



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

Three Hundred Sixty Seventh Meeting – March 13, 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 1:38 PM.

Roll Call: 9:03 am

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 Connors	FWMB

Voting Board Members Excused

Ray Merlotto	NYSCC
Gordon Whiting	Region 2

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: 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: Joe Schneider, Director

Guests:

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs
Erin Hovish, DMBS

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:

- Board Member Charlie Pace discussed letter from Mr. Norm Weber regarding His concerns with Dog Trials.
- Board Member Jason Kemper discussed with the Department the correspondence regarding Antler Restrictions;

Minutes of Prior Meeting;

MOTION: Marc Osypian motioned to accept February's minutes, Dave Corr Seconded, Motion passed.

Executive Report:

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs updated the Board with the following updates:

- NYS sporting bill
 - Proposed broader use of crossbows - proposed use of crossbows in all archery seasons, under a bow hunting privilege; removal of some technical descriptions to crossbows; allow 12 and 13 year olds to use crossbows
 - DEC proposed to have regulatory authority to manage ring-necked pheasant and quail on Long Island
 - Proposed clean-up of big game seasons and implements (11-0907)
 - Proposed allowance for greater risk in management of funds in fish and game trust account with expectation of higher rate of return on the investment ergo greater revenue for Conservation Fund
- Update 480a and 480b provided to the board, departmental bill also submitted for this initiative.
- Provided Board members with a summary of the Sporting Bill, Board Members expressed frustration that the language for universal hunting age of 12 was eliminated from this language.

Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:

Director Anthony Wilkinson addressed the Board:

- National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) – the position is listed on the Department's Critical Fill requests; pending DOB approval.
- Board Members asked Director Wilkinson if he would reach out to David Hartman, Whitetail Coalition and invite him to a future CFAB meeting.

Assistant Director Doug Stang provided Member with updates

- Game Harvest/ Electronic License Mobile APP - still having discussion on standalone game harvest / license app vs. combined with NY Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife APP. CFAB Members expressed concern that the issue of single vs

combined app has still not been resolved and therefore everything else is on hold. CFAB expressed concern because, originally, this app was going to be ready by spring turkey season.

- CFAB members reminded DEC staff of the demographics of the sporting community and that simple, single-use Mobile Apps for each task may provide the most participation from the sporting community.
- Printer solution is still an issue, how much money is due back from the vendor. CFAB commented that it appears there are a number of issues (reporting, secured printing, etc.) that were not provided by the vendor, however, DEC has paid for these items.
- DEC is conducting background checks on all license-issuing agents since the regulation was changed allowing convicted criminals to serve as license-issuing agents on behalf of New York State.
- Assistant Director Doug Stang and Board Members discussed regional assistance with NASP; draft plan for identifying roles and responsibilities. New York is holding virtual tournament in 2017 that results in individual scores and allows participants to qualify for national NASP tournament in Kentucky. Staten Island continues to advocate for team scoring to be included in the 2017 virtual tournament.
- Assistant Director Doug Stang informed Board members that Mr. Berger filed a FOIL request with regards to an internal working document pertaining to Dog Trials.
 - DEC / DFW is not anti-dog trials.

Division of Law Enforcement Report:

- DLE heading to the City aiding in Storm Stella Response.
- Academy is full for the year with 32 ECOs and 11 Rangers.
- New Vehicles are coming; dual radios are being placed in the new vehicles.
- Update on Officer Davey, he is doing very well; his shooter will be sentenced on April 28th.
- ECO Graduation is scheduled for August 25, 2017.
- Discussion on HRSI; Board Members would like a meeting with DLE; and how the NYSDEC can clarify which incidents were the result of an ECL violation;

CFAB Business:

- Dave Corr provided Director of Law Enforcement an update on Trauma Kits.
- Members discussed CFAB positions for Regions 1 and 3.
- Tom Williams submitted a rack card for consideration; Members have 1 week to get information back to Jason Kemper and Tom Williams.
- Board members motion to reiterate they are opposed to the Antler Restriction Bill, particularly when it is not supported by the science of the DEC - motion carries.

Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marc Osypian seconded – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 1:38 pm.