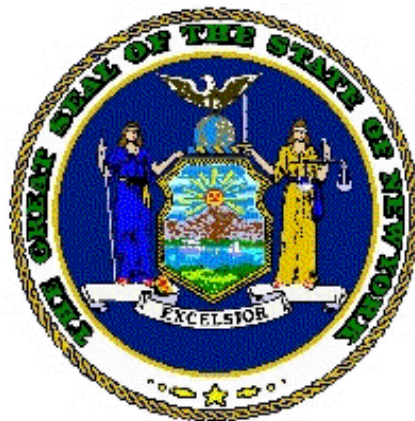


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CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD



Annual Report to the
Commissioner
and
Sportsmen and Sportswomen
April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

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1. A Message from the Chairperson

The Conservation Fund continued on life support during the State Fiscal Year (SFY) April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002. The Board 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 sportswomen who individually communicated their support of our proposals to their elected officials. We thank all of you and deeply appreciate the enduring commitment of New York's sportsmen and sportswomen to conservation of our fish and wildlife resources and to preservation of our sporting heritage.

The Board's efforts to permanently solve the Conservation fund crisis were frustrated during the period covered by this report by the most protracted budget process in the State's history. At the close of SFY 2001-02 the budget was still not finalized and the future of the Fund remained in jeopardy. The \$4.1 million in General Fund the Senate added to the Conservation fund in the 2000-2001 budget maintained the Fund in the black through part of the fiscal year, but further action was required to prevent a Fund deficit in the close of SFY 2001-2002. The legislature added an additional \$5.3 million in General Fund to the Conservation Fund to prevent a Fund deficit.

Finally, the Board, working with many partners, helped resolve the Conservation Fund crisis for the foreseeable future. The SFY 2002-2003 budget included a comprehensive package, described in detail later in this report, including a modest sporting license fee increase, that will maintain the health of the Fund for several years. The legislature did not act on the Governor's proposal to allow 14 and 15-year old hunters to hunt big game with rifle or shotgun. The Board will continue to pursue legislation to allow our well-trained and safe young hunters to hunt big game in New York just as they can in every other state in the Nation.

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. The Board has continued to enhance our communication with sportsmen and women by making more use of the World Wide Web. The minutes of Board meetings are available at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/cfab/index.html>

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

The Board saw two significant changes this past year. First, the untimely death of our Secretary Francis "Frank" E. Hartmann who represented Region 3, he will be sadly missed by all (Refer to Biography on page 5). The second was the retirement of Donald "Hap" Sherwood. Hap served the Board and the sportsmen and sportswomen of Region 7. He will be missed on the Board.

John J. Long Sr.
Chairperson

2. About This Report

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board is required to submit a report annually to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) by November 15th of each year. The primary purpose of this report to the Department is to advise the Commissioner regarding the Board's assessment of the extent to which expenditures and appropriations from the Conservation Fund are consistent with the requirements of state law. The Board will make its annual report available to the public by posting it on the Department of Environmental Conservation's 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.

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 over seven decades, 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 2001/2002, the Traditional Account generated **\$33,192,890**.

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, tidal wetlands permits, charter boat permits, whelk permits, food fish/crustacean permits, fines and other revenues. During 2001/2002, the Marine Resources Account generated **\$1,968,722**.

Migratory Bird Account

This is a relatively small account and funds are generated through the sale of collector stamps. During 2001/2002, this account generated **\$19,632**.

Guide License Account

Another very small account, the Guide License Account, generated **\$58,266** from the sale of guide licenses.

Surf Clam & Ocean Quahog Account

This account generated **\$55,671** from per bushel fees associated with clam harvest.

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 2001/2002, the lifetime license account generated **\$853,532** and had a balance of **\$9,464,090**. Life to date interest has been transferred to the Traditional Account in the amount of **\$480,822**, of which **\$247,989** was transferred during fiscal year 2001/2002.

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 (Vacant)

It is with regret that I noted the passing of longtime friend and CFAB member from Region 3.

Francis E. Hartmann

Frank's life was filled with concern and care for people, his community, his country; as well as for the stewardship of the outdoors. No matter how controversial an issue, his voice was always one of reason. His devotion to the field of conservation throughout his life was recognized in so many ways, including being awarded Sullivan County Sportsman of the Year in 1976, Sullivan County Board of Supervisors Conservationist of the Year in 1991, Upper Delaware Council Distinguished Citizen Award, Tri-County Sportsman of the Year in 1999, and New York State Outstanding Achievement in Conservation Award in 1999. On behalf of the sportsmen and sportswomen of New York State, Frank also worked tirelessly as a member and officer of both the Conservation Fund Advisory Board and New York State Conservation Council. His efforts were instrumental in protecting and conserving our fish and wildlife, as well as ensuring enhanced opportunities for New Yorkers to enjoy fish and wildlife recreational activities. We shall miss his humor, wise counsel, and devotion.

-John J. Long, Sr., Chairman, CFAB

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 NYS DEC 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 2001.

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 25 years and a full time resident and property owner for more than 15 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 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

Craig L. Tryon resides in Marietta, NY, was born in Cobleskill, NY, and is a lifelong resident of New York State. He holds AAS degree in Recreational Land Management from the SUNY College at Cobleskill and a BS degree in Business Administration from Columbia College. Craig is a decorated, combat wounded Viet Nam Veteran. He served in the US Army as a combat infantry unit radio operator in the 46th Infantry of the Americal Division based in Chu Lai, Republic of South Viet Nam. Craig has been employed for over 30 years by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. He is currently the Operations Supervisor for all state parks and historic sites in the 10 county Central New York Park Region. Craig is a member of the National Rifle Association, NYS Conservation Council, Friends of Carpenters Brook Fish Hatchery, and the White Otter Fish and Game Club. He is a Director of the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen Clubs and Chair of the DEC Region 7 Fish and Wildlife Management Board. Craig is a NYS Licensed Outdoor Guide and co-owner of Adirondack Wilderness Experiences Guide Service. He is Past President and currently the Treasurer of the New York State Outdoor Guide Association. Craig is the editor of the Guide Association's annual publication, A Guide to the Licensed Guides of New York State. In his recreational time, Craig is a avid hunter, fisherman, and fly tier. He enjoys wilderness camping, canoeing, and kayaking, as well as snowshoeing, hiking, and nature photography. He is a volunteer First Aid and CPR Instructor for the American Red Cross. Craig was appointed as the Region 7 Representative to the NYS CFAB in 2002.

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 29 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 past Chairman 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 2001/2002

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 2001-2002, the Conservation Fund Advisory Board adopted the following motions with a summary of the meeting minutes following:

**April 2, 2001
201st Meeting**

1. Resolution 04/01-01 "A Motion was made by Bob Monacchio that Minutes from both the February and March meeting be moved to the May meeting for final comments. Second by John Matusewicz and carried.
2. Resolution 04/01-02 A Motion was made by Bob Monacchio that Dennis Money becomes the temporary recording secretary. Second by Bud Woodfield and carried.
3. Resolution 04/01-03 A Motion was made by Charlie Bevilacqua to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 P.M. Second by John Matusewicz and carried.

Summary of Minutes

1. The Nominating Committee recommended John Long for Chairman, Bob Monacchio for Vice Chairman and Frank Hartmann for Secretary. All were approved for a one-year term.
2. Another major attempt is underway to gain passage of a full-scale CARA bill in the US Congress. A major point of contention is control of land and acquisition, and New York will only support a "willing seller, willing buyer" position.
3. In response to statements from the legislature that they would not support a license fee increase, the CFAB traveled to the legislature to meet with Senators Marcellino, Bruno, Stafford, Johnson and Connor, and Assembly persons Brodsky, Silver, Farrell, Tokasz and Faso. The meetings were deemed successful in educating legislators and their staff on the merits of fee increase, the lack of parity with surrounding states, and the impact with usurping the power of the legislature to make fee increases and allowing 14 and 15 year olds to hunt big game. The May CFAB meeting will reserve time for additional legislative visits.
4. Larry Johnson stated that a recent article opposing the use of the crossbows for hunting, and endorsed by the NY Conservation Office's Association, did not represent the rank and file of the officers. Interviews of 100 convicted poachers indicated that not one would use a crossbow since it does not instantly kill deer.
5. The legal/financial advisor committee recommended that a search for a consultant to the Board be initiated. Any such person should be a non-voting member and compensated from the General Fund. A letter will be sent to Senate and Assembly ENCON Committee leaders asking for enabling legislation to be drafted.
6. Gerry Barnhart stated that he is working on finding

staffing for the Board's needs.

7. Discussions concerning the wording of the contract for automated licensing are at a crucial point, with State Comptroller's Office contending that MCI is responsible for lost license revenue if the system "crashes". As soon as a decision is reached, Gerry Barnhart will notify the Board.

**May 7, 2001
202nd Meeting**

1. Resolution 05/01-01 A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the April meeting with the understanding that the position of the Board was that no compromise should be made on the proposed license fee increase package.
2. Resolution 05/01-02 A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Woodfield. Mr. Hartmann seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Summary of Minutes

1. John Matusewicz and Bud Woodfield both received awards from The Wildlife Society for their work to obtain passage of CARA.
2. The Conservation Education Camps are filling up rapidly. Three EMT's will be hired to provide healthcare services at the camps. The *Conservationist* is now at a subscription level of 102,00 and will feature line-of duty stories of ECO's and the State FWM Board.
3. The Board recessed to visit legislators with the following talking points: the license fee proposal is endorsed by major conservation groups; the Conservation fund does need the money; the proposal is a comprehensive package that also lowers minimum age to hunt big game and establishes a voluntary habitat stamp; NY fees are lower than surrounding state, and there have been no resident fee increases since 1992.
4. Wayne Jones provided a summary of improvements to hunter education instructor recruitment and certification, including background checks complete within 30 days; establish standard, modular training courses; establish two application/training windows annually; implement courses consisting of home study and a one day intensive training course; establish mentor for each applicant; boost instructor rewards. There are currently 3,300 instructors that provide 1,200 course annually.
5. The status of the computerized license system has not changed from the last meeting, however MCI did sign the contract.
6. Letters of support for CARA have been sent to all

congressional members.

7. DEC and OPR have the authority to regulate activity at boat launch sites. Recent state park interpretations that fishing tournaments and regattas, thereby requiring a permit, warrant further discussion and investigation.
8. Many ECO's feel misrepresented by recent reissue of the position statement of the Eco Association opposing the use of crossbows for hunting.

**June 4, 2001
203rd Meeting**

1. Resolution 06/01-01 Motion made by Monacchio to table the discussion regarding Minutes, but it would be a major item to resolve at the next meeting. Seconded by Matuszewicz and carried.
2. Resolution 06/01-02 Motion made by Bevilacqua to draft a letter to the DEC Commissioner regarding concerns raised (see detailed description under Minutes, #'s 1-6). Seconded by Matuszewicz and carrier.
3. Resolution 06/01-03 Motion made by Hartmann to send a letter to the Commissioner requesting that license sales be reinstated at the regional offices. Sicley seconded, and carried.
4. Resolution 06/01-04 " Matuszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 P.M." The motion was seconded by Sherwood and carried.

Summary of Minutes

1. The new Region 4 CFAB Representative, Mark Storti, was introduced and welcomed.
2. A moment of silence was held for Barbara Hogan.
3. Discussions ensued regarding of minutes for the CFAB and the general lack of support for CFAB from the Department. Points included the lack of a permanent secretary; overdue minutes; no minutes on web site; unresolved issue of separate legal and financial counsel; bypassing CFAB on important issues such as Department budgets and the discussions between MCI and the State Comptroller's Office. A motion was passed to write to the DEC Commissioner regarding concerns.
4. License agents are quitting selling licenses because of small profits and red tape. The board feels that DEC should start selling licenses at regional offices, and Gerry Barnhart noted that this was at the discretion of the Regional Director but would be supported by the Division with the necessary equipment if desired. A motion was passed to write to the DEC Commissioner requesting that license sales be reinstated at regional DEC offices.
5. Only 10 of 31 New York representatives have

responded to support the second attempt to obtain passage of CARA

6. The Board feels that they need an update on the DEC budget for next year since there won't be a license fee increase and the deficit is projected to be between \$5-8 million. Presentation and discussion by Director Barnhart will be made at the next meeting.
7. Assemblyman Granis has proposed a bill to allow local government to regulate trapping. Another bill would increase the 500-foot no-shooting zone around schools and dwellings to 1,000 feet.
8. Law Enforce Director Larry Johnson stated that they had requested a grant from the National Marine Fishery Service to purchase boats and other equipment for the New York City and Long Island areas. With no state budget in place, the issue of another training academy is on hold. The process of filling law enforcement vacancies has to be reviewed on a statewide basis, and the process is complicated by canvass and bidding requirements. If a serious situation arises, offices can be quickly mobilized and assigned to help.
9. The issue of back tags for fishermen was discussed but not acted upon.
10. Director Barnhart stated that DEC would draft a letter in opposition to the Granis bill.
11. Legislators are stating that they are hearing from federations and individuals in support of the license fee increase proposal.
12. The automated licensing system will be installed in Erie and Albany Counties by 12/3/01 and statewide by 3/31/02.
13. The move into the new DEC building by Fish, Wildlife and Marine staff is underway with Wildlife Pathology the only unit to remain elsewhere.

**July 9, 2001
204th Meeting**

1. Resolution 07/01-01 A motion to approve June 2001 Minutes as amended was made by Money and seconded by Woodfield. The motion carried.
2. Resolution 07/01-02 A motion to approve January 2001 Minutes as amended was made by Hartmann and seconded by Woodfield. The motion carried.
3. Resolution 07/01-03 A motion was made by Matuszewicz and seconded by Sicley to approve the February 2001 minutes. The motion carried.
4. Resolution 07/01-04 A motion was made by Woodfield and seconded by Hartmann to approve the amended March 2001 minutes. The motion carried.

5. Resolution 07/01-05 A motion was made by Woodfield and seconded by Sicley to approve the May 2001 minutes. The motion carried.
6. Resolution 07/01-06 A motion was made by Money to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 P.M. seconded by Hartmann. The motion carried.

Summary of Minute

1. Minutes - A backlog of CFAB minutes and summaries were reviewed and approved with minor changes.
2. License Fee Increase Proposal - Current project deficits without a license fee increase were reviewed. The Conservation fund is currently in the red, and it will require approximately \$5.3 million to balance this account through the end of fiscal 01/02. If an emergency spending measure to be passed July 16 does not include the license fee increase, it will be too late to make any changes before licenses go on sale August 13. Letter to the Legislative leaders, the Governor, Commissioner Crotty and outdoor writers was prepared to alert them to the crisis in the Conservation Fund, to give examples of the types of cuts that will be required to balance the Fund, and urge passage of the license fee increase proposal.
3. Revenue & Accounting - The backlog of accounting for license agents sales and revenue is being reduced, and is now caught up to the year 2000.
4. Law Enforcement - There could be up to 1/3 turnover in the ranks of ECO's in the next 4-5 years. Good offices are being lost to other law enforcement agencies. Hopefully there will be a new academy early in 2002, but this may depend on a license fee increase.
5. Public Affairs & Education - Targets for minority ands disadvantage youth at the Environmental Education Camps have been met.
6. Grannis Trapping Bill - There is pressure in the Assembly to pass this bill, and it has passed the ENCON Committee and is in Codes. However, the Senate will not act on it this year.
7. CARA - As of 7/9/01, 235 Congressmen have signed on as sponsors, including all but one from New York. Passage appears favorable.
8. Legal/Accounting Assistance - Two paths should be explored, including using an existing DEC attorney who has no responsibilities with regard to the fish and wildlife program, and hiring an independent attorney under a personal service contract. Discussion tabled pending committee report.

**August 5, 2001
205th Meeting**

1. Resolution 08/01-01 A motion was made by Mr. Kill and seconded by Mr. Woodfield to defer approval of July Minutes until the September meeting.
2. Resolution 08/01-02 "Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Kill seconded a motion to adjourn." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Summary of Minutes

1. Cormorant population on Little Galloo Island have been greatly diminished, but cormorants are still increasing on Lake Ontario, especially on the Canadian side. Need USF&W Service approval to control population.
2. There will be no license fee increase this year, although the Legislature could still act to pass an increase that will become effective the next license year. In absence of an increase, the Conservation Fund needs \$5.3 million this fiscal year and \$8.2 million next fiscal year to remain solvent. Letters of support for the license fee increase package are still needed and should be address to the legislative leadership including Silver, Bruno, Stafford and Farrell.
3. Steelhead populations in Lake Ontario exhibit poor survival rates, and perhaps this is because they are not achieving "smoltification" at the Salmon River Hatchery. Improved water supplies and retention of young steelhead for two years should be considered.
4. Problems with the hunter education program, and natural gas drilling on wildlife management areas and state forests are to be discussed at the September CFAB meeting.

**September 10, 2001
206th Meeting**

1. Resolution 09/01-01 "Matuszewicz made a motion to accept the August 2001 Minutes as amended." The motion was seconded by Woodfield and carried.
2. Resolution 09/01-02 A motion was made by Woodfield and seconded Sicley to accept the July 2001 minutes as written. The motion carried
3. Resolution 09/01-03 A motion was made requesting DEC to conduct an internal review of options available to CFAB for legal and financial assistance, to report back to the Board on 10/1/01, and for CFAB to write to the legislature requesting a change in the law regarding CFAB structure if deemed necessary. Motion made by Money and seconded by Storti. Carried. Nay - Bevilacqua.
4. Resolution 09/01-04 " Matuszewicz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 P.M." The

motion was seconded by Sicley and carried.

Summary of Minutes

1. New York State will receive \$2.382 million from the one-year \$50 million appropriated by the Congress under "CARA Lite". Six initiatives will be funded, including: 1) Suburban/Urban Fishing 2) Web-based Hunter Education 3) Watershed Restoration 4) GIS-Based Recreation Website 5) Wildlife Damage Management 6) Species Conservation
2. Wayne Jones is the Chairman of a Committee established under the International Hunter Education Association to develop a web-based hunter training course. A completed draft is expected by May, 2002, and many states and provinces are committed to this development.
3. The automated license system is on schedule, with pilots in Albany and Erie Counties in December 2001 and the whole system operational for 2002 license sales.
4. The Conservation Fund is still projected to have a deficit of \$5.1 million through 3/31/02.
5. The new captain in Region 6 is Steve Pearson. There are 21 vacancies in the Division of Law Enforcement. New offices are hard to retain because they are highly trained and recruited by other law enforcement agencies with higher pay scales.
6. DEC was requested to review and make recommendations to the CFAB for legal and financial assistance.

October 1, 2001

207th Meeting

1. Resolution 10/01-01 "Mr. Monacchio made a motion to accept the September 2001 Minutes." The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodfield and carried.
2. Resolution 10/01-02 "Mr. Bavalacqua moved and Mrs. Sicley seconded a motion to approve the Annual report for FY 00/01. The motion carried.
3. Resolution 10/01-03 "Mr. Monacchio made a motion to appoint Dennis Money as the new CFAB Secretary. Mr. Matusiewicz seconded the motion and it carried.
4. Resolution 10/01-04 "Mr. Matusiewicz moved and Mr. Storti seconded the motion to adjourn." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

1. A moment of silence was held for CFAB member Frank Hartmann, who passed away in September, 2001.
2. The Conservation Fund is currently \$700,000 in the

red, but this should improve as late summer/ fall license revenue is received. However, projection of \$5.1 million deficit through 3/31/02 is still valid.

3. CFAB minutes are up to date and posted on the web.
4. Efforts to pass CARA are currently on hold. However, another one year appropriation of \$100 million to continue CARA programs appears likely in federal FY02/03.
5. Young salmonids are being pen reared until they smolt at a number of locations along Lake Ontario. This should decrease mortality and improve number and distribution of adult returns.
6. "Fish NY" is the new urban/suburban fishing initiative, one of six that are being funded from \$2.3 million received from "CARA Lite" one year federal FY01/02 appropriation.
7. The drilling of deep gas wells is exploding in New York, and some potential exists to gain revenue to the Conservation Fund from wells on state wildlife management areas.
8. Law Enforcement had a major commitment to problems resulting from the attacks on the World Trade Center. Up to 40 offices were sent downstate on 5 day rotations and communications centers had to be maintained on a 24/7 basis.
9. The annual report covering the period 4/1/00 to 3/31/01 is complete and will be distributed including posting on the web.

November 2, 2001

208th Meeting

1. Resolution 11/01-01 "Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Storti seconded to approve the October Minutes." The motion carried.
2. Resolution 11/01-02 A motion was made by Mr. Woodfield to support the recommended license fee increases dated 10/05/01; draft a letter to the Legislative leadership requesting they amend the license fee bill to include these recommended fees. Mr Money second and the motion carried.
3. Resolution 11/01-03 A motion was made by Storti to place resolution of NYS Conservation Council to allow scopes on muzzleloading rifles on the agenda of the next meeting. Second by Sherwood. Motion to table Bevilacqua; Carried
4. Resolution 11/01-04 "Storti moved and Sicley seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

1. Board was asked to consider recommending a new permanent opening for the Southern Zone big game season ... first Saturday before Thanksgiving.
2. *The Conservationist* subscription level is now

105,000. Goal is to reach 125,000 by end of 2002.

3. Current projection for Conservation Fund is deficit of \$3.172 million by 3/31/02. Without a modest fee increase now, coupled with a supplemental appropriation of \$5.5 million from the General Fund, license cost are projected to skyrocket by 03/04 to cover projected \$17.76 million in Conservation Fund.
4. New academy for ECO's is still planned for beginning of 2002. Approval is anticipated to fill law enforcement vacancies.
5. State Fish and Wildlife Management Board wants to hold joint Executive meeting of CFAB, State FWM Board and NYS Conservation Council in March 2002.
6. DEC is spending \$1.5 million annually on Hunter Education Program.
7. Region 5 Coordinator approved, two other vacancies to be re-justified under new budget guidelines.
8. New schedule for development on Internet course to be prepared; date scheduled for presentation to the Board.

**December 3, 2001
209th Meeting**

1. Resolution 12/01-01 "Mr. Matuszewicz made a motion to accept the 1/8/01 Minutes with minor changes." The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodfield and carried.
2. Resolution 12/01-02 "Mr. Storti moved and Mrs. Sicley seconded a motion to approve the 11/2/01 Minutes with minor changes." The motion carried.
3. Resolution 12/01-03 "Mr. Matuszewicz made a motion that CFAB supports the opening of all New York City lands and waters to recreational hunting and fishing, Mr. Storti seconded the motion carried.
4. Resolution 12/01-04 "Mr. Storti made a motion that CFAB supports NYSCC Resolution 01-2 and 01-5 to allow scopes on muzzle loading firearms. Seconded by Mr. Monacchio, the motion carried.
5. Resolution 12/01-05 "Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Matuszewicz seconded a motion that CFAB supports the resolutions of the NYS Conservation Council's 2001 Annual meeting." The motion passed.
6. Resolution 12/01-06 "Mr. Woodfield moved and Mr. Money seconded a motion to adjourn." The motion carried and the meeting was adjourn at 2:25 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

1. License fee increase package includes CFAB fee recommendations dated 10/5/01. Package

eliminates authority for DEC Commissioner to raise license fees upon recommendation from CFAB. Other provisions remain the same.

2. Overall state budget projected to be \$3 billion deficit this fiscal year and \$6 billion next year. Stringent hiring freeze in effect, although approval to hire seasonals has been obtained.
3. EFP funded projects and NYC lands and waters should be open to recreational hunting and fishing.
4. Hank Hamilton, DEC Director of Internal Audit will provide fiscal assistance to the Board.
5. Vermont Chapter of Audubon is bring suit to block the use of chemicals to control lamprey in Lake Champlain.
6. Sportsman Education Committee will re-examine the issue of charging a fee to take course.
7. Regulation to allow use of scopes on muzzle loading firearms to be advanced by DEC.
8. 8,000 acres of former Seneca Army Depot to be sold by Seneca Industrial Development Authority.
9. Computer Licensing Committee to re-examine the need for a fishing back tag.

**January 7, 2002
210th Meeting**

1. Resolution 01/02-01 "Mr. Matuszewicz moved and Mrs. Sicley seconded a motion to approve the December 3, 2001 minutes. Carried.
2. Resolution 01/02-02 "Mr. Monacchio moved and Mr. Kill seconded a motion to authorize expenses for a maximum of three trips to Washington, DC by John Matuszewicz to promote passage of CARA." The motion carried.
3. Resolution 01/02-03 A motion to seek legal changes to require a pre-paid license voucher for a hunter/trapper education course equal to the cost of the license desired, and applicable to the purchase of that license after successful completion of the course was made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Matuszewicz. Motion carried.
4. Resolution 01/02-04 Mr. Kill moved and Mrs. Sicley seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

1. Although the Conservation Fund is currently in the black, revenue from license sales has dropped off, and there are still large salary and fringe benefit payments to be made through 3/31/02. Current projections are for a significant deficit by the fiscal year close out of 6/1/02.
2. A license fee increase is needed in addition to a "plug" of \$5.3 million from general funds for FY 01/02.

3. The Board will wait for the Executive Budget to be released before deciding on a course of action with regard to the license fee increase proposal.
4. The Board will review the Division work plans at the next meeting in order to determine and prioritize recommended cuts.
5. The 2001 deer take appears to be 4% less than 2000. Additional season and limit authority is needed to control populations.
6. NYC Reservoir lands and waters probably will be re-opened to fishing but will require a new permit. There is no word on hunting.
7. The cost of a 2002 campership at DEC Environmental Education Camps will increase \$25 from \$200 to \$225.
8. The Board is recommending that a fee be established to take a hunter education course equal to and applicable to the cost of a small game license.

**February 11, 2002
211th Meeting**

1. Resolution 02/02-01 "Mr. Monacchio made a motion to approve the January 7, 2002 Minutes as amended." It was seconded by Mr. Storti and carried.
2. Resolution 02/02-02 "Mr. Monacchio made a motion to table discussion of possible fish and wildlife program reductions to the next meeting. It was seconded by Mrs. Sicley and carried.
3. Resolution 02/02-03 " Mr. Monacchio made a motion to reconsider the value of establishing a fishing back tag. Seconded by Mr. Woodfield Carried. Oppose Mr. Kill.
4. Resolution 02/02-04 "Mr. Storti made a motion to adjourn the meeting." It was seconded by Mr. Woodfield and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

1. "Return a Gift To Wildlife" donation are not a separate account in the Conservation Fund; these funds may be used for any legitimate fish and wildlife management purpose.
2. DECALS is scheduled to be implemented in Erie and Albany Counties in March. Other agents will come on line after they receive mandatory training, get the proper equipment and have an account in good standing.
3. A web based hunter education course is planned to be online by September, 2002.
4. All license agent accounts have been examined and all billing has been completed through the 2001 license year, and these accounts are now completely up to date.

5. Executive Budget includes proposed license fee increase in addition to \$250 million for the Environmental Protection Fund. Details are on DEC website.
6. Hearings on draft Fish and Wildlife Service EIS for cormorant control are scheduled around the country.
7. Division of Law Enforcement will have anticipated 36 vacancies to fill by graduation of current academy. Over \$623,000 in overtime has been expended on World Trade Center disaster.
8. License Committee will review need/desire for fishing back tag.

**March 17, 2002
212th Meeting**

1. Resolution 03/02-01 A motion was made by Mr. Storti to approve Minutes of Feb. 11, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Money and the motion carried.
2. Resolution 03/02-02 "Mr. Kill made a motion to support DEC Bill 277." It was seconded by Mr. Woodfield and carried.
3. Resolution 03/02-03 Motion to support DEC Bill 274 made by Mr. Storti and seconded by Mrs. Sicley the motion carried. Abstain Mr. Kill.
4. Resolution 03/02-04 " Mr. Kill made a motion to support the Seneca White Deer plan." Mrs. Sicley seconded and the motion carried.
5. Resolution 03/02-05 " Mr. Kill made a motion to adjourn." Mr. Storti seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Summary of Meeting

- Conservation Fund received \$3 million deficiency appropriation of \$5.3 million requested.
- DECALS is up and running, should have 40 agents on line by May 1.
- Chronic wasting disease is major concern; Division has the authority to ban import of live deer and will act aggressively.
- Public meetings on deer management will be held in each region in latter part of May.
- NYC reservoirs were stocked this spring; City is issuing use permits.
- Governor committed \$1.5 million to public fishing rights acquisition. Plan to mark and map PFR soon out for RFP (request for proposals).
- 50% of DEC staff will be eligible to retire within the next 5 years; succession plan is being developed.

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/dfwmc/cfab/index.html>

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 Department of Environmental 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. Again, the New York State Legislature infused General Fund dollars into the Fund as a temporary solution for FY 2001/2002.

The Governor again proposed action to sustain the Conservation Fund in his 2002/2003 budget proposal. On May 16, 2002 the legislature approved the license fee increase package. New fees are in effect for the license year beginning October 1, 2002 and licenses reflecting the increased costs went on sale on August 22, 2002 at the New York State Fair and at all other license outlets on August 26, 2002.

A summary of the provisions of this legislation follows.

Amends existing provisions of Article 11 of the Environmental Conservation Law to:

- require the Department of Environmental Conservation to provide the Conservation Fund Advisory Board with information on current and anticipated income and expenditures for the fish and wildlife program by September first of each year;
- establish a new super-sportsman license for residents and non-residents which grants big game, small game, bowhunting, muzzle-loading, fishing and turkey hunting privileges;
- establish a conservation legacy license package which includes a resident super-sportsman license, a habitat stamp and a subscription to the Conservationist; and
- establish a conservation patron package that includes a habitat stamp and a subscription to the Conservationist;
- authorize sale of a new, voluntary habitat stamp to generate revenue to be used for habitat management and public access improvements. Revenue from the sale of the habitat stamp will 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 muzzle loader seasons to take three deer. The proposal also authorizes the Department to set regulations to ensure this provision would not negatively affect the management of deer populations via harvest of antlerless deer. In most circumstances, hunters would be able to take three deer, but not more than two bucks;
- extend the number of days that 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 hunter and trapper 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;
- establish the percentage of fee revenues which the issuing officers may retain upon the sale of licenses, stamps, certificates, and permits and subscriptions to the Conservationist, and
- allow for a one dollar commission to the issuing agent for replacement education certificates;
- make certain technical changes to streamline and simplify language regarding sporting license types; and
- provide an effective date of October 1, 2002 with provision that regulations necessary to implement the act may be promulgated before the effective date.

This legislation also amended Section 83 of the State Finance Law to provide that the revenue from the sale of voluntary habitat stamps shall be deposited in a new habitat sub-account within the Conservation Fund to be used for fish and wildlife habitat management and improvement of public access for hunting, fishing, trapping and other wildlife-associated recreational activities.

The new sporting license fee schedule is as follows:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
New York Resident		Resident & Nonresident	
Senior Sportsman	\$ 5	Jr. Small Game	\$ 5
Seven-day Fishing	\$ 12	Jr. Archery	\$ 9
Fishing	\$ 19	One-day Fishing	\$ 15
Small & Big Game ¹	\$ 19	Conservation Patron ⁴	\$ 12
Small Game	\$ 16	Habitat & Access Stamp ⁵	\$ 5
Trapping	\$ 16	Resident Lifetime Licenses	
Jr. Trapping	\$ 6	Sportsman ⁶	
Sportsman	\$ 37	child under 5 yrs old	\$300
Bowhunting	\$ 16	child 5-11 yrs old	\$420
Muzzleloading	\$ 16	12-64 yrs old	\$600
Super Sportsman ²	\$ 68	65 yrs and older	\$ 50
Turkey Permit	\$ 5	Small and Big Game ⁷	\$350
Conservation Legacy ³	\$ 76	Fishing	\$350
Nonresident		Trapping	\$300
Fishing	\$ 40	Bowhunting	\$180
Hunting	\$ 55	Muzzleloading	\$180
Big Game	\$110		
Seven-day Fishing	\$ 25		
Muzzleloading	\$110		
Bowhunting	\$110		
Bear Tag	\$ 30		
Turkey Permit	\$ 30		
Super Sportsman	\$250		
Trapping	\$255		

- Notes:**
- ¹New license type that allows the bearer to hunt both small and big game. The current big game license is eliminated.
 - ²New license type that allows the bearer to hunt small game and big game, bow hunt, muzzle-loader hunt, hunt turkeys and fish.
 - ³New license type that includes a super sportsman license, habitat and access stamp and subscription to The Conservationist.
 - ⁴Purchase package that includes a subscription to the Conservationist and a habitat and access stamp.
 - ⁵A voluntary stamp. Revenue from sale of this item will go into a dedicated account within the Conservation Fund and can only be used for projects to protect and improve habitat and to provide public access for fish and wildlife-related recreation.
 - ⁶Lifetime turkey permit is included with purchase of a lifetime sportsman license.
 - ⁷New license type. Replaces lifetime small game and lifetime big game licenses.

This package will keep the Conservation Fund healthy through 2007, 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, New York State Conservation Council and many other conservation organizations strongly supported this package. The following table shows New York's sporting license fees remain very competitive with our neighboring states.

**A SIMPLE COMPARISON OF 2002-2003 NEW YORK RESIDENT SPORTING
LICENSE FEES
WITH FIVE NEIGHBORING STATES**

FISHING*

CT	NY	VT	PA	MA	NJ	AVG.
\$15.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$27.50	\$33.00	\$22.83

HUNTING**

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

TRAPPING

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 congratulates and thanks the Governor and the Legislature for enacting this landmark legislation. However, we are disappointed that the Legislature failed to enact provisions of the package that would have authorized 14 and 15-year old junior hunters to hunt big game with a rifle or shotgun. Every other state in the United States provides this type of hunting opportunity for junior hunters. We will continue to work with the Governor and the Legislature to enact legislation that will allow 14 and 15-year old junior hunters to hunt big game.

8. Projected Health of Conservation Fund

The table below reflects the projected status of the Conservation Fund.

Fiscal Year	Actual Cash Balance 4/1	Projected Carry-In	Uncommitted Balance	Projected Receipts	Total Available	Projected Disbursements	Cash Balance 3/31	Projected Carry-out	Uncommitted Balance
2001-2002 ¹	5.66	3.40	2.26	36.19 ²	38.45	36.24	2.21	3.5	-1.29
2002-2003 ³	2.21	3.5	-1.29	42.21 ⁴	40.924	37.55	3.374	3.0	0.374
2003-2004	3.374	3	0.374	44.38	44.754	40.74	4.014	1.95	2.064
2004-2005	4.014	1.95	2.064	45.21	47.274	41.66	5.614	1.95	3.664
2005-2006	5.614	1.95	3.664	45.21	48.874	42.14	6.734	1.95	4.784
2006-2007	6.734	1.95	4.784	45.21	49.994	42.69	7.304	1.95	5.354

1 Actual FY 00-01 Receipts and Expenditures

2 Note - Includes 3 million dollars infused by the Legislature on 3/25/2002

3 Represents enacted fee increase in fall of 2002.

4 Note - includes 2.3 million dollars infused by the Legislature on 4/18/02

9. Conclusion and Recommendation

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 are consistent with Section 83 of the State Finance Law. The Conservation Fund package enacted into law in the 2002/2003 budget should generate sufficient revenue to keep the Fund healthy through State Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

The Board recommends that the Department update the fiscal projections for the Conservation Fund on an annual basis so that the Board may advise the Department regarding any appropriate actions regarding revenue or expenditures. The Board further recommends that revenue into the Conservation Fund be used to at least maintain the 2001-2002 level of programs and services to sporting license buyers and, if revenue exceeds projections, that programs and services be expanded commensurately.

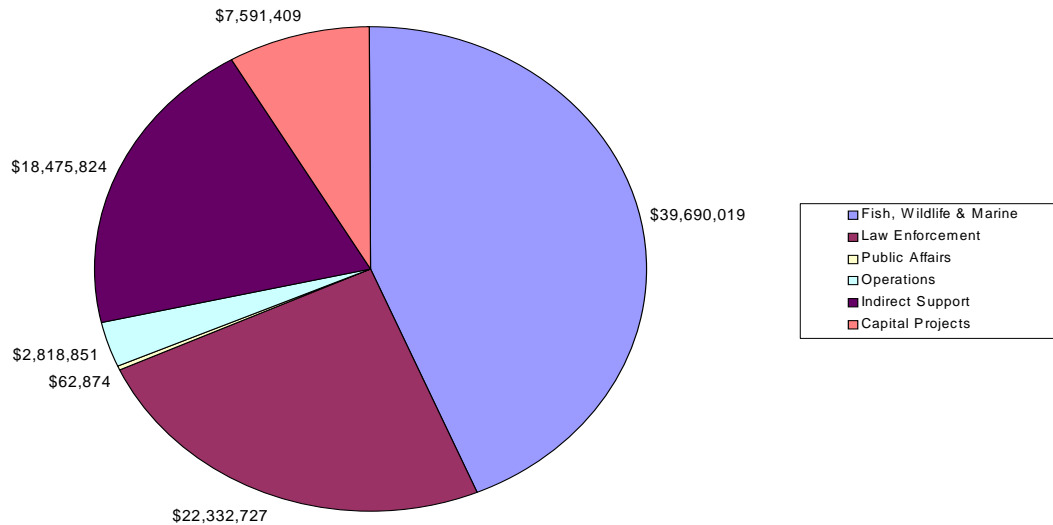
10. Fiscal Report

The total level of expenditure for the 2000-01 program was \$90,971,704.00, which is an increase of \$13,664,523.00 from the \$77,307,181.00 amount reported in 1999-00. An explanation of the change in each program's expenditures is contained in the appropriate narrative below.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS

<u>Program</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
Fish, Wildlife & Marine	\$37,436,729	\$39,690,019	\$ 2,253,290
Law Enforcement	\$16,606,392	\$22,332,727	\$5,726,335
Aviation	\$187,739	0	(\$187,739)
Public Affairs	\$87,371	\$62,874	(\$24,497)
Operations	\$2,320,789	\$2,818,851	\$498,062
Indirect Support	\$14,408,941	\$18,475,824	\$4,066,883
FW&M Capital Projects	<u>\$6,259,220</u>	<u>\$7,591,409</u>	<u>\$1,332,189</u>
Total	\$77,307,181	\$90,971,704	\$13,664,523

**Fish and Wildlife Program Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2000-2001**



In 2000-01, the Conservation Fund paid \$39,868,499; federal aid paid \$11,260,071; Capital paid \$7,591,409; and the balance of \$32,261,725 was paid by other operating funds, including the General Fund.

SUMMARY OF SOURCES OF FUNDS

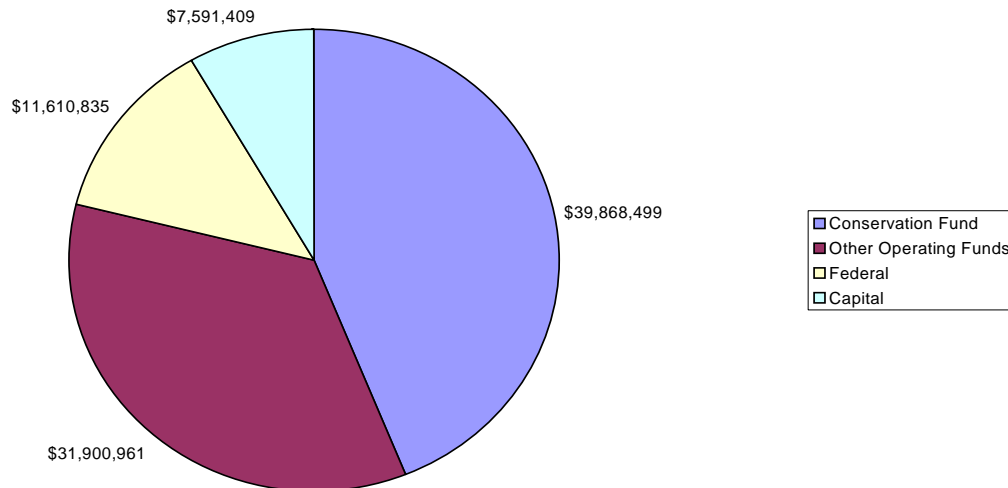
<u>Fund</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
Conservation Fund*	\$ 37,261,859	\$39,868,499	\$2,606,640
Other Operating Funds	\$21,825,195	\$31,900,961	\$10,075,766
Federal	\$11,960,907	\$11,610,835	(\$350,072)
Capital	<u>\$6,259,220</u>	<u>\$7,591,409</u>	<u>\$1,332,189</u>
Total	\$77,307,181	\$90,971,704	\$13,664,523

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

REVENUE TO THE TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE CONSERVATION FUND

The Tables below depicts the revenue for fiscal years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 to the

**Sources of Funds for Fish and Wildlife
Fiscal Year 2000-2001**



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 comparative statements do provide useful information for monitoring trends in sales of specific license types.

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
CONSERVATION FUND - TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
4/01/00 - 3/31/01 4/01/01 - 3/31/02**

TYPE OF REVENUE	SALES	RECEIPTS	SALES	RECEIPTS	Chg. in Sales	Change in Receipts
Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses						
Res. Senior	108,401	\$434,931.00	108,789	\$438,347.00	388	\$3,416.00
Res. 3-Day Fishing	24,724	\$124,449.00	24,031	\$121,017.00	(693)	(\$3,432.00)
Res. Fishing	376,600	\$4,899,922.00	377,146	\$4,906,594.00	546	\$ 6,672.00
Jr. Hunting	20,603	\$82,477.00	20,223	\$80,933.00	(380)	(\$1,544.00)
Res. Big Game	129,074	\$1,549,521.00	125,441	\$1,505,740.00	(3,633)	(\$43,781.00)
Res. Trapping	7,765	\$93,339.00	8,261	\$99,239.00	496	\$5,900.00
Res. Jr. Trapping	539	\$2,701.00	657	\$3,288.00	118	\$587.00
Res. Jr. Archery	4,880	\$38,480.00	4,125	\$33,006.00	(755)	(\$5,474.00)
Res. Sportsmen	360,785	\$10,829,116.00	362,426	\$10,876,907.00	1,641	\$47,791.00
Res. Hunting	26,398	\$264,187.00	26,974	\$259,939.00	576	(\$4,248.00)
Bowhunting	170,879	\$1,711,542.00	173,002	\$1,731,963.00	2,123	\$20,421.00
Muzzleloading	92,380	\$924,972.00	99,502	\$996,107.00	7,122	\$71,135.00
Res. Second Deer	27,260	\$302,781.00	28,683	\$286,854.00	1,423	(\$15,927.00)
Resident Turkey	258,479	\$389,754.00	261,348	\$393,624.00	2,869	\$3,870.00
Muskellunge	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Subtotal - Resident	1,608,767	\$21,648,172.00	1,620,608	\$21,733,558.00	11,841	\$85,386.00
Non-Res. Fishing	69,327	\$2,360,877.00	68,767	\$2,341,826.00	(560)	(\$19,051.00)
Non-Res. 5-Day Fishing	79,936	\$1,521,236.00	77,540	\$1,475,733.00	(2,396)	(\$45,503.00)
Non-Res. Hunting	9,512	\$467,889.00	9,417	\$463,136.00	(95)	(\$4,753.00)
Non-Res. 5 Day Hunting	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Non-Res. Big Game	29,918	\$2,966,127.00	30,814	\$3,055,160.00	896	\$89,033.00
Non-Res. Trapping	24	\$6,022.00	25	\$6,277.00	1	\$255.00
Non-Res. Combination	5,848	\$1,310,973.00	6,205	\$1,391,072.00	357	\$80,099.00
Non-Res. Muzzleloading	1,471	\$109,069.090	1,638	\$121,436.00	167	\$12,367.00
Non-Res. Bowhunting	2,977	\$295,143.00	2,808	\$278,407.00	(169)	(\$16,736.00)
Non-Res. Bear Tag	1,736	\$41,922.00	1,717	\$41,492.00	(19)	(\$430.00)
Non-Res. Turkey	8,930	\$219,831.50	9,287	\$228,566.00	357	\$8,734.50
Subtotal - Non Resident	209,679	\$9,299,089.50	208,218	\$9,403,105.00	(1,461)	\$104,015.50
Subtotal Res. & Non Res.	1,818,446	\$30,947,261.50	1,828,826	\$31,136,663.00	10,380	\$189,401.50.00
One Day Fishing	26,887	\$274,171.00	26,576	\$262,643.00	(311)	(\$11,528.00)
Replacement Turkey	1,121	\$2,242.00	852	\$1,704.00	(269)	(\$538.00)
Lost License Certificates	8,227	\$30,252.00	6,813	\$31,014.00	(1,414)	\$762.00
Attorney General Adjustments	0	(\$1,49874)	0	(\$792.00)	0	\$706.74
Suspense Adjustments	0	\$2,297.83	0	0	0	(\$2,297.83)
License Refunds	0	(\$3,738.60)	0	(\$1,521.00)	0	\$2217.60
Revenue Accounting Audit Adjustments	0	\$12,218.24	0	\$16,925.06	0	\$4,706.82
Transfer from Lifetime Account	0	\$0.00	0	\$247,989.00	0	\$247,989.00
TOTAL	1,854,681	\$31,263,205.23	1,863,067	\$31,694,625.06	8,386	\$431,419.83

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

4/01/00 - 3/31/01 4/01/01 - 3/31/02

TYPE OF REVENUE	RECEIPTS	RECEIPTS	CHANGE
Special Licenses & Permits			
Deer Management Permits	\$341,033.75	\$357,930.00	\$16,896.25
Special Licenses	\$159,179.85	\$147,444.46	(\$11,735.39)
TOTAL	\$500,213.60	\$505,374.46	\$5,160.86
Misc. Receipts & Fed. Reimb.			
Fees	\$700.00	\$400.00	(\$300.00)
Refund of Expenses	\$25,021.68	\$3,629.91	(\$21,391.77)
*Fines - Court Administration and Justice Court	\$453,800.20	\$370,149.94	(\$83,650.26)
Fines - Article 11	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines - Article 13	\$500.00	0.00	(\$500.00)
Fines - Other	\$14,150.00	\$42,238.52	\$28,088.52
Assessments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rentals & Royalties	\$11,548.42	\$15,937.67	\$4,389.25
Miscellaneous Sales	\$26,071.44	\$20,324.40	(\$5,747.04)
Gifts & Donations	\$23,975.74	\$38,705.77	\$14,730.03
Sundry General	(\$27.93)	(\$229.00)	(\$201.07)
TOTAL	\$555,739.55	\$491,157.21	(\$64,582.34)
Other Revenue & Adjustments			
Interest	\$373,330.26	\$116,917.32	(\$256,412.94)
Gifts to Wildlife	\$631,836.08	\$513,802.26	(\$118,033.72)
TOTAL	\$1,005,166.34	\$630,719.68	(\$374,446.66)
TOTAL TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT	\$33,324,324.72	\$33,321,876.41	(\$2,448.31)
*Justice Court fines are received in May, August, November and February.			

Highlights of 2000-01 expenditures in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities follow. The report covers expenditures occurring between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001. This period includes expenditures from FY 2000-01 appropriations and FY 1999-00 appropriations for the carry-out period April-June 2000, as well as expenditures from various fiscal year Capital appropriations. The methodology for preparing this report is detailed in **Appendix A**.

FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE

Total direct expenditures for the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine increased by \$2,253,290 from \$37,436,729 in 1999-00 to \$39,690,019 in 2000-01. This is due primarily to negotiated salary increases and concomitant fringe benefits.

Fish, Wildlife & Marine expenditures funded by the Conservation Fund increases from a FY 1999-00 total of \$20,700,633 to a FY 2000-01 total of \$21,902,204. This increase, as noted above, was due to an increase in negotiated salary increases and fringe costs. Other Operating Funds, including the General Fund, contributed \$8,688,480 in support of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine compared to the FY 1999-00 total of \$7,496,145. Expenditures from Federal Aid, excluding indirect support and Capital, decreased slightly from \$9,239,951 to \$9,099,355. 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. Much more information about the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources program can be found at:

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

which is depicted in **Appendix B**.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Division of Law Enforcement provided approximately 231,200 hours of time and activity in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities. This figure equated to 74.08% of the total law enforcement hours worked (312,117). This was significantly greater than the 155,248 hours worked in 1999-00 which equated to 54.7% of the total hours worked by Law Enforcement (283,619). The difference is attributed to the Training Academy which was held during FY 1999-00, yielding more field work in FY 2000-01.

In terms of funding, this level of effort was worth \$22,332,727. The level of funding from the Conservation Fund increased from \$9,606,163 to \$11,052,832. In addition, a federal grant through the Department of Justice, COPSMORE grant program, provided \$257,336 in funding. This was the third year of the grant; the FY 1999-00 grant expenditure was \$1,013,894. Other operating funds, including the General Fund, provided \$11,022,559. There was a significant increase in law enforcement expenditures in FY 2000-01 over that which occurred in FY 1999-00. This increase is the result of additional hires through the training academy, the payment of additional overtime resulting from an FLSA lawsuit, and negotiated salary increases. The FLSA lawsuit covered retroactive payment for overtime work performed through June 1995. An additional \$1.936 million was appropriated in FY 2000-01 to cover retroactive and ongoing overtime payment not covered by the lawsuit for work performed from July 1995 through FY 2000-01. This increase in

the Division's overall expenditures, combined with the 20% increase in fish and wildlife enforcement activities, resulted in an expenditure increase of \$5,726,335 from the previous year.

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 provided DEC with air time hours to date of 258.10 this effort supported fish, wildlife and marine activities. The total flight hours compared to the number of flight hours spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities were identified by aircraft used. The cost associated with these hours are not included in this a report since the State Police did not supply this information.

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 3.7% to 1.95%. Total expenditures by the division in direct support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine also decreased from \$87,371 to \$62,874. 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. It should be noted that many more hours are devoted to activities on behalf of fish and wildlife activities which are unable to be accounted for though time and activity (T&A) coding. Such things might include the various fish and wildlife related articles published in DEC's Conservationist Magazine, including photo spreads; preparation and presentation of exhibits at press conferences, NY State Fair, etc. With the current T & A system, it is not possible to break out Division-specific activities within a major category such as "press releases," "media preparation," etc.

OPERATIONS

Total expenditures by the Division of Operations in direct support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities for fiscal year 2000-01 totaled \$2,818,151 which is \$497,362 greater than what was

spent in 1999-00. The Conservation Fund contributed \$2,077,302 of the \$2,818,151, which is about 74% of the total expenditures incurred by Operations in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities during this time period. Other Operating Funds paid the balance of \$741,549.

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 \$7,591,409. This is an increase of \$1,381,163 from the 1999-00 amount of \$6,259,220. Of the Capital expenditures, \$5,200,878 was from the Environmental Protection Fund for projects related to the Hudson River Estuary Management Plan.

There were also Federal capital project expenditures of \$312,314 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 \$18,475,824 for 2000-01, which is an increase of \$4,066,883 from 1990-00. Indirect is calculated as a percentage of direct personal service and fringe benefits, therefore the increases mentioned above resulted in an increase in indirect costs.

Of the total, the Conservation Fund contributed \$4,836,161 toward indirect support services; federal aid contributed \$2,254,144; and the balance of \$11,385,519 was paid by other operating funds, including the General Fund. Contributions from the Conservation Fund increased from 1999-00 by \$100,247. Federal aid contributions increased by \$547,082. Contributions from Other Operating Funds increased by \$3,429,554.

Appendix A

**Methodology for Fish, Wildlife & Marine
Sources and Uses of Funds
FY 2000-01**

1. Methodology was developed to determine the full cost of the Fish, Wildlife & Marine program during fiscal year 2000-01. Costs were classified as either direct or indirect in nature.
 - a. If direct, various methods and formulae were used to ascertain the cost of fish wildlife & marine activities.
 - b. If indirect, the Department's federally approved indirect rate of 35.74% of direct personal service and fringe benefits for 2000-01 was applied to account for indirect expenditures.
2. The following programs expended effort for fish, wildlife & marine activities and were classified accordingly:

<u>Direct</u>	<u>Direct Support</u>	<u>Indirect Support</u>
Fish, Wildlife & Marine	Law Enforcement	Executive
	Aviation	Office of Management and Budget
	Public Affairs and Education (in part)	Public Affairs and Education (in part)
	Operations (in part)	Operations (in part)
		Regional Affairs
		Office of General Counsel
		Environmental Permits

Cost allocation recovery charges for cost incurred by central service agencies, such as the Division of Budget, the Department of Civil Service, the Office of the State Comptroller, and the Office of General Services, which provide indirect support services to all state agencies, were included as indirect support.

4. Indirect Support was based on the federally approved indirect rate of 35.74% applied to total direct personal service cost of the agency, plus fringe benefit cost. The portion of indirect support by the Conservation Fund includes personal service and associated fringe benefits for Executive, Management and budget, Public Affairs and Education, Operations, Regional Affairs, Environmental Permits and Office of General Counsel.

Support cost from DEC for Fish, Wildlife & Marine activities:

- a. **Executive** - Fish & Wildlife proportionate share of Executive Office efforts, including Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources, Legislative Affairs office which works on legislation, and the Bond Act office.
- b. **Management and Budget** - includes staff which process personnel transactions, pay vendors, approve travel advances, process travel reimbursement, recoup funding from Federal grants, prepare spending authorizations for State Operations and Capital funds. This report also includes Fish, Wildlife & Marine's proportionate share of Departmental leases for regional and sub-regional offices, as well as central offices. Telephone service, hunting & fishing license accounting, payroll processing and contract approval are other essential services provided.
- c. **Public Affairs and Education** - audio-visual is the part of PA & E that is considered indirect and includes displays for state fair, etc.
- d. **Operations** - electronics is indirect.
- e. **Regional Affairs** - includes regional directors and secretarial/clerical staff throughout the regions which provide a proportionate share of support to regional Fish, Wildlife & Marine activities.
- f. **Office of General Counsel** - includes Division of Legal Affairs' direct part for such activities as natural resource damages, counsel for rules, regulations, statutes, and contracts.
- g. **Environmental Permits** - permitting.

Cost allocation recovery charges for central agencies for programs funded by Conservation Fund are also reflected as indirect support.

5. Cost paid for by the Conservation Fund were deducted from the total costs and the balance was determined to be funded either by Federal, Capital, or Other Operating Funds.
6. Operations - The following portions were considered as direct:

Design and Construction
Field Operations
Transportation Services

A study of the time and activity codes was used to determine the percentage of time spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities by the design and construction and field operations sections. The time and activity was pulled by item number blocks. Field operations also spent a percentage of time on law enforcement activities. Administrative codes were

excluded. The percentages developed were applied to the direct cost expenditures of personal services, fringe benefits and non-personal service for those sections. The percentages are as follows:

Design and Construction	7.74% for fish & wildlife
Field Operations	12.91% for fish & wildlife
Field Operations	.17% for law enforcement

Since 74.08% of Law Enforcement's effort is devoted to fish, wildlife and marine activities, field operations' level of effort was calculated at 74.08% of Operations' percent of effort for Law Enforcement.

The time and activity methodology was not used for transportation services due to the availability of charge-back data. The Division of Operations does not fund equipment management cost for programs. All cost are recovered by Operations through a charge-back system. A ratio from the charge-backs gives the percentage of time spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities. The percentage was 13.82%. This percentage was applied to direct cost expenditures of personal service and fringe benefits. Since costs are charged back to programs, the percentage is not applied to non-personal service. Non-personal service consists of only those purchases, if any made by Operations for the fish, wildlife and marine program.

As with field operations, transportation services support both Fish, Wildlife & Marine and Law Enforcement. The percentage of time spent on Law Enforcement's efforts by Operations was developed from the charge-back system. As with field operations, transportation services' level of effort on behalf of Fish, Wildlife & Marine was calculated at 74.08% of Operations' percent of effort for Law Enforcement.

7. The direct and direct support components include:
 - a. **Fish, Wildlife & Marine** - All cost attributable to the program including cost for the Return a Gift to Wildlife, Migratory Bird, Freshwater Wetlands Appeals Board, Delmar Lab, Marine district cost, the Hudson River Estuary programs are considered as fish, wildlife and marine.
 - b. **Law Enforcement** - A study of the time and activity codes was used to determine a percentage of time spent by Law Enforcement personnel on fish and wildlife activities. Time & activity data was pulled by item number blocks. All titles, sworn and civilian, were used, as were all activities related to Fish, Wildlife & Marine resources. Administrative codes were excluded. The percentage developed was 74.8%. This percentage was applied to Law enforcement expenditures of personal service, fringe benefits and non-personal service.
 - c. **Aviation** - In FY 1997-98, the Aviation Division, including pilots and aircraft, was transferred to the State Police. That Agency became responsible for aviation efforts required to support the fish, wildlife and marine programs of DEC.

The State Police provided DEC with the air time hours which supported the fish,

wildlife and marine activities. The total flight hours compared to the number of flight hours spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities were identified by aircraft used. The cost associated with these flight hours are not included in this report since State Police did not supply this information.

- d. **Public Affairs and Education** - As with Law Enforcement, a study of time and activity, pulled by item numbers, was used to determine a percentage of time spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities. Administrative codes were excluded. The percentage developed was 1.95%. It was applied to the expenditures of Public Affairs and Education's personal service, fringe benefits and non-personal service.

Appendix B

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