



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

**Three Hundred Sixty Seventh Meeting – February 14, 2017**  
**Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

**Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM.

**Roll Call: 9:03 am**

**Voting Board Members Present**

Vacant	Region 1
Vacant	Region 3
Gordon Whiting	Region 2
Tom Williams	Region 4
Jason Kemper	Region 5
Dave Corr	Region 6
Charles Pace	Region 7
Marc Osypian	Region 8
Dale Dunkelberger	Region 9

**Voting Board Members Excused**

Biller Conners	FWMB
Ray Merlotto	NYSCC

**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 represent by: Kathy Moser*

**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; and Doug Stang, Assistant Director  
Division of Law Enforcement: Walt Heinrich, District Major*

**Guests:**

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

N/A

## Minutes of Prior Meeting:

***MOTION: Dale Dunkelberger motioned to accept January's minutes, Dave Corr Seconded, Motion passed.***

## Executive Report:

Kathy Moser updated the Board with the following updates:

- Laura DiBetta – Special Assistant for Outdoor Recreation Focus on Partnerships, the Department has ribbon cuttings scheduled for this summer.
- Director of Operations, Jim Malatras was replaced by James Rubin
- Chief of Staff for Jim Malatras will be Kate Dineen
- 30 Million in NY Works
  - \$4 Million NYW for hatcheries and game farm (\$3 million to hatcheries and \$1 million to game farm).
- EPF increased to \$300 million
  - \$33 million for Land Acquisition;
    - \$5 million for the Kendall Acquisition
- ADK Mountain Club – increased contract
- Voluntary stewardship services.

## Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:

Director Anthony Wilkinson addressed the Board:

- National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) – assured Board Members that DEC is fully committed to restoring a NASP coordinator position and restoring DEC's capacity to implement NASP.
  - NASP Coordinator duties, roles and responsibilities are currently being drafted
  - NASP goals and strategies are being developed
  - Chuck Dente has been in contact with each of participating schools
  - Coordinator will be a full time state employee and the program is being expanded to include the Explore Bowhunting Program.
- Effective February 1, 2017 Steve Hurst is the Chief for Bureau of Fisheries
- Assistant Director Douglas Stang is overseeing the Bureau of Fish and Wildlife Services
- DFW is working on filling the Bureau of Habitat Chief Position.

Assistant Director Doug Stang provided Board Members with updates to Mobile App, license sales, staffing levels and regulatory changes (details attached).

- Approval to move forward with 5 FC2 positions; down 5 or 6 positions
- Improvements will be made to Salmon River; first batch of money has been spent.

Bureau of Wildlife update:

- Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) Discussion: working on changing regulations for WMAs; (Gordon Batcheller had originally drafted the changes).
  - Division reached out for compatible uses that could occur on WMAs; set of uses sent out to everyone for survey.
  - Dog Trials issues coming out; misunderstanding on whether dog trials could occur. Dog Trials can be compatible uses. The States of Michigan and Indian were managing for Dog Trials. Uses are developed and undergoing internal review.
- CWD and Ag & Markets hearing on CWD - 3/28/17
- YFI Stats:
  - 16 plans approved, 26 in preparation;
  - 19,000 acres inventoried
  - 450 acres projects have approved silviculture prescriptions.
  - Completed 27 acres of commercial timber sale contract cuts,
  - Completed clear cut on Ashland
  - 100 acres cut on Cicero swamp.
  - NYS Tree Nursery provided stock on occasion
- New WMA in Columbia County - Doodletown WMA

Board Member Tom Williams asked Director Wilkinson what his goals and objectives were; Director Wilkinson replied: Resource Management for sportsmen and sportswomen. CWD, deer herd management. Some non-game fish and wildlife background.

**Division of Law Enforcement Report:**

- Director Schneider will be back in a couple of weeks.
- New Academy started w/34, lost 3 on February 13, with one replacement confirmed.
- CWD – Several arrests
- 13 Personal injuries
- 17 Property damage
- Update on Officer Davey
- Major Huss just recently retired
- District Major Heinrich will be retiring shortly

**CFAB Business:**

- Board Members discussed getting the Annual Report completed.

- Members discussed a Regional Review late Spring/Early Summer.
- Dave Corr provided Legislative Bills Summary; same as for lifetime license bill in Assembly.
- Members discussed a change to the Lifetime License to increase revenue
- Tom Williams will email draft pdf for the informational card/pamphlet.
- Members discussed filling positions on the Conservation Board;

***Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dale Dunkelberger seconded – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 1:18 pm.***