



STATE OF NEW YORK CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4750
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Three Hundred Seventy Second Meeting – August 14, 2017
Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Roll Call: 9:05am

Voting Board Members Present

Vacant	Region 1
Vacant	Region 3
Tom Williams	Region 4
Jason Kemper	Region 5
Dave Corr	Region 6
Charles Pace	Region 7
Marc Osypian	Region 8
Dale Dunkelberger	Region 9
Bill Conners	FWMB
Ray Merlotto	NYSCC

Voting Board Members Excused

Gordon Whiting	Region 2
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Voting Board Members Absent

Abbreviations

Ag. & Mkts = Department of Agriculture and Markets
CFAB or the Board = Conservation Fund Advisory Board
DEC or the Department = NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
DFW = Division of Fish and Wildlife
DLE = Division of Law Enforcement

Ex-Officio Members Present

DEC Commissioner represented by: Ken Lynch,
Exec. Deputy Commissioner
Kathy Moser, Deputy Commissioner

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Senate Finance Committee
Senate EnCon Committee
Assembly Ways and Means Committee
Assembly EnCon Committee

DEC Personnel

Division of Fish and Wildlife: Anthony Wilkinson,
Director
Division of Law Enforcement: Joe Schneider,
Director

Guests:

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs
Erin Hovish, Division of Management and Budget

DLF = Division of Lands and Forest
DMBS = Division of Management and Budget Services
OGC = DEC Office of General Counsel
DOB = Division of the Budget
DOP = Division of Operation Services
DPAE = Division of Public Affairs & Education
OSC = Office of State Comptroller

Correspondence:

Dove Hunting Season Letter from Mike Rossi

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

MOTION: Dave Corr motioned to accept June's minutes, Dale Dunkelberger Second, Motion passed.

Executive Report:

Ken Lynch, Executive Deputy Commissioner, provided Board members with updates:

- o Still no decision regarding the Critical fills including the Hatchery positions; Executive is pushing for all Hatchery positions (entry level); 5 Critical and 4 Regular.
- o Short term improvements for Salmon River Hatchery should be completed by end of September. Long range plan on repairs being developed.
- o State Fair – DEC exhibit and booths being moved out of log cabin. Hopeful that in the future, a better setup will be available with possible demonstration areas (fishing, etc.)
- o Ken confirmed that overtime would continue to be authorized for hatchery workers.

Kathy Moser, Deputy Commissioner provided Board members with an updates:

- o September 23rd designated National Fishing and Hunting Day
- o Kathy also provided update on NYS Canal Corp and NYS Power Authority, 5 dams in the Adirondack Park will now be under NYSDEC's control.

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs:

- o NYSDEC Departmental's are due soon.
- o CFAB Members oppose Bill S5967 (requires DEC to report on deer management techniques in urban and suburban areas), letter will be sent to Governor urging a Veto introduced in Senate by Senator O'Mara (S5301), no movement in Assembly.

Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:

Anthony Wilkinson, Director provided the following updates:

- o Update on NASP program, interviews have been completed and hiring should be occurring soon.
- o Update on the summary provided to Board members by Doug Stang. Items included but not limited to (lifetime licenses, DECALS, reporting issues, hatchery update, and status of Regulations).
- o Director Wilkinson working with NYS Parks on streamlining hunting regs, will provide feedback to board.
- o Jeremy Hurst and Patrick Martin provided a detailed update on CWD including current proposed regulations.

Division of Law Enforcement Report:

Joseph Schneider, Director proved the following updates:

- Academy Graduation is scheduled for August 25, 2017
- 31 ECOs and 9 Rangers
- Vehicles are being
- Purchases of ATV and snowmobiles
- Operation Blue Trident – Homeland Security
- Next academy possibly 2019

CFAB Business:

- CFAB rack card. Message from Board needs to be added, then sent back to DEC for formal approval.
- Dale D. expressed concern with the restriction being considered for Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area to restrict target shooting.
- UMP language used in Region 7 referencing trapping and the implications of trails and the buffer arears association with them was discussed.
- Discussion on Invasive Species
- Discussion on number of No Shows at Hunting Courses
- Board Members discussed concerns on the CWD proposal regarding the proposed urine ban and related items

Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Charlie Pace second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 pm.