



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

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**Three Hundred Seventy Fourth Meeting – October 10, 2017**  
**Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.  
**Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PM.

**Roll Call: 9:02am**

**Voting Board Members Present**

Vacant	Region 1
Gordon Whiting	Region 2
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**

**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:* Major Todd Richards

**Guests:**

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs  
Erin Hovish, DMBS  
Andy Rowinski, DMBS  
Paula Piatt, NY Outdoor News

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:**

Conservation Fund-State Fish and Game Trust Account Letter from NYS Comptroller

## **Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

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

## **Executive Report:**

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

- Tonawanda WMA Notice of Emergency Rule Making Package is at a standstill in Executive.
- Updates provided on Doodletown Wildlife Management Area and the habitat improvements occurring there.
- Updates on Cormorants issues. Additional updates provided by Doug Stang, Bureau of Wildlife staff preparing package for upcoming conference call scheduled for Thursday, October 12th; brief discussion with Board members and DEC staff. Doug will provide Board members with a summary after the conference call.

Danielle Schittino, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs:

- DEC Departmental Bills from last year were 2-year bills so they are still active.
- CFAB Members opposed to Bill S5967 (requires DEC to report on deer management techniques in urban and suburban areas).
- At the request of board members, an update was provided on Forest Tax Law language (480A).

Andrew Rowinski, Budget Analyst, NYS Division of Management and Budget:

- CFAB Board members expressed frustration with the lack of projections provided for the Conservation Fund.
- Mr. Rowinski explained that there is no loan language and therefore Conservation Fund can't go negative.
- Approx.\$4.3 million of Conservation Fund costs moved in current fiscal year to the General Fund, additional offloads will be necessary in 2018.
- Revenue projects are down based on license sales.

## **Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:**

Anthony Wilkinson, Director:

- Update on NASP program, Jillian Trunko (NY NASP Coordinator) will be starting in a week, and traveling to Kentucky for training, presentation to CFAB in December or January Monthly Meeting.
- Update provided on the cormorant control measure, meeting being held this week with USFWS. Numbers of cormorants are up at all locations and are expanding.

- Public meeting was held last week regarding the Mute Swan Plan, out of the 20 that attended, 19 oppose the plan 1 approves of the plan. Upcoming public meetings scheduled to take place in Long Island and New Paltz.

Doug Stang, Assistant Director Provided the following updates:

- Update on the summary, including lifetime licenses, DECALs, reporting issues and status of regulations.
- Ribbon cutting on Salmon River Visitor Center scheduled for November 3rd
- DMAP permitting process was discussed, DEC to provide breakdown of DMAP permits by Region.
- Hatchery updated was provided.
- Point of sale for habitat stamps discussed.
- DMP permit requests were lower than normal.
- Issue with Civil Service and the availability of a viable list for FC2 and FC3 positions along with the need for FC1 and FC4 Civil Service Exams was discussed.
- SUNY Morrisville Farm Bill meeting was discussed.
- Approximately 200 comments received on CWD Plan, mainly on urine issue.
- Chairman Kemper requested a breakdown of DMAP permits by regions; Doug provided this information to board members after the CFAB Meeting. (10/16/17)
- Discussion was held regarding CFABs Vacant Board Member positions; Dave Corr will supply a letter w/interested candidates once he has received resumes from interested parties (Tim Huss and Dan Platt). Followed by a letter from the Board with their recommendations.

### **Division of Law Enforcement Report:**

Major Todd Richards provided the following updates:

- 31 ECOs and 9 Rangers graduated from the Academy
- Details were provided on the New York City Subway detail being conducted by DLE Staff
- Currently 3 vacancies, with 2 scheduled for retirement in October
- Next academy possibly 2019
- Based on retirement projects and current vacancies, CFAB passed a motion requesting the Chair to send a letter to the Governor expressing the need for another academy.

### **CFAB Business:**

- CFAB rack card. Message from Board was passed out. All in attendance agreed, document will be finalized and sent back out for approval.
- CFAB passed a motion supporting the Draft CWD Risk Minimization Plan.
- CFAB passed a motion in favor of extending road access in the Raquette Forest UMP.
- CFAB passed a memo in opposition of S5967/A6818A.
- Update provided on invasive species initiatives.
- Update provided on the lifetime license account and the returns that were projected.

***Dale Dunkelberger motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ray Merlotto second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 1:06 pm.***

