



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

**Three Hundred Seventy Eighth Meeting – March 12, 2018**  
**Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

**Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

**Roll Call: 9:07am**

**Voting Board Members Present**

Tim Huss	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
Bill Connors	FWMB

**Voting Board Members Excused**

Gordon Whiting	Region 2
Dale Dunkelberger	Region 9
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 represented by:*  
Kathy Moser, Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources

**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, Doug Stang, Assistant Director,  
*Division of Law Enforcement:* Joe Schneider, Director

**Guests:**

Jill Trunko, NASP Program Coordinator, DFW  
Susan Booth-Binczik, DFW

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:**

CFAB Budget Testimony

**Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

***MOTION: Dave Corr motioned to accept February's minutes, Charlie Pace, Second, Motion passed.***

**Executive Report:**

Kathy Moser, Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources, provided Board members with the following:

- No news on the One-House budget bills.
- Still waiting on a decision for Julie Tighe's replacement as Director of Legislative Affairs.
- 20-30 Department Wide Budget Bill Extenders including Division of Marine Resources were submitted.
- Discussion regarding the Budget Hearing

**Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:**

Doug Stang, Assistant Director:

- Update provided on license sales, DECALS system outages, additional features, etc.

[Note see complete report after meeting adjournment]

- Hatchery staff update and infrastructure upgrade efforts were provided.
- Promotion of 2018 Habitat Stamp Sales.
- Update provided on the Fish Culturist 1-6 Exams.
- Regulatory effort updates: Undergoing Internal Review.
- License Sales Summary.
- Conservation Fund Account.

Dave Corr inquired about the Spruce Grouse article, possibly contract it out to breeders within the State so that they could raise them? Tony Wilkinson informed Members that it would be discussed at this week's FWMB Meeting.

Charlie Pace requested State Parks attend a future CFAB Meeting; Tony Wilkinson informed Members that he would reach out to Ron Rausch, Director of NYS Office of Parks and Recreation, to invite him to a future CFAB Meeting.

- Jill Trunko provided Board Members with an update on the NASP Tournament:
  - 500 Participants
  - 25 Schools
  - 30 DEC Staff
  - Jill will provide Board Members with a complete list of participants after the meeting.
- Susan Booth-Binczik discussed the Deer Management Plan update with Board Members and provided them with an electronic copy after the meeting.

**Division of Law Enforcement Report:**

Joe Schneider, Director provided the following updates:

- Final HRSI report is posted on the Department's website and the Press Release went out.
- Joe Schneider is scheduled to Retire at the end of the Month.
- Hunter Training videos are in the works.
- Academy possibly in 2019.
- ECO Davey is doing very well.
- NYC subway detail has been cut back.
- 58 Vacancies, including 27 promotional.

**CFAB Business:**

- CFAB Rack Card update; Jason will reach out to Sean Mahar after the meeting.
- Joe Schneider's retirement party.
- License Sales Consistency.
- Lifetime license account; Dave Corr will set up a meeting with NYS State Comptroller to discuss strategy.
- Discussion on Universal Hunting Age.
- CFAB Budget Testimony.
- Discussion on Lobby Day.
- Jason touched base with Executive regarding Civil Service Examinations.

***Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Charlie Pace second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 pm.***

Division of Fish and Wildlife items for Conservation Fund Advisory Board meeting  
March 12, 2018

**Update on DEC's E-Licensing system and sporting license sales:**

**e-Licensing:**

**Status Summary and Activities Completed This Period**

- DEC is still awaiting a cost estimate and timeline for the DECALS citizen application (for purchase of licenses, tags, and associated privileges) to be converted to a responsive design (useable with all devices, including mobile devices).
- Awaiting Accela upgrade to be migrated into the STAGING environment.

**Filled Position report:**

**Division of Fish and Wildlife**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Number of Staff</u>	<u>Change</u>
Access Land Acquisition	1	
Habitat Conservation and Access Account	8	
Hazardous Waste Cleanup Account	2.8	
State Purposes Account	3	
Federal Fish and Wildlife Grants Account	48	
Conservation Fund (Traditional Account)	241.25	-1.1
Environmental Regulatory Account	<u>5</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>309.05</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

**Conservation Fund (Main Account)**

<u>Division</u>	<u>Number of Staff</u>	<u>Change</u>
Fish and Wildlife	241.25	-1.1
General Counsel	1	
Law Enforcement	78	
Operations	4	
Management and Budget Services	2	
Office of Communication Services	1	
Regional Affairs	<u>3</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>330.25</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

**Status of Regulations (changes from previous month in bold):**

Pending Proposals:

1) **6NYCRR Part 186 (new – Feeding of Wild White-tailed Deer and Moose) and Part 189 Chronic Wasting Disease.** This proposal will adopt a new regulation (6 NYCRR Part 186) to prohibit the intentional feeding of wild deer and moose and the incidental feeding of wild deer and moose after warning from the Department, and require that products packaged to be sold as a food or attractant for deer or moose carry a clear label stating that such use is illegal in New York. Existing sections of Part 189 (189.3 [b] and [c]) pertaining to the feeding of deer will be removed to avoid confusion with Part 186. Additionally, we propose to formally define the application procedures and conditions for issuance of a 4-Poster permit for the use of 4-Poster Tickicide. ***Revised Notice of Proposed Rulemaking prepared and undergoing internal review.***

2) **6 NYCRR: Part 151 – Propagation and Sale of Fur-Bearing Animals, Part 153 - Preserve Licenses, Part 170 - Miscellaneous Licenses, Part 174 - Sale of Live Birds, and Part 182 - Endangered and Threatened Species of Fish and Wildlife; Species of Special Concern; Incidental Take Permits.** The proposed rulemaking would: render regulations current with recent changes to multiple sections of the ECL, clarify and simplify licensing processes; reduce fees associated with several license types; and reduce the burden on the regulated community through time and cost savings and paperwork submissions. ***Revised Notice of Proposed Rulemaking prepared and undergoing internal review.***

3) **6NYCRR Part 2.25 Hunting Upland Game Birds.** This proposed rulemaking would close to grouse hunting the portions of Franklin and St. Lawrence counties (portions of Wildlife Management Unit 6F) that are included in the spruce grouse recovery zone. ***Notice of Proposed Rulemaking prepared and undergoing internal review.***

Proposals Filed: None

Pending Adoptions: None

Emergency Rules: None

Recent Adoptions: None

## **Status of DEC Hatchery System Infrastructure Work:**

Updated table providing the status of DEC Hatchery projects funded via New York Works III, New York Works IV, and New York Works V, and New York Works VI is attached.

### Highlights:

- Project to repair outdoor rearing ponds at Catskill Hatchery is out for bid
- Homeland Security inspections scheduled for Rome, Randolph, and Caledonia hatcheries
- Rome Hatchery feed barn repairs completed and inspected by Division of Operations engineer
- New generator for Salmon River Hatchery was delivered, installation to start in March

## **Hatchery Staffing Update:**

Current number of permanent filled positions: 74

### Recent transactions (fills):

- None

### Recent transactions (separations)

- None

### Hiring process underway:

- Fish Culturist 2 – Chautauqua

### Other vacancy(ies):

- Fish Culturist 3 – Rome
- Fish Culturist 3 - Catskill
- Fish Culturist 3 – Salmon River
- Office Assistant 1 – Rome

## Promoting Sales of 2018 Habitat / Access Stamps

Goal is to sell 25,000 2018 Habitat / Access stamps (Barred owl)

### Promotional Items for Customers:

- Stickers – ‘thank you for your donation’ or ‘I Support Habitat & Access Projects’ type language Supply sent to agents for distribution to HS purchasers and available at NY State Fair

### Outreach Efforts:

- Banner ups – State Fair, NASP, DEC offices, top retails sellers (Wal-Mart, Bass Pro, etc.)
- Posters – sent to all LIAs. Include image of the sticker
- Call out box on letter or separate flyer with Lifetime License Mailings
- Social media (FB), GovDelivery and License renewal emails
- Agent incentives – acknowledging top selling agents on our website, in agent newsletters. Sending thank you item to top sellers
- Changing up the call-out box in DECALS periodically (e.g. box color, add image, new wording)
- Update the DEC website
  - New photos – include new stamp and pin images, project photos
  - Update sales information to include call center, web, agent sales avenues
  - Include link to possible YouTube video highlighting life history of the barred owl and/or Habitat & Access Stamp projects

2018 New York State Fair: Goal is to sell 3,000 habitat / access stamps

### Promotional Items for Customers:

- Pins – previous year pins available for purchasers of H/A Stamp
- Stickers – ‘thank you for your donation’ or ‘I Support Habitat & Access Projects’ or “Habitat Hero” type language – provided to each person who purchases a H/A Stamp

### Outreach Efforts @ Aquarium Building

- Banner up
- Live owl (or stuffed) onsite (frequency TBD)
- Promotional video playing – include messages to:
  - support habitat and access projects
  - purchase stamp
  - include photos of previous projects
- Flyer – Habitat Stamp projects, brief life history of stamp animal