259,220 in Capital expenditures, \$3,356,461 was from the Environmental Protection Fund including projects related to the Hudson River Estuary Management Plan.

There were also Federal capital project expenditures of \$505,435 which include grants to private marinas.

INDIRECT SUPPORT

Indirect support service includes the Divisions of Executive, Management and Budget, Public Affairs and Education, Operations, Regional Affairs, Environmental Permits and Office of General Counsel activities (see methodology section for details). Indirect support service expenditures total \$14,408,941 for 1999-00, which is an increase of \$1,791,154 from 1998-99.

Of the \$14,408,941 total, the Conservation Fund contributed \$4,745,914 toward indirect support services; federal aid contributed \$1,712,878; and the balance of \$7,950,150 was paid by other operating funds, including the General Fund. Contributions from the Conservation Fund increased from 1998-99 by \$325,098. Federal aid contributions decreased by \$10,223. Contributions from Other Operating Funds increased by \$1,276,281.