



STATE OF NEW YORK CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4800

January 15, 2013

Commissioner Joseph Martens
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

RE: Proposed License Fee Structure

Dear Commissioner Martens:

As you are aware, the Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) is tasked under Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Article 11, section 327 with recommending maximum annual fees for licenses and stamps. The revenue from sportspersons purchasing licenses and stamps is required to be deposited into the Conservation Fund. That fund in turn supports the preservation and enhancement of wildlife and fish populations annually harvested in New York. In recommending a license structure, CFAB is required by law to consider at a minimum economic indicators as well as the status of the Conservation Fund. CFAB continues to closely monitor economic indicators and the health of the Conservation Fund.

CFAB is also tasked with generally consulting on fish and wildlife and making an annual report to you on the fiscal needs and recommendation on meeting those needs. It is our understanding that the proposal made for license and stamp fees has been modified. CFAB remains concerned that changes to our recommendations would not be supportable. A change in license fee structure and funding uses will also greatly impact the recommendations to be made in our annual report. As such, this modified proposal is needed by CFAB to meet our statutory duties.

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-327 (6), CFAB hereby requests a copy of the aforementioned modified license fee and stamp charges that was created and/or reviewed by your Department. Environmental Conservation Law section 11-327 (6) states:

“The Commissioner shall, at any times requested by the board, make any and all information the board indicates is needed to properly and thoroughly carry out its responsibilities. The Commissioner shall also make available to the board such secretarial and/or clerical aid reasonably necessary to allow the board to carry out its duties and responsibilities.”

I look forward to your timely attention to this matter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jason Kemper'.

Jason Kemper
Chairman, NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board

Cc: Basil Seggos, Assistant Secretary to the Environment