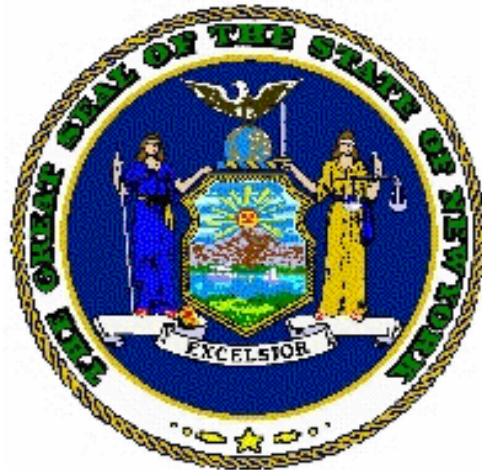


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Commissioner
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Sportsmen and Sportswomen
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Executive Summary

The Board received presentations and reports, and discussed a wide variety of topics of interest to sportsmen and women including: improvements/modification to the hunting and fishing guide, updates on the Sportsman's Summit, suggestions for a license fee increase structure, increasing license sales, restructuring within division of law enforcement, improvements to the DECALS system, and the revenue lost to the fund by issuing free and reduced licenses.

The Conservation Fund supported on 31 March 2008 73.75 out of 339.75 positions in Law Enforcement and 258.85 out of 427.45 in Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources. As of March 31, 2008 the Department of Environmental Conservation had a staff of 3,775.45.

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year hunting, fishing and trapping license sales generated \$39,780,992.71 of revenue to the Conservation Fund.

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board works diligently to monitor the conservation fund and make recommendations on improving revenue/reducing costs to the fund. Despite the dedicated work by the board and certain members of the Department there continue to be a number of issues that face the Conservation Fund Advisory Board. Some of these issues include: lack of timely Conservation Fund status reports; lack of presence of the Director of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources at the meetings; lack of attendance by legislative representatives; increased cost in issuing licenses, and the lack of management consideration for issues of interest to sportsmen and sportswomen when departmental policy decisions are made.

The Board fulfilled its charge to review Department allocations and expenditures from the Conservation Fund and concluded the expenditures from the Conservation Fund were consistent with the requirements of Section 83 of the State Finance Law.

1. A Message from the Chairperson

The Board continued a full schedule of regular monthly meetings, meeting eleven times including; a meeting at the Montezuma Audubon Visitor Center in May of 2007, and a three day field trip meeting in Region 7 in August 2007. Individual Board members also attended innumerable local sportsmen's club, county federation, and regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board meetings. The eleven members of the Board continue to work long and hard to protect the interests of New York's sportsmen and women.

In September 2006 the CFAB Chairman convened the regular Board meeting including representatives from: New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB), New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC), and Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY) for a critical review of Conservation initiatives or proposals having potential impact on the Conservation Fund. This council of recognized statewide broad conservation interests has since been termed "The SUMMIT." This Board has worked to advance the three consensus initiatives for the long term benefit of the Conservation Fund as defined by the "Summit": Junior hunting – allowing big game hunting for juniors; Penalties/surcharge – modernization of optional action; and ban on sale of angler caught panfish – closing a tax loophole.

The Conservation Fund supports programs and staff in the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources and the Division of Law Enforcement from funds provided by license fees/penalties. The Board believes that New York State executive and legislative branches do not understand the North American Wildlife Conservation Model in theory and/or practice. For example, permitting the sale of angler caught pan fish harks back to a time when such practice decimated the fish and wildlife resources of New York State. Those resources must be protected for all the people of the State.

The sale of hunting fishing and trapping licenses generates approximately \$40 million per year of the \$100+ operating expenditures for FWMR. Yet in New York State the economy realizes more than \$6.22 billion from hunting, fishing and trapping activities. The general public use of these resources is growing to the point of imposing serious limitations on the consumptive users (i.e.: trapping restrictions on WMA's and public parking at Fishing Access sites) who pay fees to recreate. This resource is a major factor in the revitalization of New York State if administered artfully and skillfully. It is the intention of CFAB to promote this opportunity.

The Board has long advocated that a fractional percentage sales tax on outdoor sporting goods dedicated to the Conservation Fund would be an equitable means of sharing the cost of the programs administered by FWMR with the non-consumptive general public. The licensing of hunting, fishing and trapping is the basis for the Conservation Fund. The complexities of modern state government place a disproportionate share of responsibility on these traditional conservationists.

Due to very low sales and the intensive effort required to administer, the Habitat/Access Stamp as a voluntary program, is a program which should be reevaluated. (Sales represented approximately 0.6% of all license sales)

The Conservation Fund is faced with dramatic and on going cost increases in fringe benefits and

labor arbitration salary settlements which will result in a deficit of \$24 million for the Fund by the end of 2007-08. The Division of Budget continues to appropriate monies from the Fund that do not exist. This fiction must cease. CFAB urges the Governor to adopt a more realistic budget approach.

During the early months of the FY 2008-09 the Department took internal action to reduce the deficit by transferring 224 positions off the Conservation Fund to the General Fund. This reduced the expected annual deficit to about \$1.5 million. The Board appreciated the efforts of the Departments leadership in this matter.

However the state of the economy and a growing fiscal crisis make it unlikely that this fix will be possible in future years. Either the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources must drastically cut staff and programs or additional new revenue must be added to the Conservation Fund for the Fund to become solvent. This is the challenge facing CFAB in the FY 2009-10.

"Because sportsmen enjoy hunting or fishing alone or in small groups, they are overlooked as a constituency and as a substantial economic force," stated Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. "When you compare spending by hunters and anglers to other sectors, their impact on the state's economy becomes more tangible."

- Sportsmen support as many jobs in New York as Merrill Lynch & Co. and Mt. Sinai Medical Center combined (28,000 jobs).
- Annual spending by New York sportsmen is more than the revenues of the NASDAQ Stock Market (\$1.8 billion vs. \$1.66 billion).
- Annual spending by New York sportsmen is equal to the combined cash receipts for dairy products and apples, two of the top agricultural commodities in the state (\$1.8 billion).
- New York sportsmen spend \$188 million annually on outboard boats and engines to get out on the water and around the marshes for fishing and hunting.
- More people hunt and fish in New York than attend NY Giants and Buffalo Bills football games (1.2 million vs. 1.17 million).
- The economic stimulus of hunting and fishing equates to an astounding \$5 million a day being pumped into the state's economy.

Lastly, CFAB continued to work to bring New York into a more competitive position with respect to hunting, fishing and trapping regulations as opposed to states having less desirable natural resource opportunities. Non-Resident license fees should be adjusted to reflect New York State advantages. Further, the federal imposition of a "Salt Water" fishing registry (with attendant fees remitted to the US Treasury unless the State has a license for Salt Water fishing) will deprive New York State of both that license fee and the reimbursement by the Feds for Sport Fish Restoration Act monies. This requires immediate legislative attention.

For example, for each license “sold” the federal government reimburses approximately \$7.50 in addition to the license fee collected. “Free” licenses yield neither the basic cost of the license nor the federal reimbursement amount.

Charles O. Hancock, Region 8
Chairman of the Board

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). 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: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/719.html>. The Conservation Fund Advisory Board has no independent means to audit the report and relies upon the DEC for its accuracy and completeness.

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 provided the license buying public of the State of New York with information about expenditure of Conservation Fund monies, thereby ensuring that the Fund was 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), 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 function is accomplished by CFAB review of the DEC's Fish and Wildlife Program and Law 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 the 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 recommendations for meeting them.
- Assist the 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.

Fulfillment of these responsibilities is aimed at ensuring that Conservation Fund expenditures are in accordance with New York State Finance Law. The Conservation Fund was created under that law in 1925 requiring one half of all monies collected from the sale of sporting licenses be spent exclusively for fish and game related purposes. In 1933, the law was amended to require that all the monies from license sales be used for these purposes. For over seven decades, sportsmen and women have purchased sporting licenses - the 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.

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 Lifetime License Account.

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.

Habitat Account

This account was newly created in 2002 and receives revenue from the sale of voluntary Habitat & Access Stamps. Funds from this account can only be used for habitat conservation and enhancing public access for fish and wildlife related recreation.

Migratory Bird Account

This account is relatively small and funds are generated through the sale of collector stamps.

Guide License Account

Another very small account, funds are generated through the sale of guide licenses.

Surf Clam & Ocean Quahog Account

Funds are generated through per bushel fees associated with clam harvest.

Lifetime License Account

The sale of “lifetime” licenses generates the monies in this very important account. The principal 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 lifetime license is purchased. The most important feature of the account is the fact that a person’s lifetime license money continues to work long after the person has stopped hunting, fishing or trapping, or has died. Investment in this account is the ultimate long-term commitment that a sportsman or woman can make to his or her sport.

5. Members of the 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: The Honorable Gordon J. Whiting was born and raised in Bronxville, New York and has lived in Manhattan since 1992. He lives in New York City with his wife, and son and they are awaiting the birth of their second child. He is a Managing Director of Angelo, Gordon & Co., L.P. a leading investment management firm specializing in non-traditional assets, where he founded and leads the AG Net Lease Realty Group. Previously, he was an Executive Director of W. P. Carey & Co. LLC (NYSE: WPC). He was also the President of Corporate Associates 14, Incorporated, one of W. P. Carey's publicly held, non-traded real estate investment trusts that invest in commercial and industrial properties with assets in excess of \$1.1

billion. Mr. Whiting serves on the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board ("FRTIB"), a position to which he was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2002. The FRTIB oversees the approximately \$225 billion of retirement accounts (the Thrift Savings Plan) for most Federal employees and military personnel. He also serves on Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Council, the Board of United Neighbors of East Midtown, Inc., is the President of the Camp Fire Conservation Fund, Inc., and is an Eagle Scout. He is also a member of the Camp Fire Club of America, is the Secretary of the Mashomack Preserve Club and a Regular Member of the Boone and Crockett Club. An avid conservationist, hunter and fisherman he is a New York State Lifetime Sportsman, Trapping, Bowhunting and Muzzleloading License holder, a Patron Member of the National Rifle Association and a graduate of Cornell University and the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He was appointed in 2006 to serve as the representative of Region 2.

Region 3: Vacant

Region 4: Alan L. Rosa, is a lifelong resident of New York State and lives in the Catskill Park near Arkville and has a camp on the Little Woodhull in the Adirondacks. He is a graduate of Margaretville Central School and holds Independent Study in Economics for Business and Business Law from Cornell University. Alan was a professional taxidermist for 15 years, a former accountant and small business owner who was elected Supervisor of the Town of Middletown in 1990 and was on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors. In 1991, he helped found the Coalition of Watershed Towns and became a chief negotiator of the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement which established the Catskill Watershed Corp. Alan was elected the first president of the CWC Board of Directors in 1997, and was named to the Executive Director's post in March, 1999. He

has hiked, camped, hunted and fished throughout the Catskills and Adirondacks. Alan continues to work with all involved parties to open New York City watershed lands for recreational use in the Catskills. Alan can be found during his free time fly fishing the streams and small lakes and ponds of New York State.

Region 5: Jason Kemper (Region 5) currently resides in the Town of Edinburg, Saratoga County. He received a B.A. in Environmental Science from SUNY Plattsburgh and a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from SUNY Albany with a Certificate in GIS Applications. Mr. Kemper is currently employed as Director of Planning for Saratoga County. Prior employment includes Director of Planning for the Town of Clifton Park, Environmental Specialist for the Town of Clifton Park, NYS Emergency Management Office and the Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District. He also is a member of the NYS GIS Coordinating Body. Mr. Kemper, who is an avid hunter and fisherman, is well aware of the various issues facing New York State sportsmen today. He particularly enjoys deep wilderness deer hunting and fishing remote brook trout ponds in the Adirondacks. He is currently a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, National Rifle Association and the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation. Mr. Kemper participates in the Saratoga County fish stocking program and is involved with the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation and their activities on the Sacandaga. He was appointed by the NYS Assembly as the Region 5 representative to the Conservation Fund Advisory Board in June of 2007.

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 Trappers Association, and the National Rifle Association. She is a delegate to

the Lewis County Association of Sportsmen's Clubs and received the Conservationist of the Year Award in 2002. 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. She is a former Delegate and Secretary of the Jefferson County Sportsmen's Federation where she served on the Legislative and Education Committees. She was appointed in 1998 to serve as Region 6 Representative to CFAB. Linda enjoys hunting, fishing, and especially trapping with her family.

Region 7: Charles (Charlie) Pace is a lifelong resident of Cazenovia, NY in Madison County. He is the Madison County Sports Rep to the NYSDEC Region 7 Fish and Wildlife Management Board. He is also President, Director and Founding member of Sports People Helping Others Through Sharing (SHOTS Inc.) a 501c 3 Non profit charity that works to exemplify the image of Sportsmen and women with integrity, along with promoting compassion and conservation. He is a member of the Pompey Rod and Gun Club, Fenner Conservation Club and the NRA. Charlie has worked on many access and habitat issues and has worked to promote and secure funding for the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) in NYS. In 2006 he was awarded the "Conservationist of the Year" by the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen and was the "Central New York Sportsmen of the Year" in 2008. Charlie has held numerous civic and community affiliated positions including Chairman Fenner Planning Board, President Owahgena Hose Company, Secretary/Treasurer Cazenovia Fire Dept, President CNY Air Force Academy Parents Club and Neighborhood Leader St. James Parish Council. He enjoys trap shooting along with hunting and fishing in NYS and numerous other States.

Region 8: Charles (Charlie) O. Hancock was born in Massachusetts but has been a resident of New York State since 1964. He is married with three children and seven grandchildren. He

served with the U.S. Army Security Agency as an analyst in Europe. He has received the United Nations Environment Programme "Citation of Excellence", the Canadian "Award of Merit", the U.S. EPA "Outstanding Professional", and the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society "RAC Certification" in 1999. Charlie is a practicing medical device sterilization consultant with his own firm and partners in a sterilization instrumentation and control company. He is a USA Representative to the International Standards Organization (ISO) Geneva. He is an Active Member of the Canadian Standards Association and the U.S. Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation. He has served with the Genesee Conservation League as President and on the Board of Directors; Monroe County Conservation Council; Finger Lakes Conservation Council; and the New York State Conservation Council. He is President of the Genesee Conservation Foundation, Inc. and is a member of the Oatka Fish and Game Club. Charlie has also represented Monroe County with the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board. He is an initial member of the New York State Canal Recreationway Commission and of the NYS Open Space Planning Committee. He was appointed as Region 8 representative in 2004.

Region 9: Fred Langdon was born, raised and spent most of his life in Buffalo. He now resides in West Seneca, NY. He is a Veteran of the US Navy and attended Erie Community College. He served 23 years in the Buffalo Fire Department, retiring in 1985. Fred presently is Owner/Operator of the South End Marina Corporation located on Buffalo's Inner Harbor. An avid hunter, fisherman and conservationist, he served as President and Director of the Bison City Rod and Gun Club, Recording Secretary, Director and Delegate to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Director of the Niagara Musky Association and is a member of Safari Club International, Niagara River Anglers Association, Southtowns Walleye Association, NYSCC, Niagara Chapter of the NWF, SCOPE, and the NRA. He is a landowner in the Southern Tier (Cattaraugus County) and is

actively pursuing a Quality Deer Management program. Fred expects to retire in a couple of years to spend quality time teaching his 13 grandchildren to appreciate and enjoy the outdoors.

FWMB Representative: William F. (Bill) Pike, (NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB) Representative) was born in Whitehall, NY and now resides in Hartford, in Washington County. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and spent 27 years as an electrical supervisor for Sandy Hill Corporation, a maker of specialized paper machinery. After retirement, he went into the electrical contracting business. He is the past President of the Hartford Fish and Game Club and the Washington County Federation of Sportsman Clubs, past Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Region 5 FWMB, and past Vice Chairman of the State FWMB. He is presently a member of the Hartford Fish and Game Club, the Lake George Fishing Alliance, Vice President of the Washington County Federation of Sportsman Clubs, landowner member of the Region 5 and State FWMB, and is on the committee to build a South Bay Fishing Pier on Lake Champlain for public access. He started the Youth Pheasant Hunt in Washington County and is also a member of the NRA and American Legion. Bill is married with three grown children and is a lifetime hunter, fisherman and trapper. He raised English Red Tick hounds for many years and is a competition small bore rifle shooter. He was appointed as FWMB representative in 2007.

NYSCC Representative: Howard (Howie) Cushing has been married for over forty years with two children and five grandchildren. He has been a self employed heating, air conditioning and ventilation contractor for over 35 years. Mr. Cushing is a lifelong resident of Rensselaer County serving as president and Vice President of the Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance for over 23 years.

Starting out Mr. Cushing served as Rensselaer County Waterfowl chairman and Walleye Fish Rearing Chairman for many years.

He worked in the early 1970's to develop with a small group of others, a county pistol safety

course with NRA instructors to facilitate more responsible handgun owners into the field. With excellent working relationship with the Rensselaer County Executive, legislature and Rensselaer County Soil Water he has helped foster many stream and habitat improvement projects. He is also a member of several area hunting clubs and a life member of the NRA.

Statewide Mr. Cushing has served as past President and Vice President of the New York State Conservation Council Inc. for over 14 years. During that time he reviewed and signed numerous hydro agreements, educated stakeholders on the Conservation Fund and the environmental Protection Fund. He has spent many hours and days interacting with both the legislature and Governor helping to insure hunting and fishing opportunities. Mr. Cushing was instrumental in getting the PCB polluted Hudson River back open to fishing since some of the areas of pollution have been contained or are scheduled to be cleaned up. Howard has served under several Governors and many DEC commissioners on numerous task forces and

advisory boards such as : Adirondack Storm Blowdown, Hudson River Estuaries, Conservation Reinvestment Act (has brought over \$14 M into N.Y.S.) Stewardship Fund, Environmental Enforcement Advisory Task Force, Adirondack Wolf Reintroduction and the Steward Airport Advisory Board. Many of these boards have had impact on the sporting community funding and use.

Mr. Cushing has also spent many days in Washington. He participated in a counter support protest in Washington to protect the rights of law abiding gun owners. Howard has served for many years a policy board member for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) . He is also on the Energy and Natural Resources and Climate Change committee for the TRCP. Several years ago Mr. Cushing secured a grant to help inform fisherman on issues concerning the Stripped Bass population in both the Hudson River and Chesapeake Bay. He remains committed to protection of the 2nd amendment and the rights of hunter/women, trappers, and fishermen.

6. Actions of the Board During FY 2007/2008

The Conservation Fund Advisory Board held 11 monthly meetings in FY 2007/2008 to discuss issues affecting sportsmen and sportswomen, and to formalize its recommendations. Each meeting was attended by the Commissioner represented by the Deputy Commissioner or the Director of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources (DFWMR), Bureau Chiefs and by other senior staff of the Department.

Although most of the Board's meetings were held in Albany, the Board also enjoyed a field trip to Region 7, for their August Meeting. After a short business meeting at the Pompey Rod and Gun Club, Chairman Hancock provided the attendance with a Powerpoint® presentation detailing the responsibilities of the Conservation Fund Advisory Board. During the next two days the board toured Region 7 with DEC staff. Those activities included visiting the Habitat Access Stamp improvement project for a boat launch in the Town of Redfield, and discussing Oneida Lake walleye and bass fishery. A considerable amount of time was also spent at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery. The tour concluded with a tour of Onondaga County Park and Onondaga Lake with a detailed presentation on the cleanup that has occurred on Onondaga Lake. Lunch was enjoyed at the park with a presentation by SUNY ESF on the viability of using biomass as an alternative energy source.

In order to discharge its duties under the Environmental Conservation Law, the Board engages in a comprehensive assessment of a wide variety of matters related to the financial condition of the Conservation Fund and the programs and activities of the DFWMR, and generally conducts a monthly discussion with representatives of the Department to address issues related to the current and anticipated income and expenditures for the fish and wildlife programs, including planned expenditures for the next fiscal year. The following discussion summarizes a number of the matters addressed by the Board throughout FY 2007/2008. For a more complete discussion of the financial report (on revenues to and expenditures from the Conservation Fund and the Board's review of the allocations and expenditures of the Department for Fish and Wildlife purposes) please refer to the section entitled "Fiscal Report" that appears later in this annual report.

Financial Statements

The Board evaluates the Department's income and expenditures for Fish and Wildlife Programs by reviewing Comparative Statements, monthly license sales reports, and work plans prepared separately by each Regional Office and a consolidated work plan prepared by the DFWMR. Each month the Board reviews a Comparative Statement that sets forth by license type or other revenue source receipts of all revenue into the several accounts that comprise the Conservation Fund. The Comparative Statement is prepared on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and yearly basis. The Department's Division of Management and Budget Services generally furnish the data with respect to revenues and expenditures, and the Board is entirely dependent upon the receipt of timely, complete and accurate financial information in order to fulfill its obligations under the Environmental Conservation Law. When these documents are not delivered in a timely manner, the effectiveness of the board is diminished.

The representative Bureau Chief of each of the Bureaus of Fish, Wildlife and Habitat makes presentations of the work plans. Additionally, the Board periodically receives other presentations from DFWMR and from the Division of Management and Budget Services with respect to revenues to and expenditures from the Conservation Fund.

Chairman Hancock repeatedly stated that license sales are on the decline. If ways are not found to increase revenues, the fund will continue to erode and the only other alternative will be to cut programs and/or staff.

Sportsman Summit

Chairman Hancock stated that the Summit is at a point where there is a transition from having developed the initiatives to moving forward to gain support and working to get them adopted. Pat Arnold will chair the next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2007. Chairman Hancock attended the FWMB meeting in Schenectady and gave the same Power Point® presentation that was given at the March CFAB meeting.

Chairman Hancock stated that the effort is currently focused on outreach to single interest groups. Although a number of groups were invited to the March CFAB meeting, many were unable to attend. The Summit supported three initiatives this year but the legislative session is nearing its end and it is unclear whether any progress will be made.

Mr. Pike stated that the Summit held a meeting on May 30, 2007 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. A letter will be sent to the organizations that were invited to the March 2007 meeting. The letter will contain the original topics of interest that were developed at the September 2006 meeting. Each group will be asked for their input on the existing list and will also be asked to suggest other topics for consideration. With the legislative session winding down, members agreed to wait until September for the next meeting. Summit members will then review the list of topics along with any input received from other organizations to develop a course of action for next year. Board members were given a packet which included the draft minutes from the May 30, 2007 meeting, a copy of a letter which was mailed to single interest groups, an address list showing who had received the letter and a list of initiatives that was developed at the September 2006 CFAB meeting. Mr. Pike stated that there was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, September 11th at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds. Members will discuss how to move forward with the three legislative proposals that were agreed upon last year (ban on sale of panfish, allow junior hunters to hunt big game, increase penalties for fish and wildlife violations). There will also be a discussion on how to proceed and involve single interest groups in the process.

Ms. Sicley stated that some sportsmen may not be receptive to some of the initiatives suggested by the Summit simply because of the lack of information they have received or the way in which the information has been presented. Mr. John stated that eliminating the sale of panfish will probably have to be done by regulation because there is no support in the Senate for a law. He added that the Board needs to write some sort of draft legislation for the sales tax initiative that can be presented as an initial step to Legislators. Finally, Mr. John stated that the Board needs to begin considering a license fee increase. Without other sources of revenue to the Conservation Fund, a license fee increase must be presented to the sportsman as a way to close the deficit. He cautioned, however, that in order to cover a deficit that is projected at \$22 million and growing, current license fees might have to be tripled or quadrupled to raise that amount of money on a yearly basis.

Mr. Pike stated that responses received from single interest groups commenting on the initiatives were reviewed at the October meeting. All responses favored the three main initiatives that the Summit has been pursuing and were supportive of most of the ideas raised at the initial meeting in September 2006.

The Summit will meet in December to discuss how to integrate single interest groups into future meetings and will hopefully have some or all of the groups present at the January meeting. The idea is to formulate a plan for all groups to approach the Legislature with the same message.

Chairman Hancock stated that the Summit will continue to pursue youth hunting of big game, the surtax and penalties on fish and wildlife violations and the ban on the sale of panfish. They also plan to review all other initiatives and discuss any other issues that may have surfaced since the original initiatives were developed.

Issues facing the Conservation Fund

Mr. John stated that there were a number of problems that the Board is facing and help would be needed from sportsmen to work out the solutions. It takes four to five years from the time a fee increase is identified as being needed to the point at which a new license fee structure gets enacted by the Legislature. If we are going to shift some of this burden to a tax, we are going to have to convince people that run every two years on a program of no new taxes that this is not a new tax that is unwanted, but rather a new tax that is absolutely necessary. It does make more sense to look at a broader way of aiding the Conservation Fund than just a license fee, simply because the amount of money that will be required from that license fee increases every time a license holder doesn't buy a license due to illness, death, moving out of state or lack of desire to continue in the sport. We face all those problems. We have a major issue with the kids. They spend more time on the computer than they do outdoors. We can't get the Legislature to pay attention to the fact that we would like to have more junior activity at an earlier age than is presently lawful now. We can't do it without the Legislature enacting and changing the law. We need your help again next year on all of these issues.

Mr. Whiting stated that the most important thing is for everyone to stick together and realize that as sportsmen, as opposed to bowhunters or shotgun hunters or fishermen, we can accomplish more. If we can band together, that's what the Legislature will listen to. They have the realities of their life and what they need to accomplish, but if they can point to us as one giant constituency, it will make their job easier.

Mr. Pike stated that he did not think that the upstate representatives needed to be convinced of the sportsmen's needs. We need to figure out how to convince the downstate representatives. If we can't get through to them, we are just banging our heads against the wall.

Mr. Langdon stated that it is imperative that we somehow convince individual sportsmen of all ages to get actively involved. If we can't get people to write letters or somehow contact their legislators, we will always be fighting an uphill battle.

Mr. Bevilacqua stated that we need to get more people involved in hunting, fishing and trapping. In order to get people involved, we need to provide opportunity. We lose more and more land to hunting every year. We can't lose sight of our mission which is to promote hunting, fishing and trapping, get young people involved and stay united. Act together no matter what you think. If somebody over there wants to do something, get behind them and fight for them and they'll do the same for you.

Habitat Stamp/Habitat Improvement Projects

Chairman Hancock stated that he had received a number of complaints in his region that many sportsmen are unaware of the habitat stamp because license issuing agents aren't promoting sales. They simply skip over that part of the transaction without mentioning it to the customer. Mr. John added that unless your previous license includes the purchase of a habitat stamp, most agents won't offer it. Mr. Bevilacqua suggested that agents should receive a higher percentage of the sale as an incentive to promote habitat stamp sales.

Chairman Hancock stated that the topic of the habitat stamp was raised a number of times during the field trip. Most people felt that anyone using DEC administered lands for any purpose should be required to purchase a habitat stamp.

Ms. Sicley asked if the final list of habitat/access projects had been released. Constituents in her region were concerned that some of the proposed projects were not in the best interest of sportsmen. Mr. Stang stated that the list had not yet been finalized.

Law Enforcement

Major Duffy reviewed personnel changes that had occurred in the Division. Prior to the changes, each region was commanded by a Captain. There were three district offices, each run by a Major. There are now two districts, a northern and a southern. The northern district consists of regions 5 through 9. The southern district contains regions 1 through 4 and the marine district. The vacant Major position has been reassigned to the BECI unit. Chuck Johncox, the previous district 7 through 9 Major has accepted the BECI position. Major Duffy commands the southern district and the northern district Major position is currently vacant. The BECI unit in Albany has also created a Captain position to head the intelligence unit. That position was filled by Scott Florence, formerly of Region 5. Regional reviews will be conducted in October and will cover BECI operations. The Department is preparing another academy for this winter. Physical fitness tests have been completed and background packages are being prepared. Mr. Pike asked if there was a residency requirement for investigator assignments. Major Duffy explained that the Division would like to reinstate the residency requirement, but it needs to be discussed with the union.

Director Fanelli stated that most of the news from the Division is personnel related. There have been a number of promotions due to retirements. The Division looked at the numbers of investigators and where they are located in the State and found that there were few, if any, located north of the Thruway. Division is working with the union to see that future appointments will address this problem.

Captains asked if they could have greater flexibility with the Marine and Off Road Enforcement (MORE) Teams. Their designation has been changed to non-sector officers. They will still do boat, snowmobiles and ATV work but will be available for other duties. All of the existing MORE Team officers are agreeable to the change.

The Division of Law Enforcement has an Environmental Awareness Gives Life to the Eco-System (EAGLES) Program which introduces students to the abundant environmental resources in New York State, the duties of their local Environmental Conservation Officer (ECO), and the responsibilities of the DEC. In cooperation with the Division of Public Affairs, modules have been prepared for use in the schools. The Shikar Safari International donated over \$29,000 to the Conservation Officers Association. Officers volunteer for this duty, and the money will be used to freshen the modules and buy equipment.

The Statewide Wireless Network (SWIN) was initiated by Governor Patacki and continues to be supported by Governor Spitzer. The goal is to bring all public agencies that use radios in New York onto one system. Officers in Erie County were involved in a pilot program that was designed to show that the system worked. The test did not work so more research is needed. If the program does succeed, the cost of equipping each car has been estimated at \$20,000.

Chairman Hancock asked if there was any progress on the increased penalties initiative. Director Fanelli stated that he saw a proposed draft that would raise the penalties and also add a \$50 surcharge to the fines. The Chairman asked if Board members could access the draft legislation. Mr. Newell said he would check into it.

The Division of Law Enforcement expects to reach its authorized fill level soon. There was a major DEC/environmental outreach event in Harlem, NYC this past month that was well received by the public, and many DLE officers participated. A third Safe Boat has been deployed in the Marine District, primarily for use in western Long Island Sound, which significantly enhances enforcement capability. Hunting accidents involving the shooting of houses and cars seem to be up this year. In discussion it was mentioned that restricted hunting access and increased development may be the causes. Director Fanelli also observed that many of the hunting fatalities this year have been self-inflicted.

Major Duffy distributed to each member copies of the DLE biennial report covering 2005 and 2006. Major Duffy brought everyone's attention to pages 6 and 7 that show enforcement cases steadily up since 2002. An ECO Academy will begin in April for 23 recruits. New development: all ECOs will be issued cell phones. Mr. Bevilacqua asked if ECOs could print tickets in their cars. Major Duffy said that option has not been pursued because many of the tickets are written while the officers are on foot, away from their cars. Mr. Bevilacqua asked about ECO staffing. Major Duffy said fills of vacancies were quicker now and keeping pretty well up to authorized funding levels. A comment was made that the ECOs did a great job on the yellow perch enforcement in Region 5, but that the judge did a poor job on the fine. Major Duffy said that judges' decisions vary greatly; the deer jackers in Otsego Co, received very stringent penalties. Mr. Bevilacqua asked Major Duffy to look into the matter of shots made at two waterfowl hunters in Nassau Co. The Major said he would and noted that hunter/landowner conflicts were growing.

Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide

Mr. Batcheller stated that the hunting and trapping regulations guide has been totally revamped for this year. This was done for two major reasons. First, it is a more professional looking format and the Department believes that it allows information to be presented in a more organized fashion. The second reason is cost. Last years' guide, which was laid out by the Department and sent to a printer, cost \$121,000 to produce. The current guide cost \$98,000. If the Department had produced the guide in its present format, it would have cost \$250,000 - \$300,000. The reason the costs are down is because of advertising. The publisher has already told the Department that next year's guide will cost approximately \$89,000.

Mr. Batcheller explained that the Department has received a number of complaints because of printing errors. Although the Department regrets the errors and is taking steps to ensure that it doesn't happen again next year, it shows that people are reading the new guide. A majority of the comments received by the Department are positive, with people saying they like the new layout and design of the guide.

Chairman Hancock stated that there was no information in the new guide about CFAB. Mr. Batcheller stated that the omission was an oversight and would be corrected in future issues. The Chairman stated that the Board would work with the Department on a CFAB article for the next guide.

DECALS

Chairman Hancock stated that members should have all received a license sales manual from the Department and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Sicley asked if it was necessary to show ID to purchase a Habitat Stamp. Mr. Newell said that he would check with staff from license sales. Mr. Bevilacqua stated that he would like to know if there was any progress made on the ability of an individual to make donations to the Conservation Fund via DECALS.

Mr. Bevilacqua also wants to know if there was ever a decision made by the Department in regard to the voucher system. An individual would be required to purchase a pre-paid license to obtain a certificate that would allow them to register for a sportsman education class.

Cost of Free and Reduced Fee Licenses

Chairman Hancock stated that members should have received a report from the Department showing the number of patriot licenses, free licenses and reduced fee licenses for the last 5 years. The report showed the surrendered revenue, which is the amount of revenue that would have been generated if all of the licenses had sold for full price minus the actual revenue collected. The surrendered revenue for the last five years was \$370,803 for patriot licenses, \$2,721,865 for free licenses and \$18,196,266 for reduced fee licenses for a total of \$21,288,934. The number of individuals who qualify for free or reduced fee licenses is steadily increasing, while the recruitment of new hunters is declining.

Chairman Hancock asked if the Department could provide a break down of license buyers by age. This information will allow the Board to see how the number of free and reduced fee licenses will increase in the next 10 to 15 years as the baby boomer generation approaches and moves through the 65 to 70 year old age groups.

Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

Mr. Newell gave the report. Douglas Stang has been appointed Assistant Director for the Division. Doug formerly served as the Chief of the Bureau of Fisheries. Answers to two questions from the November meeting were provided: 1) could find no information of a current or past federal source of funds for "senior recreation" and 2) SAREP was terminated largely because the focus was on maintaining a group of volunteers, whereas the I Fish NY program provides direct fishing and aquatic education to urban youths and has reached thousands of kids in Regions 1 and 2. Mr. Cushing thought SAREP did not receive sufficient political and financial support, and volunteers were left to obtain their own supplies, materials and equipment. Mr. Bevilacqua said legislators in Regions 1 and 2 haven't heard of I Fish NY, and it needs more publicity, which could generate more money for the program.

Mr. Newell then made a presentation on the Federal Funding that is received by DFWMR. Copies have or will soon be distributed to CFAB members. There was some discussion during the presentation. Mr. Cushing expressed concern that CFAB members and other hunting and fishing leaders are sometimes criticized by hunting and fishing groups for their support of programs such as State Wildlife Grants, earlier CARA proposals and the recent climate change federal bill because these programs are perceived as doing nothing for hunters and anglers. Mr. Cushing opined that hunting and fishing leaders need to more effectively deal with criticisms and communicate the value of these programs to all. Ms. Kelleher suggested that CFAB members tell Senators Schumer and Clinton to support the return of SWG match to 75% federal and 25% state. Mr. Cushing asked how many licensees would be needed for NY to reach the maximum 5% apportionment. Mr. Newell said he would see if that could be determined, adding that the licensing of saltwater anglers would likely increase NY's apportionment.

Division DECALS staff (Mr. Batcheller, Ms. Bailey, Ms. Dyer, Mr. Smi and Mr. Maille) gave a live, on-line demonstration of several different license sales transactions. There was active question and answer throughout the demonstration, resulting in a very informative presentation.

Chairman Hancock asked whether the \$5 reduced fee license actually covered the cost of selling a license. Mr. Stang replied that he thought the cost was about \$1/license [which has subsequently been confirmed]. Mr. Palmer asked if there was lost revenue from sales agents that is now being captured by DECALS and how much. The Division will try to have this information by the next meeting.

Mr. Batcheller made a short presentation on the new hunting guide, along with help from Mr. Kelly and Mr. Garnish of J.F. Griffin, the company that publishes the guide. Mr. Kemper suggested that the guide should state up front that the new guide costs less for New York to produce than the previous guide because it contains paid advertising that J.F. Griffin obtains to defray the cost. Mr. Bevilacqua asked if DECALS could be changed to accept donations to the CF. Mr. Batcheller said that it could, and that it would be done. Mr. Bevilacqua then suggested that the next hunting and fishing guides should have an ad to "Donate to the CF." Mr. Hancock requested a monthly update from the Department on the production of the coming year's guide. After the lunch break Chairman Hancock summarized some additional DECALS related suggestions that the Board developed during the break: 1) create some mobile sales units for travel to various venues, e.g., county fairs, sport shows, some of the larger hunting and fishing club meetings, 2) eliminate municipal points of sale that don't generate enough revenue to make it worth while and 3) establish a "take a legislator fishing day."

Mr. Newell distributed a memo to the Board regarding the annual non-personal service allocation to the Board and its annual expenditures from 2002 to the present. Since 2002 the annual allocation from the CF has been \$20,000. On the average, the Board's expenses have slightly exceeded \$20,000/yr.

Mr. Kemper gave a brief report on the planning for the annual CFAB field trip and meeting in Region 5. It is scheduled for 3-5 August 2008. He has talked to Larry Nashett, the Region 5 Supervisor of Natural Resources, and Ken Kogut, the Region 5 Wildlife Manager, who will be working with Mr. Kemper to plan the meeting. Chairman Hancock asked for an update on the plans at each meeting. Mr. Cushing suggested that a key topic for this meeting should be the interactions of DEC and the Adirondack Park Agency.

The next meeting will be on 11 Feb 08 at the Best Western Sovereign, 1228 Western Avenue, Albany, starting at 9 AM. Mr. Bevilacqua noted that the regular rate for the rooms is \$10 less than the state rate, and he suggested that DEC try to get the reduced rate. Mr. Newell said he would attempt that. CFAB is considering changing the day of the week for its meetings in order to enable more state legislative representatives to attend. Chairman Hancock will contact the chairs of the Senate and Assembly committees to find out if Fridays would be a better day, and a decision on future meeting dates will be made at the 11 Feb 08 meeting.

Messrs. Major, Stang and John each gave a report for the Division. Mr. Major distributed handouts on deer and bear. He said the DEC's managers have proposed to expand the zone of bear hunting, moving the northern boundary of the southern zone farther north. A Rulemaking Initiative Memo is in preparation, which requires Executive office approval before regulations can be developed. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of this for the public. Mr. Bevilacqua asked if the low numbers of small game in the Catskills could be due to coyote predation. It was noted that 200 coyotes were taken over a single weekend, and it was pointed out by another present that this harvest was part of a contest in Sullivan Co., but the take came from an area larger than Sullivan Co.

Mr. Stang reported that I Fish NY was being expanded to a statewide program; handouts were distributed. As part of this expansion the division was getting back into "show business," i.e., I Fish NY displays will be staffed at quite a few sport fishing and hunting shows this year. The

expanded program will also include annual updates from DEC date on ‘fishing hot spots,’ and more info will be on the web site. Mr. Stang also reported that 1) effective upon filing, emergency regulations will be adopted to help reduce the amount of adult shad taken by fishing; this means implementing a catch-and-release-only season for recreational fishing; for commercial fishing, the actions will include a limit on certain types of fishing gear, restrictions on times and places where fishing is allowed, and other changes, and 2) the Bureau of Fisheries is getting a new mass, fish marking trailer, purchased for \$1.4 million with Lake Ontario Natural Resource Damage funds. It can process 60,000 fish in 8 hours. This year it will be used to mark NY’s Chinooks, then it will go to Ontario to mark their Chinooks.

Mr. John gave a report on the status of DEC fish hatchery infrastructure work by Division of Operations. He also distributed a handout on minimum age for small and big game hunting in the U.S., and described an article in the NY Times that said hunting was down 20% in the last 20 years. Mr. Bevilacqua asked that the article be distributed to all members.

Teleconferencing.

There was a discussion on the possibility and pros and cons of CFAB member participation at the monthly meetings by teleconferencing, either by phone or video. Mr. Newell was asked to find out if teleconferencing is possible at the Best Western in Albany and whether we can bring in our own equipment, and report at the next meeting.

Saltwater Angler Registry

Mr. Stang and Mr. Newell gave an overview on the NOAA saltwater angler registry. The saltwater angler registry is needed by NOAA for management of fisheries. Mr. Cushing said that there is a need for more money to collect data that can be used to make science based decisions on coastal fisheries and habitat management. Mr. Bevilacqua commented that striped bass are overpopulated, they are stunted and eating other fish, e.g., winter flounder, and science is not used for the species’ management, it is all political based decisions. He further said that Byron Young (now retired) was DEC’s best marine fisheries scientist, and his findings and recommendations were ignored.

Mr. Newell was asked to set up teleconferencing capability for the April meeting.

NYC DEP/ OPHRP Lands

Mr. Cushing expressed concern about the increasing restriction on access to NYC DEP and OPRHP lands for hunting and fishing; it gets worse with each parcel NYC DEP acquires, particularly in the Catskills and other areas west of the Hudson. [A guest?] commented that east of the Hudson he was not displeased with hunting and fishing access on NYC lands. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cushing and seconded by Mr. Rosa that DEC request the Commissioners of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and NYC Department of Environmental Protection to attend CFAB’s April and May 2008 meetings, respectively, to discuss hunting and fishing access on lands controlled by their agencies. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Resolutions of the Board

April 2, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Hancock and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to accept the March minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Chairman Long announced that elections of officers for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2007 would be held. For that purpose and to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest, the chair was turned over to Director Barnhart. The Director opened the meeting for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman of the Board, and Secretary of the Board. He then called on Mr. Bevilacqua as Chairman of the Nominating Committee to give the report of his Committee. Mr. Bevilacqua reported the Committee's decision to recommend for nomination the following slate of candidates to hold the following positions on the Board for the fiscal year, beginning April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, and until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified: Mr. Charles O. Hancock as Chairman of the Board, Mr. John J. Long as Vice Chairman of the Board and Mr. Fred Langdon as Secretary. This concluded the Committee's report.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Sicley and seconded by Mr. Hancock to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and nominate the slate of candidates recommended by the Committee to hold the officers' positions set forth beside their respective names. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Barnhart then asked if there were any other names of candidates to be considered for any of the officer's positions. A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to close the period for the nomination of candidates to be officers of the Board for the for the fiscal year that began April 1, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Long and seconded by Ms. Sicley to vote on the slate of candidates and that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee be instructed to cast one vote to elect the slate of candidates to hold the positions set forth beside their respective names for the fiscal year that began April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 and until their successors have been elected and shall have qualified. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bevilacqua then cast one vote to elect the slate of candidates to hold the positions set forth beside their respective names. Director Barnhart then announced that Mr. Hancock has been elected as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Long has been elected as Vice Chairman of the Board and Mr. Langdon has been elected as Secretary of the Board for the fiscal year that began April 1, 2007 and until their respective successors have been elected and shall have qualified. Director Barnhart then announced the end of elections and relinquished the chair to Chairman Hancock.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Sicley and seconded by Mr. Langdon to purchase and deliver plaques recognizing Mr. Monacchio and Mr. Woodfield's service to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Hancock will look into the availability of plaques

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

May 7, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. John to accept the April minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Ms. Sicley to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

June 4, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. Pike to accept the May minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

August 5, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. John to accept the June minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

September 10, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. John to accept the August minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

October 9, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Ms. Sicley to accept the September minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Sicley and seconded by Mr. John to recommend Bud Woodfield for the New York Sportsman Outdoor Hall of Fame. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

November 5, 2007

A motion was duly made by Mr. Langdon and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to accept the October minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously accepted

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Langdon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

December 10, 2007

Minutes of 5 November 07 meeting: No changes made to draft. Motion to accept by Ms. Sicley, seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua and motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sicley proposed that CFAB recommend Bud Woodfield for induction into the NYS Conservationists Hall of Fame. After brief discussion Mr. Bevilacqua motioned to accept the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Sicley and motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sicley made a motion to adjourn at about noon, seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua, and the motion was carried unanimously

January 14, 2008

Minutes of 10 December 2007 meeting: Two minor changes made to draft. Motion to accept by Mr. Bevilacqua, seconded by Ms. Sicley and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bevilacqua made a motion to adjourn at about 3:40 PM, seconded by Mr. Rosa, and the motion was carried unanimously.

February 11, 2008

Minutes of 11 February 08 meeting: After minor changes were made there was a motion to accept by Mr. Rosa, seconded by Mr. Pike, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rosa made a motion to adjourn at about 1:05 PM, seconded by Mr. Pike, and the motion was carried unanimously

March 9, 2008

Minutes of 11 February 08 meeting: After minor changes were made there was a motion to accept by Mr. Rosa, seconded by Mr. Kemper, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cushing distributed a draft letter regarding the Conservation Fund deficit. A motion was made by Mr. Pike and seconded by Mr. Kemper to accept the letter as amended, that CFAB will co-sign, along with a number of non-governmental conservation organizations, and will be sent to Governor Spitzer, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, concerning the need to resolve the Conservation Fund structural deficit. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rosa made a motion to adjourn at 1:47 PM, seconded by Mr. Kemper, and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/719.html>

8. License Fee Recommendation

The Board began discussions for increasing revenues to the Conservation Fund as alternatives or to supplement a future license fee increase. The preferred way to resolve the deficit would be for the general fund to pay for all staff fringe benefits. Non-personnel service costs are also an increasing burden on the Conservation fund. The fringe benefit costs exceed 50% of personnel costs. The general fund, which is supported by all taxpayers, pays for fringe benefits of non Conservation Fund fish and wildlife staff. It now appears likely that the entire cost of a significant number of staff will need to be transferred to the general fund to avoid significant future cuts in staff. A license fee increase that would cover the existing revenue short falls for just the next few years would be well above any previous increase and could result in a significant drop in license sales. If sportsmen and women want to continue to contribute the same percent of revenue to fish and wildlife programs as in the past then a broad based tax such as an excise tax needs to be considered.

SPORTING LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE	
<u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
New York Resident	
Senior Sportsman	\$5
Seven-day Fishing	\$12
Fishing.....	\$19
Small & Big Game	\$19
Small Game	\$16
Trapping	\$16
Jr. Trapping	\$6
Sportsman.....	\$37
Bowhunting	\$16
Muzzleloading.....	\$16
Super Sportsman ¹	\$68
Turkey Permit	\$5
Conservation Legacy ²	\$76
Nonresident	
Fishing.....	\$40
Hunting.....	\$55
Big Game	\$110
Seven-day Fishing	\$25
Muzzleloading.....	\$110
Bowhunting.....	\$110
Bear Tag	\$30
Turkey Permit	\$30
Super Sportsman	\$250
Trapping	\$255
Resident Lifetime Licenses	
Sportsman ³	
child under 5 yrs old	\$300
child 5-11 yrs old	\$420
12-64 yrs old	\$600
65 yrs and older	\$50
Small and Big Game.....	\$350
Fishing	\$350
Trapping	\$300
Bowhunting	\$180
Muzzleloading	\$180
Resident & Nonresident	
Jr. Small Game	\$5
Jr. Archery	\$9
One-day Fishing	\$15
Conservation Patron ⁴	\$12
Habitat & Access Stamp.....	\$5
Notes:	
¹ Allows the bearer to hunt small game and big game, bow hunt, muzzle-loader hunt, hunt turkeys and fish.	
² Includes Super Sportsman license, Habitat and Access Stamp and “The Conservationist”.	
³ Lifetime turkey permit included with Lifetime Sportsman license.	
⁴ Includes “The Conservationist” and a Habitat and Access Stamp.	

The following table shows New York's sporting license fees are a great bargain compared to the Northeast and Great Lakes States. The table shows what a resident or non-resident must pay to engage in the particular fishing or hunting activities listed.

LICENSE FEE COMPARISON WITH NEIGHBORING STATES												
LICENSE TYPE	NY	NJ	PA	CT	MA	VT	ME	WI	MI	MN	AVG	NY DIFF.
<u>RESIDENT</u>												
FISHING												
Season Fishing	\$19.00	\$22.50	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$28.50	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$20.70	(\$1.70)
Trout & Salmon	\$0.00	\$10.50	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$5.25	(\$5.25)
Great Lakes	\$0.00	NA	\$9.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.80	(\$3.80)
Combo Trout & Great Lakes	NA	NA	\$15.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Saltwater	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	NA	NA	NA	\$0.00	NA
Fishing, all species & waters	\$19.00	\$33.00	\$37.00	\$20.00	\$28.50	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$40.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$27.55	(\$8.55)
HUNTING												
Basic Deer	\$19.00	\$55.50	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$28.50	\$16.00	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$15.00	\$53.00	\$28.10	(\$9.10)
Archery Deer	\$35.00	\$59.50	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$34.60	\$33.00	\$22.00	\$24.00	\$15.00	\$27.00	\$31.61	\$3.39
Small Game	\$16.00	\$27.50	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$27.50	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$18.90	(\$2.90)
Turkey	\$21.00	\$48.50	\$20.00	\$42.00	\$27.50	\$33.00	\$28.00	\$48.00	\$45.00	\$61.00	\$37.40	(\$16.40)
Waterfowl	\$31.00	\$47.50	\$38.00	\$39.00	\$48.50	\$38.00	\$38.50	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$42.50	\$39.80	(\$8.80)
Pheasant	\$16.00	\$67.50	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$27.50	\$16.00	\$34.00	\$28.00	\$15.00	\$27.50	\$27.95	(\$11.95)
<u>NON-RESIDENT</u>												
FISHING												
Season Fishing	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$52.00	\$40.00	\$38.50	\$41.00	\$53.00	\$50.00	\$34.00	\$35.00	\$41.75	(\$1.75)
Trout & Salmon	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$5.70	(\$5.70)
Great Lakes	\$0.00	NA	\$9.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.80	(\$3.80)
Combo Trout & Great Lakes	NA	NA	\$15.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Saltwater	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA	\$0.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fishing, all species & waters	\$40.00	\$54.00	\$67.00	\$40.00	\$38.50	\$41.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$49.05	(\$9.05)
HUNTING												
Basic Deer	\$110.00	\$163.50	\$101.00	\$117.00	\$100.50	\$90.00	\$88.00	\$160.00	\$138.00	\$136.00	\$120.40	(\$10.40)
Archery Deer	\$110.00	\$163.50	\$127.00	\$100.00	\$106.60	\$115.00	\$58.00	\$160.00	\$138.00	\$136.00	\$121.41	(\$11.41)
Small Game	\$55.00	\$135.50	\$101.00	\$67.00	\$66.50	\$40.00	\$58.00	\$85.00	\$69.00	\$80.50	\$75.75	(\$20.75)
Turkey	\$85.00	\$156.50	\$101.00	\$95.00	\$66.50	\$65.00	\$101.00	\$125.25	\$138.00	\$146.00	\$107.93	(\$22.93)
Waterfowl	\$70.00	\$160.50	\$122.00	\$92.00	\$87.50	\$60.00	\$81.50	\$107.00	\$89.00	\$102.50	\$97.20	(\$27.20)
Pheasant	\$55.00	\$175.50	\$101.00	\$81.00	\$66.50	\$40.00	\$77.00	\$95.00	\$69.00	\$88.00	\$84.80	(\$29.80)

9. Projected Health of Conservation Fund

The table below reflects the projected status of the Conservation Fund (in millions).

Fiscal Year	Actual Cash Balance 4/1	Projected Carry In	Uncommitted Balance	Projected Receipts	Total Available	Projected Disbursements	Cash Balance 31-Mar	Projected Carry out	Uncommitted Balance
2003-04	\$4.47	\$4.00	\$0.47	\$39.54	\$40.01	\$36.97	\$3.04	\$2.99	\$0.05
2004-05 ¹	\$3.04	\$2.99	\$0.05	\$40.52	\$40.57	\$37.55	\$3.02	\$4.15	-\$1.13
2005-06 ²	\$3.02	\$4.15	-\$1.13	\$38.28	\$37.15	\$25.85	\$11.30	\$11.62	-\$0.32
2006-07 ³	\$11.30	\$11.33	-\$0.03	\$39.07	\$39.04	\$34.74	\$4.30	\$15.28	-\$10.98
2007-08 ⁴	\$4.30	\$3.31	\$0.99	\$40.83	\$41.82	\$29.13	\$10.99	\$0.40	\$10.58
2008-09	\$10.99	\$3.19 ⁵	\$7.80	\$41.37	\$49.17	\$47.78	-\$2.32	\$2.64	-\$4.96
¹ Actual FY 04-05 Receipts and Expenditures									
² Actual FY 05-06 Receipts and Expenditures									
³ Actual FY 06-07 Receipts and Expenditures									
⁴ Actual FY 07-08 Receipts and Expenditures									
⁵ Actual 2007-08 Carry-In									

10. Conclusions and Recommendations

The Board has reviewed the estimates of the projected income and expenditures from the Conservation Fund that were provided by the Department and must conclude that the programs will continue to be insolvent if the Department does not make internal transfers of other funds into fish and wildlife programs to cover the increased fringe benefit costs. While the Board can conclude that the expenditures from the Conservation Fund are consistent with Section 83 of the State Finance Law, the Board would like additional program/expenditure information about all funds as they relate to specific fish and wildlife programs and staff effort. The present license fees are no longer adequate to meet the assigned costs although the income generated seems to be stabilizing at about \$40 million. Although revenues are stabilizing, costs will continue to escalate. The Board will work with the Governor, Legislature and the Department to recommend new sources of revenue and fees to provide additional future revenue to meet the obligations of the Conservation Fund.

REVENUE TO THE TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE CONSERVATION FUND

The Table below depicts the revenue for fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 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 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						
Type of Revenue	4/1/2006 - 3/31/2007		4/1/2007 - 3/31/2008		Difference in Sales from Prior Period (A - B)	Difference in Receipts Period (C-D)
	Sales (B)	Receipts	Sales (A)	Receipts		
Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses						
Res. Fishing	344,375	6,399,019.00	357,526	6,638,239.00	13,151	239,220.00
Res. Fishing - Senior/Disabled)	37814	189,060.00	40,311	201,555.00	2,497	12,495.00
Res. Small & Big Game	96,049	1,742,129.00	90,067	1,629,488.00	(5,982)	(112,641.00)
Res. Junior Small Game	19,268	96,280.00	18,832	94,095.00	(436)	(2,185.00)
Res. Trapping	10,561	160,496.00	10,360	156,752.00	(201)	(3,744.00)
Res. Trapping (Senior/Dis.)	1,476	0.00	1,549	0.00	73	0.00
Res. Jr. Trapping	746	4,458.00	763	4,530.00	17	72.00
Res. Jr. Archery	4,212	37,881.00	4,202	37,782.00	(10)	(99.00)
Res. Sportsman	204,709	7,548,049.00	199,068	7,341,101.00	(5,641)	(206,948.00)
Res. Super Sportsman	126,907	8,614,072.10	133,380	9,049,995.30	6,473	435,923.20
Res. Sportsman(Senior/Dis.)	83,587	417,970.00	85,685	428,445.00	2,098	10,475.00
Res. Hunting	5,983	95,808.00	6,206	99,296.00	223	3,488.00
Bowhunting	54,433	860,768.00	50,976	805,488.00	(3,457)	(55,280.00)
Bowhunting (Senior/Disabled)	9,446	0.00	10,527	0.00	1,081	0.00
Muzzleloading	68,815	1,089,823.84	68,904	1,091,536.00	89	1,712.16
Muzzleloading (Senior/Dis.)	18,963	0.00	21,544	0.00	2,581	0.00
Resident Turkey	139,725	698,665.00	137,992	689,945.00	(1,733)	(8,720.00)
Res. Fishing 7-Day	15,481	185,772.00	17,215	206,580.00	1,734	20,808.00
Subtotal - Resident	1,242,550	28,140,250.94	1,255,107	28,474,827.30	12,557	334,576.36
Non-Res. Fishing	55,324	2,213,040.00	56,850	2,273,920.00	1,526	60,880.00
Non-Res. 1-Day Fishing	23,705	355,560.00	24,799	372,000.00	1,094	16,440.00
Non-Res. Hunting	8,380	461,060.00	8,604	473,220.00	224	12,160.00
Non-Res. Junior Small Game	538	2,690.00	617	3,085.00	79	395.00
Non-Res. Big Game	25,444	2,799,060.00	24,900	2,739,000.00	(544)	(60,060.00)
Non-Res. Trapping	47	11,985.00	49	12,495.00	2	510.00
Non-Res. Super Sportsman	6,713	1,678,250.00	7,094	1,773,540.00	381	95,290.00
Non-Res. Muzzleloading	1,515	166,870.00	1,355	149,050.00	(160)	(17,820.00)
Non-Res. Bowhunting	2,102	231,220.00	2,060	226,600.00	(42)	(4,620.00)
Non-Res. Junior Archery	68	612.00	89	801.00	21	189.00

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

Type of Revenue	4/1/2006 - 3/31/2007		4/1/2007 - 3/31/2008		Difference in Sales from Prior Period (A - B)	Difference in Receipts Period (C-D)
	Sales (B)	Receipts	Sales (A)	Receipts		
Non-Res. Bear Tag	2,388	71,640.00	2,505	75,090.00	117	3,450.00
Non-Res. Turkey	4,173	125,190.00	4,311	129,330.00	138	4,140.00
Non-Res. Fishing 7-Day	68,851	1,721,275.00	73,461	1,836,545.00	4,610	115,270.00
Subtotal - Non Resident	199,248	9,838,452.00	206,694	10,064,676.00	7,446	226,224.00
Subtotal of Resident and Non Resident	1,441,798	37,978,702.94	1,461,801	38,539,503.30	20,003	560,800.36
One Day Fishing	679	10,185.00	730	10,950.00	51	765.00
Attorney General Adjustments				0.00	0	0.00
LIO Collections		10,269.17		11,528.39	0	1,259.22
License Refunds		(4,088.50)		(7,337.00)	0	(3,248.50)
Revenue Accounting Audit Adjustments					0	0.00
Transfer from General Fund						
Transfer from Other Funds						
Transfer from Lifetime account				1,226,348.02	0	1,226,348.02
TOTAL	1,442,477	37,995,068.61	1,462,531	39,780,992.71	20,054	1,785,924.10

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

Type of Revenue	4/1/2006- 3/31/2007	4/1/2007- 3/31/2008	Difference in Receipts from Prior Period	% Variance of Receipts from Prior Period
	Receipts	Receipts		
Special Licenses & Permits				
Deer Management Permits	288,800.00	313,960.00	25,160.00	8.71%
Res. Conservation Legacy	11,248.38	13,509.76	2,261.38	20.10%
Res. Habitat Stamp	37,759.80	40,329.04	2,569.24	6.80%
Res. Conservation Patron	93.72	124.08	30.36	32.39%
Non-Res. Habitat Stamp	2,290.20	2,769.88	479.68	20.94%
Non-Res. Conservation Patron	23.10	35.64	12.54	54.29%
Lost License Certificates	169,540.00	180,715.00	11,175.00	6.59%
Conserve Habitat License Plate Revenue	5,500.00	8,725.00	3,225.00	58.64%
Special Licenses	118,163.90	176,251.95	58,088.05	49.16%
TOTAL	633,419.10	736,420.35	103,001.25	16.26%
Misc. Receipts & Fed. Reimb.				
Fees	3,690.00	3,026.00	(664.00)	-17.99%
Refund of Expenses	21,444.56	36,098.47	14,653.91	68.33%
*Fines - Court Administration and Justice Court	535,284.55	507,377.30	(27,907.25)	-5.21%
Fines - Article 11	59,190.00	55,567.65	(3,622.35)	-6.12%
Fines - Article 13	25,400.00	0.00	(25,400.00)	-100.00%
Fines - Other	101,297.90	95,846.70	(5,451.20)	-5.38%
Assessments			0.00	0.00%
Rentals & Royalties:				
Timber Royalties	595,991.65	612,159.61	16,167.96	2.71%
Oil & Gas Lease Delay Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Oil & Gas Lease Royalties	9,129.85	4,944.23	(4,185.62)	-45.85%
Oil & Gas Storage	109.00	201.81	92.81	85.15%
Oil & Gas Bonus Bids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Acreage Rentals	7,252.65	2,178.00	(5,074.65)	-69.97%
Miscellaneous Sales	40,962.31	23,043.96	(17,918.35)	-43.74%
Gifts & Donations	50.00	20,062.86	20,012.86	40025.72%
Sundry General	0.00	126.75	126.75	0.00%
TOTAL	1,399,802.47	1,360,633.34	(39,169.13)	-2.80%
Other Revenue & Adjustments				
Interest	381,461.48	224,853.97	(156,607.51)	-41.05%
Gifts to Wildlife	467,617.07	498,060.36	30,443.29	6.51%
TOTAL	849,078.55	722,914.33	(126,164.22)	-14.86%
TOTAL CONSERVATION FUND TRADITIONAL ACCOUNT	40,877,368.73	42,600,960.73	1,723,592.00	4.22%

*Justice Court fines are received in May, August, November and February.

11. Fiscal Report

The total level of expenditure for the 2007-08 by program was \$123,553,514. This level reflects a decrease of \$5,451,661 from the amount reported in 2006-07. Changes are summarized in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1 - Level of expenditure by program for FY 2007-08 and FY 2006-07:

<u>Program</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>Change</u>
Fish, Wildlife & Marine	\$ 54,736,231	\$ 52,199,725	+\$ 2,536,506
Law Enforcement	\$ 27,751,428	\$ 36,486,289	- \$ 8,734,861
Public Affairs	\$ 1,270,519	\$ 1,167,547	+ \$ 102,972
Operations	\$ 2,295,773	\$ 1,899,570	+ \$ 396,203
Indirect Support	\$ 22,737,192	\$ 22,831,386	- \$ 94,193
FW&M Capital Projects	\$ 14,762,370	\$ 14,422,486	+\$ 339,884
Total	\$123,553,514	\$129,007,005	- \$ 5,453,489

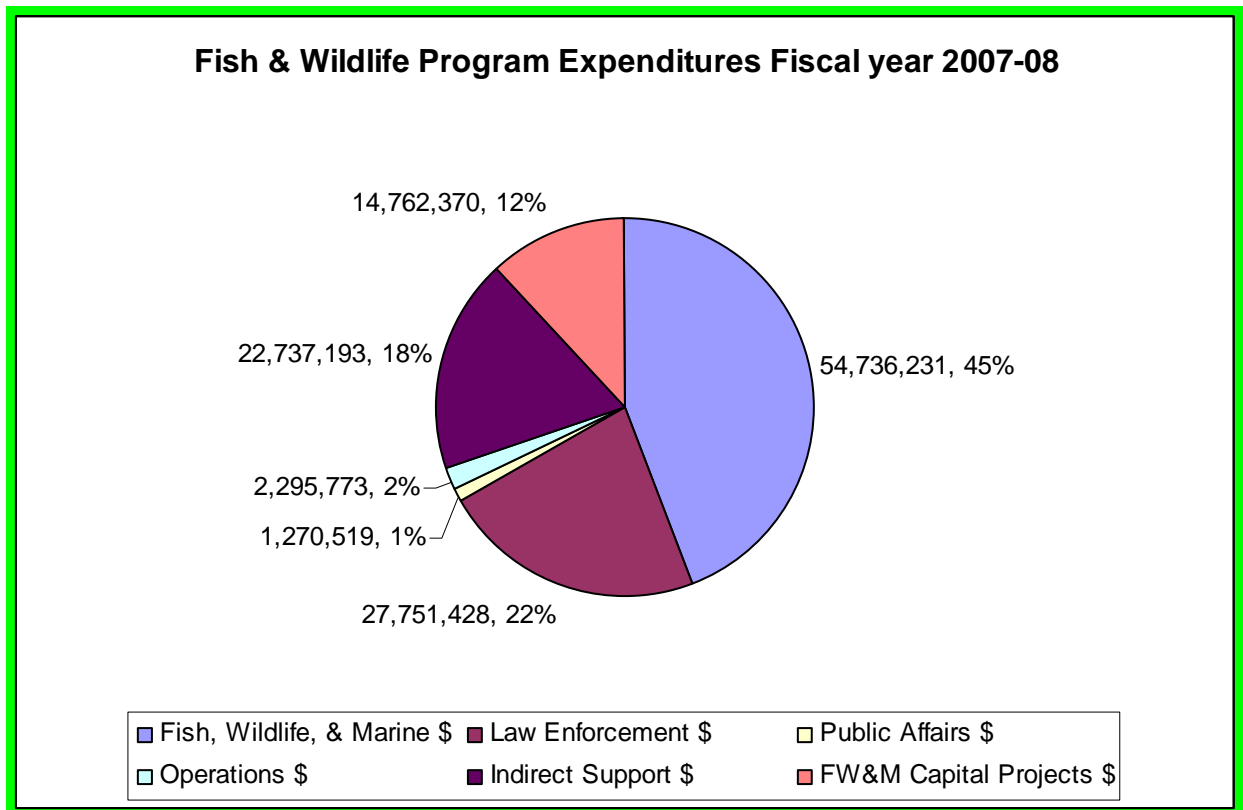
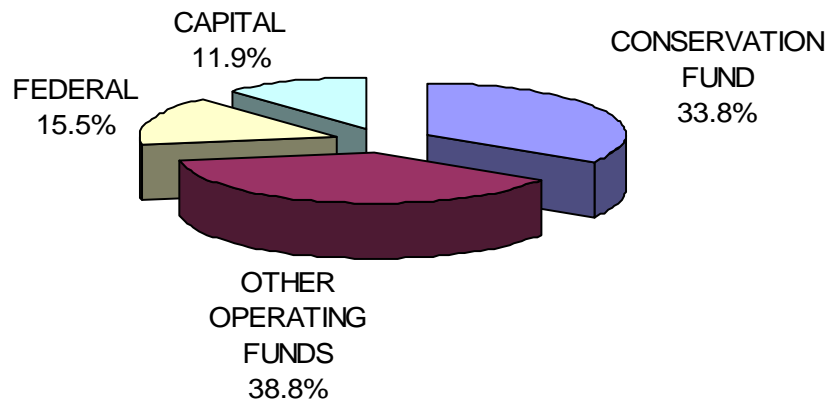


Table 2 - Level of expenditure by funding source for FY 2007-08 and FY 2006-07.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>Change</u>
Conservation Fund ¹	\$ 41,708,039	\$ 52,260,289	-\$ 10,552,250
Other Operating Funds	\$ 47,610,755	\$ 45,336,971	+\$ 2,273,784
Federal	\$ 19,472,350	\$ 16,987,259	+\$ 2,485,091
Capital Projects	\$ 14,762,370	\$ 14,422,486	+\$ 339,884
Total	\$ 123,553,514	\$129,007,005	- \$ 5,453,491

¹ Includes sub-accounts: RAGTW, Migratory Bird & Marine Resources; excludes Licensed Guides.

Fish, Wildlife & Marine Level of Expenditures Sources of Funds for Fiscal Year 2007-08



2007-08 FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE LEVEL OF SUPPORT ANALYSIS SUMMARY

FW&M EFFORT						SOURCE OF FUNDS				
CATEGORY	PERSONAL SERVICE	FRINGE BENEFITS	NONPERSONAL			CONSERVATION FUND	OTHER OPERATING FUNDS	FEDERAL	CAPITAL	TOTAL
			SUBTOTAL	SERVICE	TOTAL					
DIRECT PROGRAM COSTS										
FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE	19,632,783	5,219,555	28,852,338	10,076,050	38,930,388	24,320,290	14,610,098			38,930,388
FEDERAL AID (F,W&M) (290)	6,394,860	2,911,469	9,306,329	6,499,695	15,805,843			15,805,843		15,805,843
SUBTOTAL DIR PGM	26,027,443	12,131,044	38,158,487	16,577,445	54,736,231	24,320,290	14,610,098	15,805,843		54,736,231
DIRECT SUPPORT COSTS										
LAW ENFORCEMENT	16,913,007	7,942,348	24,855,355	2,896,074	27,751,428	9,502,604	17,979,884	268,740		27,751,428
PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION	634,030	297,740	931,770	338,748	1,270,519	198,833	1,071,687			1,270,519
OPERATIONS										
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	252,710	116,724	369,434	7,427	376,861					
FIELD OPERATIONS	436,985	204,766	641,751	230,172	871,923					
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	713,030	334,639	1,047,669	0	1,047,669					
SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS	1,401,825	656,349	2,058,174	237,599	2,295,773	1,777,916	319,545	198,312		2,295,773
SUBTOTAL DIR SUPPORT	18,948,862	8,896,436	27,845,300	3,472,422	31,317,722	11,478,553	19,371,116	467,052	0	31,317,722
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	44,976,305	21,027,481	66,003,786	20,050,167	86,053,953	35,799,843	33,981,213	16,272,895	0	86,053,952
CAPITAL PROJECTS										
	PS	FB	SubTotal	Other-Capital	TOTAL					
CONS. RECONS., & IMPROV. (002)	142,833	67,074	209,907	718,739	928,646				928,646	928,646
REHAB & IMPROVEMENT (R&I) (002)	323,221	151,785	475,006	676,078	1,151,084				1,151,084	1,151,084
CWICA BOND ACT (002)	0	0	0	1,308,900	1,308,900				1,308,900	1,308,900
ENV PROTECTION FD (078)	0	0	0	6,926,224	6,926,224				6,926,224	6,926,224
NATURAL RES DAMAGES (178)	1,835	862	2,697	1,168,152	1,170,849				1,170,849	1,170,849
FEDERAL PROJECTS (291)	0	0	0	3,276,667	3,276,667				3,276,667	3,276,667
SUBTOTAL CAPITAL	467,889	219,721	687,610	14,074,760	14,762,370				14,762,370	14,762,370
INDIRECT SUPPORT					22,737,191	5,908,196	13,629,542	3,199,454	0	22,737,192
GRAND TOTAL	45,444,194	21,247,202	66,691,396	34,124,927	123,553,514	41,708,039	47,610,755	19,472,349	14,762,370	123,553,514
						Cons Fund	33.8%	41,708,039		
						Other Oper Fds	38.5%	47,610,755		
						Federal	15.8%	19,472,349		
						Capital	11.9%	14,762,370		
						TOTAL	100.00%	123,553,514		

Highlights of Program Expenditures

This report covers expenditures occurring between April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008. This period includes expenditures from FY 2007-08 appropriations and FY 2006-07 appropriations for the carry-out period April-June 2007, as well as expenditures from various fiscal year Capital appropriations. Methodology is included in attachment A.

FISH, WILDLIFE & MARINE

Total direct expenditures for the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources were \$54,736,231 in 2007-08 compared to \$52,199,725 in 2006-07. Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources expenditures funded by the Conservation Fund increased from a FY 2006-07 total of \$23,852,216 to a FY 2007-08 total of \$24,320,290. Other Operating Funds, including the General Fund, contributed \$14,610,098 in support of the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources compared to the FY 2006-07 total of \$14,146,649. Expenditures from Federal Aid, excluding indirect support and Capital, increased from \$14,200,860 to \$15,805,843. 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 Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Commerce, and Interior.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Division of Law Enforcement's direct support expenditures associated with Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities totaled \$27,751,428, after the T&A of 65.54% of the total Law Enforcement personal service costs was applied. Source of funds were as follows: Conservation Fund \$9,502,804, Other Operating Funds \$17,979,884 and Federal funding of \$268,740. An increase in Federal funding is primarily due to the Division of Law Enforcement receiving Joint Enforcement grants from the Office of Homeland Security. These grants were used to purchase boats and related supplies & materials, as well as boating equipment. These boats will be used in patrolling New York's waterways and the inspection of Marine fisheries. These boats will also be utilized to support Homeland Security efforts in an event the need arises. A significant decrease in Law Enforcement's Conservation Fund was primarily due to the binding arbitration settlement for salary increases, in excess of \$10 million, that were paid in fiscal year 2006-07.

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.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & EDUCATION

The Division of Public Affairs and Education is a support division to all agency programs at DEC, including Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources. 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 was 35.47%, which is slightly lower than FY 06-07. Fiscal Year 2007-08 expenditures in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources totaled \$1,270,519. Source of funds were as follows: Conservation Fund \$198,833, and Other Operating Funds \$1,071,687. There was no Federal funding.

Services provided by Public Affairs and Education toward Fish & Wildlife efforts include: producing agency publications; writing and design of reports; design and production of interpretive signs and displays; design and maintenance of the DEC public website; publishing the Conservationist magazine; providing information to the public through various outreach services including public participation meetings, fairs,

outdoor shows, festivals, clinics, etc; providing photographic services; providing environmental education to the public on F&W issues; and stewardship of natural resources through our education centers and our summer youth camps.

OPERATIONS

Total expenditures by the Division of Operations in direct support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities for fiscal year 2007-08 totaled \$2,295,773, an increase of \$396,203. The Conservation Fund contributed \$1,777,916 of the total expenditures incurred by Operations in support of Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities during this time period. Other Operating Funds provided \$319,545 in funds and Federal contributed a total \$198,312. Federal contributions increased by \$185,896 in 2007-08. This increase can be attributed to disaster assistance from the State Emergency Management Office, SEMO, for the June 2006 Floods that occurred in Central New York.

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, including personal service, totaled \$14,762,370. This is an increase of \$339,884 from the 2006-07 amount of \$14,422,486. Capital Environmental Protection Fund expenditures totaled \$6,797,422, which includes \$3,758,971 in spending on Hudson River Estuary. An increase in Natural Resource Damages spending for a Jamaica Bay land acquisition, in Richmond County, NY; contributed to the increase in capital.

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 totaled

\$22,737,193 for 2007-08. Indirect is calculated as a percentage of direct personal service and fringe benefits. Therefore, increases in these categories correlates to an increase in indirect costs.

Of the total, the Conservation Fund contributed \$5,908,196 toward indirect support services; federal aid contributed \$3,199,454; and the balance of \$13,629,542 was paid by other operating funds, including the General Fund. Contributions from the Conservation Fund increased by \$632,428. Federal aid contributions increased by \$430,691. Contributions from all other funding decreased by \$1,157,313.

Methodology for Fish, Wildlife & Marine
Sources and Uses of Funds
FY 2007-08

Methodology to determine the total cost of the Fish, Wildlife & Marine program during fiscal year 2007-08 follows. Costs were classified as either direct or indirect in nature.

- a. If direct, various methods and formulae were used to determine the cost of fish, wildlife & marine activities.
- b. If indirect, the Department's federally approved indirect rate of 34.38% of direct personal service and fringe benefits for 2007-08 was applied to account for indirect expenditures.

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
	Public Affairs and Education	Office of Management & Budget
	Operations	Public Affairs and Education
		Operations
		Regional Affairs
		Office of General Counsel
		Environmental Permits

Cost allocation recovery charges for costs 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.

The direct and direct support components include:

Direct

Fish, Wildlife & Marine - All costs attributable to the program including costs for the Return a Gift to Wildlife, Migratory Bird, Freshwater Wetlands Appeals Board, Delmar Lab, Marine district costs, the Hudson River Estuary programs are considered as fish, wildlife and marine.

Direct Support

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 codes were provided by program. All titles, sworn and civilian, were used, as were all activities related to Fish, Wildlife & Marine resources. Administrative codes were excluded as well as the cost for code 8921, Resource Protection. This exclusion (as requested by LE) is due to the fact that this code is extremely variable as it pertains to FW&M. The percentage developed was 65.54% and was applied to total Law Enforcement expenditures of personal service, fringe benefits and non-personal service including Resource Protection (8921) expenditures.

Public Affairs and Education - As with Law Enforcement, a study of time and activity codes was used to determine a percentage of time spent by Public Affairs personnel on Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities. Time & activity codes were provided by program. Administrative codes were excluded. Of the codes identified in support of FW&M, Code 1927 was determined to be 100%. The remaining FW&M T&A costs were prorated, then the regular T&A methodology was applied yielding 35.47%. This percentage was applied to the expenditures of Public Affairs and Education=s personal service, fringe benefits and non-personal service.

Operations - The following portions were considered as direct:

- Design and Construction
- Field Operations
- Transportation Services

A study of the time and activity codes, as provided by program, was used to determine the percentage of time spent on fish, wildlife and marine activities by the Design and Construction and Field Operations sections. 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 service, fringe benefits and non-personal service for those sections. The percentages are as follows:

Design and Construction	19.21%	for fish & wildlife
Field Operations	6.33%	for fish & wildlife
Field Operations	0.31%	for law enforcement

Since 65.54% of Law Enforcement=s effort is devoted to Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities, Field Operations=level of effort was calculated at the same percentage of Operations= percent of effort for Law Enforcement.

The time and activity methodology was not used for Transportation Services due to the availability of mileage data for program chargebacks. The Division of Operations does not fund equipment management costs for programs. All costs are recovered by Operations through the chargeback system. A ratio from the mileage data for program chargebacks gives the percentage of time spent on Fish, Wildlife and Marine activities. These percentages were applied to the 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 supports both Fish, Wildlife & Marine and Law Enforcement. The percentage of time spent on Law Enforcement=s efforts by Operations was developed from mileage data available for program chargebacks. As with Field Operations, transportation services=level of

effort on behalf of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources was calculated at a percentage of Operations= percent of effort for Law Enforcement.

Indirect Support was based on the federally approved indirect rate of 34.38% applied to total direct personal service costs of the agency, plus fringe benefit costs. The portion of indirect support funded 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.

Indirect Support costs from DEC for Fish, Wildlife & Marine activities:

- Executive - Fish & Wildlife=s proportionate share of Executive Office efforts, including Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources, Legislative Affairs office which works on legislation, and the Bond Act office.
- 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 services, hunting & fishing license accounting, payroll processing and contract approval are other essential services provided.
- Public Affairs and Education - audio-visual is the part of PA&E that is considered indirect and includes displays for state fair, etc.
- Operations - Electronics is indirect.
- 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.
- 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.
- Environmental Permits - permitting.

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

Costs actually paid for by the Conservation Fund were deducted from the total costs, less federal and capital, and the balance was determined to be funded either by Federal, Capital, or Other Operating Funds.

5. Capital Projects

All Capital project expenditures, including Capital, EPF, Natural Resource Damages Capital and Federal Capital projects in support of FW&M activities for all programs were summarized.

Index of Work papers for Level of Effort 2007-08

I. Prior Year=s Reports (copy and use for current year)

- a. 0708allprog.xls are Excel spreadsheets. Data totals are transferred to Summary Sheet.
- b. 0708level.xls is Summary Sheet which is attached to the Level of Effort report letter. (The Cons Fd columns in the middle are hidden, and the report is printed in letter size.)

0708allprog.xls (Data back-up file)

- A. Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources Analysis - Direct
(Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources (FWMR tab in spreadsheet)
- need to run exp. reports, no T&A % applies (see file)
- B. Federal Aid (FW&MR) 290. (No tab in report)
Data is entered directly into Summary Sheet from expenditure report run (see file).
- use annual Federal Fringe Benefit rate
- C. Law Enforcement Support Analysis
(Law Enf. tab in spreadsheet)
- need T&A codes from DLE (identified as Admin, FWM, or other)
- T&A analysis to calculate % (see notes in file for Code 8921, Resource Protection)
- need to run exp. report, apply T&A % (see file)
- D. Public Affairs Support Analysis
(Pub. Aff. tab in spreadsheet)
- need T&A codes from Public Affairs (as identified as Admin, FWM, or other)
- need T&A analysis to calculate % (see methodology in file)
- need to run exp. report, apply T&A % (see file)
- E. Operations
(Oper. Sum - summary tab in spreadsheet. This is a summary page of the Design & Construction page, the Field Ops. page, and the Trans. Svcs. page)
 - a. Design & Construction (Engineering Svcs)
(Des&Con tab)
- need T&A codes (identified as Admin, FWM or other)
- need program identification of cost centers pertaining to Design & Construction
- need T&A analysis to calculate %
- need to run exp. report, apply T&A % (see file)
 - b. Field Operations
(Field Ops Tab)
- need T&A codes (identified as Admin, FWM or other)
- need program identification of cost centers pertaining to Field Operations
- need T&A analysis of FWM and LE to calculate percentages
- need to run exp. report, apply T&A %s (see file)

- c. Transportation Services
(Trans Svcs. Tab)
- need T&A codes (identified as Admin, FWM or other)
 - need program confirmation of cost centers pertaining to Transportation Services
 - need T&A analysis from LE, previously calculated
 - need to run exp. report (see file)
 - need total Department mileage and cost, FWM mileage and cost, and Law Enforcement mileage and cost. (See correspondence in file)

- F. Capital Projects
- (Capital Projects tab in spreadsheet)
 - need to extract data from expenditure report runs from all programs (see file)
 - use T&A %s developed for Law Enforcement & Public Affairs above.
 - sum to Capital Projects summary page.

- G. Indirect
(Indirect Tab in spreadsheet)
- update annual %s in formula on Summary Sheet and Indirect page in backup file
 - run Indirect Expenditures Report for PS and NPS Conservation Fund (see file)
 - calculate Indirect on total Conservation Fund personal service.
 - transfer info to Indirect page and to summary sheet
 - subtract Conservation Fund, Federal and Capital from total Indirect. Balance is Other-Operating Funds.

*Source of all expenditure data was provided by the Annual Revenue and Expenditure Report database.

Note: A request or confirmation of T&A codes and/or cost centers, if necessary, are the first step in compiling data. Program should confirm or identify whether codes are Admin, FWM, or other. This can be done via email. A request is also sent annually to Transportation Services to obtain annual mileage data for the fiscal year for FWM and Law Enf. (See file for correspondence).

APPENDIX A

List of initiatives developed at the September 2006 CFAB meeting. The meeting included representatives from the NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB), NYS Conservation Council (NYSCC) and the Conservation Alliance of NY (CANY). Each item listed below would require legislative change, regulatory change, or policy change. Some items might require a combination to effect change.

1. Allow junior hunters to hunt big game – would allow junior hunters who are already permitted to hunt small game with any implement to hunt big game under direct supervision.
2. Legalize crossbow - eliminate the prohibition on the use of crossbows as an implement of hunting in New York State.
3. Hudson River fishing license - no license is currently required to fish the main stem (not including tributaries). Licensing would increase revenue and allow the Department to more effectively distribute health advisories.
4. Salt water fishing license - the re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which is the nation's primary saltwater fisheries management statute, includes language proposing a federal license or registry if a state did not already have a license in place.
5. Visible fishing license - is designed to reduce the number of people fishing without a license. It would allow greater effectiveness by law enforcement staff and would also increase peer pressure from other fishermen.
6. NYS surcharge on outdoor equipment - could provide a broad base of funding for environmental programs. It would increase with inflation and could reduce or eliminate time spent by the legislature for license fee increases or other budgetary needs.
7. MORV fines & licenses to conservation fund - instead of the general fund.
8. Fringe Benefits to general fund - staff members in the Department who are funded through the Conservation Fund have their salaries and fringe benefits paid by the Fund. Fringe benefits are approximately 50% of salary costs at this time and are currently costing the Fund close to \$12 million.
9. Mandatory Habitat/Access Stamp - this program is currently voluntary and all monies collected are placed in the habitat account of the Conservation Fund and can only be used for habitat conservation or public access projects. This program could generate \$2 million to \$10 million, depending on how the program is set up. Many group members felt that non consumptive users such as bird watchers or canoeists should be purchasing habitat stamps.
10. Increase access to State lands - provide greater accessibility to state lands. Many of the Unit Management Plans (UMP) fail to include trapping as an activity. State Wildlife Management Areas are very accessible and the emphasis needs to be placed on State Forest Preserve lands and State Parks. Existing State lands need better signage.
11. Out-of State Sport shows - the Department used to send staff to out of state shows but reduced budgets have eliminated that. The Department should work with I Love New York to receive funding to allow staff to once again attend these shows, since non-resident sportsmen contribute to the overall economy of the state.

12. Promotion/Publicity - The Department once had a marketing specialist on staff but reduced budgets caused that to be eliminated. DECALS now contains a great deal of information about the sportsmen and women of New York and it may be time to reconsider the idea of having a marketing specialist in the Department.
13. Surcharge on conservation violations - a surcharge that would go to local jurisdictions would encourage them to take conservation violations more seriously. It would provide a monetary incentive to process the cases instead of dismissing them. A percentage of the surcharge could be used to fund the TIPP program. The fine structure for conservation violations needs to be updated.
14. Better controls on tournament fishing - the number of tournaments is increasing and there are concerns about the spread of disease, spread of invasive species, impact on bass populations, impact on other recreational users, and competition for access sites. There were 74 tournaments scheduled on Cayuga Lake this year.
15. Diseases in fish and wildlife - this is an emerging area of concern both in New York State and nationally. The state has dealt with CWD, West Nile virus, rabies, and botulism to name a few and is preparing for a possible outbreak of avian influenza.
16. Ways to work with the Legislature for the good of sportsmen and sportswomen - all of the organizations have established legislative contacts. Is there a way to work together to make that more effective? The Department needs to change its policy on the issuance of memoranda on bills so organizations are aware of the Department's stance on proposed bills earlier in the process. Department bills also need to be submitted earlier so organizations have time to get involved.
17. Habitat Stamp promotion - *this item was combined with number 9.*
18. Pre-season youth pheasant hunt - *this item was combined with number 1.*
19. Manure spill breakdown and help for Region 6 - *A settlement had been negotiated and this item was removed from consideration.*
20. Power point presentation to promote trapping - a number of audio-visual products were produced for the "Trapping Matters" workshops that have taken place around the country. The Department is looking into the possibility of building on these resources to produce an A-V presentation that could be made available to a wider audience.
21. State land use master plan (plans in APA) - a statewide land use master plan was developed in the late 1970's governing management of state owned lands within the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The Department has no plans to revise the plan at this time. This item was included because of limitations on management practices such as liming.
22. Manage state lands for wildlife - Timber management should be encouraged on state lands where it is legal. Many environmentalist groups have advocated a hands off policy on state lands. A number of wildlife species are dependent on management to provide required habitat.
23. Improve habitat - *combined with 22*

24. Better communication between organizations - When each group pursues its own agenda, a long list of items of importance is created and the effort to move forward is diluted. As last year's legislative session shows, a diluted effort results in no net gain in legislative results. Groups that represent sportsmen and women's interests must work together to achieve common goals.
25. Other ways to increase funding for the Conservation Fund - a catchall item for ideas to increase funding to the CF.
26. Invasive species - Next to habitat fragmentation and loss, the single greatest threat to fish and wildlife populations in New York is invasive species.
27. Pan fish sales - prohibit sale of panfish caught pursuant to recreational fishing license. Current state law prohibits sale of any fish that has a closed season or size limit. In lieu of a law banning sales, a size limit or closed season on panfish would place them under protection of current law.
28. The need for organizations to work together - *combined with 24.*
29. Legislation to stop towns, cities, counties from imposing their own laws to eliminate or impede hunters, anglers or trappers - Sportsman groups must remain vigilant on this issue. Laminated waterfowl regulation cards have been printed and distributed throughout the state. These cards can be presented to local law enforcement officials who are the ones who respond to complaints about hunting activity and are usually unaware of the regulations. Many municipalities pass ordinances banning the discharge of firearms which is not a direct ban on hunting but has the same effect.
30. Ways to increase the number of young people involved in hunting, fishing and trapping - *this item was combined with number 1 and 18.*
31. Marine fuel tax - This item was raised during the discussion of item 7 and would take the portion of the state fuel tax that is attributable to marine fuel sales and place it in the Conservation Fund.
32. More General Fund money - Any activity by sportsmen in New York state contributes to the overall economy of the state and that fact should justify a greater amount of funding from the General Fund.
33. Reintroduce taxidermy license - The requirement for licensing of taxidermists was dropped by the Department a number of years ago. During the CWD investigation it became clear that taxidermy was a possible source of the introduction of CWD to the state. Since taxidermists deal with animal carcasses and body parts from all over the world, licensing would allow the Department to track their activities in case of a disease outbreak.
34. Access to private land - The emphasis so far was on state lands while the majority of sportsman activity takes place on private land. The Department and sportsman groups must find a way to promote access to private lands.

APPENDIX B

STATE OF NEW YORK CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD VOTING MEMBER LIST (as of March 31, 2008)	
Nominating Authority	Representative
Governor	<p>GORDON J. WHITING Residence - Region 2</p> <p>ALAN ROSA Residence - Region 4</p> <p>VACANT Residence - Region 7</p>
Senate	<p>CHARLES BEVILACQUA, Vice Chairman Residence - Region 1</p> <p>LINDA SICLEY Residence - Region 6</p> <p>CHARLES O. HANCOCK, Chairman Residence - Region 8</p>
Assembly	<p>VACANT Residence - Region 3</p> <p>JASON KEMPER, Secretary Residence - Region 5</p> <p>FRED LANGDON Residence - Region 9</p>
Statutory	<p>HOWARD CUSHING NYS Conservation Council Residence - Region 9</p> <p>WILLIAM PIKE NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board Residence - Region 5</p>
Ex Officio Members	
<p>Commissioner of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation</p> <p>Senate Finance Committee</p> <p>Senate Environmental Conservation Committee</p> <p>Assembly Ways and Means Committee</p> <p>Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee</p>	

APPENDIX C

STATE OF NEW YORK CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD 2007 COMMITTEES	
Committees	Members
Bylaws, Rules and Procedures	Charles Bevilacqua, Chair Fred Langdon • Charles Hancock
Computer Licensing	Charles Bevilacqua, Chair Charles Hancock • John Long Sr • Allen Rosa
Fiscal/Fiscal Distribution	Charles Hancock, Chair Charles Bevilacqua • John Long Sr. Shawn Keeler /Ann Harrison (DEC)
Fish	Fred Langdon, Chair Jason Kemper • Wally John • Gordon Whiting
Hunting	John Long Sr., Chair William Pike • Charles Hancock
Legislation	Wally John, Chair Charles Bevilacqua • Allen Rosa
Marine District	Charles Bevilacqua, Chair Wally John • Gordon Whiting
Open Space	Linda Sicley, Chair Allen Rosa • William Pike • Jason Kemper
Annual Report	Fred Langdon, Chair Wally John • Linda Sicley • Charles Hancock
Summit	Charles Hancock, Chair Linda Sicley • Allen Rosa
Sportsman Education	Linda Sicley, Chair Allen Rosa • Charles Bevilacqua
Nominating	Charles Bevilacqua, Chair Gordon Whiting • Linda Sicley

APPENDIX D

P = Present • E = Excused • A = Absent

CFAB Member Attendance at Monthly Meetings											
Voting Members	Apr 2 2007	May 7 2007	Jun 4 2007	Aug 5 2007	Sep 10 2007	Oct 9 2007	Nov 5 2007	Dec 10 2007	Jan 14 2008	Feb 11 2008	Mar 9 2008
Charles Bevilacqua <i>Region 1</i>	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gordon J. Whiting <i>Region 2</i> <i>(Appointed 11/06)</i>	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	P	E	P
Wally John <i>Region 3</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P			
Alan Rosa <i>Region 4</i>	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jason Kemper <i>Region 5</i> <i>(appointed May 07)</i>			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Linda Sicley <i>Region 6</i>	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E
Craig Tryon <i>Region 7</i>	E	E	E								
Charles Pace <i>Region 7</i> <i>(appointed Jan 08)</i>										P	P
Charles O. Hancock <i>Region 8</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Fred Langdon <i>Region 9</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E
John Long Sr. <i>NYS CC</i>	E	P	P	E							
Howard Cushing <i>NYS CC</i> <i>(appointed Sep 07)</i>						P	A	P	P	P	P
William Pike <i>NYSFWMB</i>		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ex-Officio Members											
DEC Commissioner Represented by Gerald Barnhart, Patricia Riexinger or designee*	P	P	*	P	P	P	*	*	P	*	*
Senate Finance Committee	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Senate EnCon Committee	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	A	A	A
Assembly Ways and Means	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Assembly EnCon Committee	A	A	A	P	⁴⁵ A	A	A	A	A	A	A

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