

New York State FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD



Final Minutes approved at 3/26/09 Spring meeting.

Minutes-NYS Fish and Wildlife Management Board

103st Meeting, held October 23-24, 2008 at the Clarion Hotel, Dunkirk , NY

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Zeh
Invocation was given by Tom Grow.

Roll Call (Present at all or part of meeting)

Board Members Present

Region	Landowner	Sportsman	Legislator
3	William Wilklow	Raymond Merlotto	Gerry Bierker
4	absent	Michael Zeh	absent
5	William Pike	Laurie Bruce	absent
6	absent	William Stage	Tom Grow
7	Eugene Blumer	Jim Petreszyn	Barbara Brown
8	Gary Evans	absent	John Pastrick, Jr
9	Charles Couture	Walt Hallbauer	Vergilio Giardini

Advisors Members Present

NYSDEC- Patricia Riexinger, Jack Cooper
 NYS Farm Bureau- Barlow Rhodes
 NY Grange- Daniel Teed
 Izaak Walton League of America-Absent
 NYS Conservation Council- Dan Tone

NYS Forest Practice Board- Richard Fox
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry- Absent
Cornell University- Tommy Brown
SWDC/Ag and Markets- John Schumacher

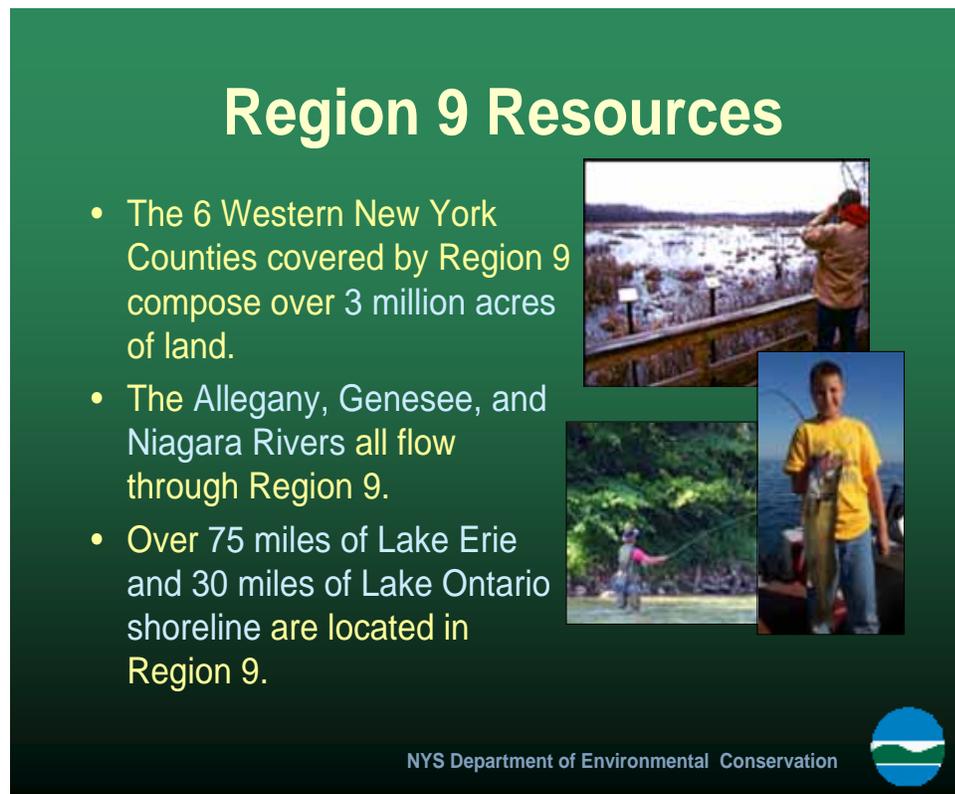
Guests

Russ Biss – NYSDEC
Mark Kandel- Region 9 Wildlife Manager
Paul McKeown- Region 9 Fisheries Manager
Amy Snyder- Region 9 Director
Megan Gollwitzer-Region 9 Citizen Participation Specialist
Pat Arnold-Past Chair of State FWMB

Approval of Previous Minutes, Fall 2007

A motion was duly made and seconded to accept the spring 2008 minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously approved.

Welcome to the Fall 2008 meeting and Region 9 from Amy Snyder, Regional Director.



Region 9 Resources

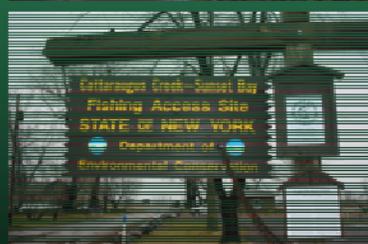
- The 6 Western New York Counties covered by Region 9 compose over 3 million acres of land.
- The Allegany, Genesee, and Niagara Rivers all flow through Region 9.
- Over 75 miles of Lake Erie and 30 miles of Lake Ontario shoreline are located in Region 9.



NYS Department of Environmental Conservation 

Region 9 Encompasses:

- 19 Boat Launch and Fisherman Access sites
- 154 miles of Public Fishing Rights
- Over 97,000 acres of State Reforestation areas
- Over 20,000 acres of Wildlife Management Areas
- Approximately 120 miles of Recreational Trails



NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



Region 9 Bureau of Wildlife

Land Management



19

WMA

4

MUA

3

F&WMA

1

FWMA Co-op

27 Areas

19,784 Acres

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



2005 Habitat Stamp Project

Wiscoy Creek-Pike

Before (2004)



After (2007)



Wild brown trout

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



Public Fishing Easements

- Allegany County- 26.5 mi
- Cattaraugus County- 55.9 mi
- Chautauqua County-24.8 mi
- Erie County- 4.1 mi
- Niagara County-6.1 mi
- Wyoming County-33.1 mi



Total-150.6 mi

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



Annual Reports

Region 3 - Pre-filed report

The following are the highlights of Board activities since the last reporting period:

- The Board revised its longstanding meeting schedule from 6 meetings per year to 4, to be held quarterly. As a result of this change, the Board met twice since the Spring State Board Meeting. The Board will now hold meetings in March, June, September and December.
- Sportsman, Landowner and Legislative Representatives attended the 2008 spring meeting of the State Board, held March 27 - 29 in Albany.
- Selected a nominating committee for next election of officers (for 2009).
- Continued to participate in the Pine Bush High School Outdoor Adventure Program and assisted with planting of seedlings streamside along a trout stream in Orange County, as part of "Project Access".
- As part of the Board's continued emphasis on education, met with New York City Department of Environmental Protection to discuss "Trout in the Classroom" and other programs.
- Board members were successful in seeing that an access clause was included before a parcel of land was acquired in the Town of Ramapo, Rockland County.
- Participated in the Regional Open Space Committee as part of the New York State Open Space Plan.
- Promoted and participated in two youth pheasant hunts; one in Dutchess County and one in Putnam County.
- Formed an access committee to interact with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the purpose of improving sportsman access on their lands within Region 3.
- Board members continue to monitor the status of the proposed Crossroads at Belleayre development project in the Catskill Park. Concerns are both short and long term degradation of fish and wildlife habitat that may result.
- Continued to monitor parking and access facilities at DEC wildlife management multiple use and fishing access areas to insure optimal access is maintained.

- Submitted draft statement of proposed management practices to the State Board.
- Gave input to New York City Department of Environmental Protection concerning proposed change to their Watershed Recreation regulations.
- Met with local congressman regarding funding for access projects through the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

Raymond Merlatto presented an overview of a parcel of land that Region 3 Fish and Wildlife Management Board was recommending the Department purchase, North/South Hollow. This parcel is on the Region 3 Open Space Plan. It is 647 acres of land in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County and is adjacent to Cranberry Mountain WMA and county lands. **A motion was duly made by Jim Petreszyn and seconded by Gerry Bierker that the State Fish and Wildlife Management Board prepare a letter to the DEC Commissioner in support of the purchase of the North/South Hollow parcel. The motion was unanimously approved.** The Region 3 Board will send a copy of their letter to the State Board Secretary to assist in preparing the State Board's letter of support.

Region 4- Pre-filed report

Region 4 held three meetings since the Spring State Board meeting, 04/23/08, 06/25/08 & 09/24/08 at the Middleburgh Diner. Topics of discussion were as follows:

April:

Reviewed State Board meeting 03/27, 3/29 & 3/30. Norm McBride, Fish Manager Region 4 gave an update on the trout stocking. Hard look at rural areas being stocked. Considering a move to stock areas where there is a higher population, urban areas because of the high cost of travel. Mostly seasonal waters – Put & take. Hope to have all Region 4 Public Fishing Rights Mapped out and available on DEC's website by end of May. Fish Hatcheries did receive funding from NYS General Fund this Spring. Walleye stocking in Otsego Lake – 80,000 fry, last year of a 5 year program. New release program on Delaware River. New Marine Fishing license requirement within the next two years – Big debate on where money should go (CFAB or Special). Checking 10 water bodies for VHS disease – sending 170 small fish samples to Maine from each area. Also checking for toxic (mercury). Emergency Regulation implemented on Catch & Release Shad fish on Hudson River for non-commercial fishing only - Public Comments by May 19. Commercial Limits 600 ft nets, No access above Rip Van wrinkle Bridge, day fishing only (limit 3 days a week) did not want to shutdown commercial fishing because of historical value. Dick Henry retiring in July – Deer & Bear kill hand out reports, 96 road kill for reproduction survey, will do study for an extra year in Region 4. Antler restriction survey in Delaware Co. 78% in favor, average is 51 years old for hunters and 66% of sportsmen in favor of protecting 1st year bucks. Will open additional WMUs for bear hunting this fall, 56 gobblers of 91 birds captured for banding, Reviewed bees colonies collapsing and bats dying off problem. Propose DEC law change for archery 500' to 250'. Eagle nesting 172 chicks (2007) compared to 200 chicks (2008).

Next meeting – bring a new face to the next meeting for a mentor program onto the board; Big push for Youth Big Game Hunting Legislative Bill. Greene County - 10 Mile Creek (Albany & Greene Counties) selected for Habitat project in for Region 4. Delaware County received 27,500 trout stocking. Schoharie County – SUNY Cobleskill students received four \$250 Scholarships from SCCA, SCCA approved 3 youth for camp Colby this summer, Mapping of Cobleskill Holding Pond, Norm McBride will support a water release from Schoharie Reservoir, SUNY Cobleskill will do fish surveys on several local ponds, NYPA stocked 7 loads of tiger & brown trout 3 year study on Otsego Lake finishing up with over 600 walleye identified so DEC can monitor this coming fall.

June:

Pete Innes, Natural Resource Supervisor reports meeting with NYS Parks on Glimmerglass State Park to enhance car top boat launch; Open Space Plan ready for submittal; Invasive Species (Snake Head fish) found in Region 3; Dick Henry – Big Game Manager – retired; NYC DEP allowing boating, hunting, fishing, trapping on lands & waters around Cannonsville Reservoir; Term Limits reviewed - Motion on floor to change will contact Senator Seward and Assemblyman Lopez; Reviewed DEC projects for fishing access in Troy, East & West Branches of Delaware, Schoharie Creek; PFR still not posted on DEC Website for Region 4; Rock Snot infested 32 miles of East Branch (Delaware); VHS samples collected from 11 different waters – sent into lab along with 7 samples for contaminates PCBs; Same Bait Restrictions - still in affect; 170 eagle nesting sites in 2008 compared to 130 sites in 2007 state wide – 40 within Region 4 (largest number in state); Youth Big Game Hunting Legislative Bill passed the Assembly and possibly the Senate – Waiting on Governor’s Signature. Albany County – Trying to purchase 9.1 miles of Canadian Pacific Railroad trail for hiking & bike riding, possible boat launch on south bank of Mohawk River at old water treatment facilities along with possible fish hatchery using existing concrete tanks; Columbia County – Klein Kill access is getting good use from fishermen. Delaware County – Progress promoted on planning Catskill Interpretive Center; reviewed Antler restriction meeting, 78% of sportsmen in favor, reviewed gas drilling leases compared to selling land outright. Greene County- 10 Mile Creek project will start July 7th, pheasant stocking site loss due to poor hunter behavior. Otsego County – Starting up a 4-H shooting sports program with training course for instructors at Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club. Schenectady County – Held annual Indian kill fish derby. Schoharie County – Resolution is being created for cold water release from Schoharie Reservoir, NYSPA has reopened Blenheim-Gilboa Reservoir for fishing by permit, Annual fish derby was held at Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, and Youth pheasant hunt will be held this fall.

September:

Colgate Lake – dam completed and refilling; 222 DEC positions transferred to General Fund to help Conservation Fund (one year only) Still in Red; DEC budget has been cut by 10% across board along with 25% for personal services, 35% cut for seasonal help; Partnering with DOT to cut cost, installed new parking areas on East Delaware Branch and plan two more next year, millings from road will be used for resurfacing; reviewed Invasive species within state; Otsego Lake (Glimmerglass State Park) no workable solution to car top boat launch, State Parks feel camping & boating does not mix, NYS Parks not interested in doing any improvements on Glimmerglass State Park car top boat launch period; Reviewed natural gas drilling leases and wind mill generation projects; Youth Big Game Hunting Legislative Bill signed into law. Albany County- 9 mile of right away trail along Normanskill Creek for biking along DH railroad

tracks -\$3 million – 2 ½ years project, will try to allow hunting & fishing; Schoharie & Green Counties will host two youth pheasant hunt this fall; Hunters Education (more girls than boys signing up) poor return on license buying; Columbia County – moose killed by motorcycle; Delaware County – Bear causing excessive damage in corn fields. Schoharie County – Ran several Archery, Gun & Trapping training courses over the summer & Fall months.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Zeh
Region 4 Sportsmen Representative

Region 5 – Pre-filed report

Report for State Fish and Wildlife Management Board:

Highlights over the past several months have included:

1. The Crusher Boat Launch on the Raquette River, Franklin County, is expected to be reconstructed this year. However, certain DEC staff responsible for Forest Preserve management have expressed concern that the size of the site may not be appropriate for this section of the Raquette River. Additional input is being gathered on current use of the site, and some relatively minor redesign work is being discussed. When those issues are resolved, staff can resume the permitting and the bidding processes. Fall of 2008 is probably the earliest that the reconstruction would begin.

2. The Lake George Angler Diary summary for the 2007 fishing season was distributed to the angler diary participants. Twenty-seven anglers kept diaries of lake trout and Atlantic salmon caught in Lake George. They provided records for 996 fishing trips totaling almost 4000 hours over 490 days. Catch rates were down slightly for both lake trout and salmon in 2007. An analysis of lake trout sizes reveals that approximately 34% of lake trout caught are legal size (over 23 inches). If the size limit were lowered to the statewide minimum length of 21 inches, approximately 60% of lake trout caught could be harvested. Angler diaries for the 2008 season were mailed to Lake George angler diary cooperators in January.

3. On April 16, approximately 900 fish were stocked into Geyser Brook at Saratoga Spa State Park by kids of all ages. Approximately 600 brown trout and 300 brook trout were stocked from buckets by the kids. All buckets were rinsed in Virkon. Staff from the Albany office were on hand to help out and pass along information. There are plans to expand the fishing education and promotion efforts for the program next year.

4. Wildlife Biologist John O'Connor and Forester Dan Levy completed 2,446 acres of forest inventory

on five Wildlife Management Areas in Clinton and Essex Counties. These forest inventories will be used to complete Unit Management Plans, plan timber harvests to improve wildlife habitat and forest health, manage early successional forest habitat, develop Operation & Maintenance Work Plans and improve regional planning and decision-making efforts. Of the twelve Wildlife Management Areas in Region 5, forest inventories had only been completed on

three of them, over 20 years ago.

Region 6 Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Annual Report, Fall 2008

The past year has been an eventful time for the R6 FWMB and included the following activities:

- Maintained open communications with the Region 6 Wildlife, Fisheries, Lands & Forests, Law Enforcement, and the Department of Environmental Conservation in general.
- Maintained and promoted interest in the Habitat/Access Stamp Program within Region 6.
 - o Two projects were selected for Region 6 and work was performed this year.
- Improved Access at Felts Mills/White Creek (Jefferson County) was completed and an 'Unveiling Ceremony' was held on Thursday September 18th.
- Sears Pond/Deer River Habitat Enhancement Project (Lewis County).
- Tree planting and baseline sampling of Edick Creek has been done.
- A parking lot and accessible route has been flagged out on the ground with a basic survey to be performed by Lewis Co. SWCD.
- The balance of the work should be completed in Spring/Summer 2009.
- Youth Hunting Legislation
 - o The R6 FWMB offered support at every opportunity.
- Youth Pheasant Hunts
 - o The R6 FWMB is helping to coordinate with CANY 7 Youth Pheasant Hunts for 2008.
 - 1 in St. Lawrence County in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
 - 6 in Lewis County in conjunction with the Lewis County Association of Sportsmen's Clubs.
- R6 FWMB Administration
 - o The R6 FWMB has developed a committee for drafting and adopting by-laws specifically for the R6 FWMB. The Adopt-a-By-Laws Committee has a final draft that is currently being reviewed by the members, and should be voted on at our December 2008 meeting.
- The R6 FWMB was consulted and kept informed of a number of issues with both regional and statewide importance. The R6 FWMB offered support or resolutions on a number of these issues such as the following:
 - o Wildlife diseases (e.g. VHS, CWD, Type E Botulism ... etc.).
 - o Wind Farm Development within the region.
 - o Low Water issues (e.g. Hinckley Reservoir - West Canada Creek).
 - o Various proposed fishing regulation changes.

- o Identifying Public Fishing Rights/Fishing Access Sites development and operational issues.
- o Invasive Species Issues - (State lands, potential habitat impacts)
- o All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Impacts
- o UMP (Unit Management Plan) development process
- o ,Fort Drum Development Related Issues and Hunting & Fishing Access through FWMA agreement.

Region 7 Pre-filed report

The Region 7 FWMB continues to engage projects, which allow for greater access for Sportsmen and women of New York State involving both private and public lands.

As a general rule the Region 7 FWMB does not prioritize projects, however we are breaking with tradition and listing a top priority for this coming year. If nothing else occurs in Region 7 in regards to the creation of access for sportsmen and women, we would like to initiate a program in our Region known as “Project Healing Waters.” (See the attached mission statement)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing education and outings.

The Region 7 FWMB would like nothing short of the Department’s FULL support of this program, including one of Region 7’s Free Fishing Days expressly dedicated to those participating in the program and a location along the Salmon River (or other suitable location within Region 7) where this annual fishing event can take place.

The R7 FWMB is also still working with the DEC to acquire and establish a fishing access site to Sandy Pond, a 3,000 acre embayment of Lake Ontario. Presently there is no DEC or other “public” access to Sandy Pond. Ice fishing access is almost non existent as a result of inadequate parking facilities. DEC Commissioner Grannis announced the availability of funding, which may be used for development of a public launch and ice fishing access site at Sandy Pond using funds from the “Love Canal” settlement. Members of the R7 FWMB and R7 DEC visited a number of possible sites along the shoreline of Sandy Pond and the Department is presently negotiating with one of those landowners.

Our Habitat/Access sub committee has finished drafting bill language (see attached) for the purpose of enacting a mandatory H/A Stamp for all persons purchasing any sporting license in NYS. Although Senate bill 6974 calls for a mandatory H/A stamp, the bill does nothing to change any criteria for how the funds can be used. The R7 FWMB language addresses the stamp’s need to be mandatory, as well as overhauling the criteria for how the funds can be used, including which types of projects will be funded using H/A funds. We will have resolution prepared for the Spring 2009 State FWMB Meeting, and we expect to have sponsors for this bill by then.

The R7 FWMB is also working to restore trout habitat adjacent to Onondaga Lake along Geddes

Brook and Nine Mile Creek. This action is part of the extensive work which has been underway to revive fisheries and wildlife habitat on and around Onondaga Lake. We foresee an excellent opportunity for additional access and habitat improvement as part of this remediation effort.

Lastly, we have continued to work with the Region 7 Open Space Committee and have added language to the Open Space Plan which allows for the purchase of small shoreline tracts of land that can be used for waterfowl hunting, trapping, and fishing access sites along the Finger Lakes. As a result of this added language, DEC is now considering an ice fishing/waterfowl hunting location on Cayuga Lake.

Jim Petreszyn, Chairman
Region 7 FWMB

Region 8 - Pre-filed report -New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Advisory Board

One of the most respected State and Region 8 Fish and Wildlife Management Board members, Dr. John Tusch, passed away, earlier this Fall. Dr. Tusch was the consummate gentleman and sportsman and was extremely well liked by all. John's involvement with both the Regional and State Fish and Wildlife Management Boards spanned decades. He also championed the efforts of the Izaak Walton League. John will be truly missed.

The Board was involved in two "high-profile" public events over the last six months. Empire Farm Days was once again a summer project that provided exposure of the Board to thousands of people across New York and other states. This year Regional Fish and Wildlife and Board members sold Habitat and Access Pins to the public during the event. This was the third consecutive year the Board sold the Habitat and Access Stamp and pin at this event. Promotion of the Habitat Stamp and pin was well received by the public. In addition to the pin sales Board members also provided information to the public on proper access to private lands. Board members distributed "Ask Permission" stickers and "Access by Written Permission" signs to landowners willing to allow individuals on their properties with their approval. A special thanks to the following Board Members for their participation:

Region 8 FWMAB members:	Gary Evans
	Mike Pastrick
	Sam Selwood
	Jim DeMay

The 35th annual celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day took place this year on September 27, and 28, 2008, at the Region 8 Headquarters. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Environmental Conservation and Livingston County Federation of Sportsmen

Clubs. Several Board members also participate in the event. This year's event hosted roughly 120 participants and included Department displays and information, exhibits and demonstration, art and taxidermy exhibits, outdoor and environmental displays, trap shooting, archery and shooting ranges, woodsmen demonstrations, canoe demonstrations, fish and wildlife displays, wildlife artists, painting and carvings and a sportsmen/environmental flea market. Several thousand people attend this event annually. License sales once again took place at the event this year. Over \$5000 in license sales were received this year, making it the most successful effort to date.

The status of the Canadice and Hemlock Lakes watershed lands continues to draw considerable attention in Region 8 and across the State over the last several months. Canadice and Hemlock Lakes are last two Finger Lakes with largely undeveloped shorelines. The land is currently owned by the City of Rochester, who manages property primarily for watershed protection for drinking water purposes. The City of Rochester is considering the sale of their interests of the watershed lands. The Department has conveyed to the City its interest in acquiring the property. The lands surrounding Canadice and Hemlock Lakes are also included in New York State's 2006 Open Space Conservation Plan as a priority project and has been one of the Department's highest acquisition priorities over the last 15 to 20 years. Department staff have invested considerable time and effort in developing a framework for acquisition. The Region 8 Fish and Wildlife Management Board has gone on record supporting the acquisition.

Submitted by,

Gary Evans, Mike Pastrick, Keith Kappel

Region 9 Pre-Filed Report- New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board Region 9
Annual Report 2008

Summary of Region 9 FWMB Meetings and Activities in 2008

Meetings held at Chanderson's Steak and Seafood House, Route 16,
Yorkshire, NY

Meetings held quarterly in the months of March, June, September and December on the first Thursday of the month.

Region 9 FWMB represents the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara and Wyoming.

Seventeen Representatives have been appointed by their respective county legislatures. No Sportsman representative was appointed for Chautauqua County in 2008.

The New York State Conservation Council also is represented but not as a voting member.

Meeting Dates and attendance:

March 19, 2008 8 FWMB Members and NYSCC Representative

June 5, 2008 12 FWMB Members and NYSCC Representative September 5, 2008 11 FWMB Members and NYSCC Representative

Region 9 FWMB Representatives:

Allegany County

Legislator Dwight Fanton
Landowner Robert Polanowski Sportsman Derwood Say

Cattaraugus County

Legislator Vergilio "Dick" Giardini Landowner Charles Couture Sportsman Dennis Sibley

Chautauqua County Legislator Frank Jay Gould Landowner John B. Swanson
Sportsman Vacant

Erie County

Legislator Daniel M. Kozub Landowner Kenneth Brown Sportsman Thomas Carrow

Niagara County

Legislator John Syracuse Landowner Michael H. White Sportsman Gregg Tessmann

Wyoming County Legislator Jerry Davis Landowner Edward Hulme Sportsman Walter Hallbauer

New York State Conservation Council Dan Tone

Summary of Region 9 FWMB Meetings and Activities

James Agle, Chairman of the Region 9 FWMB stepped down after serving on the Board for since 1983. Jim was the Landowner representative from Erie County. He was replaced by Kenneth Brown as the Landowner Representative. Ken had previously been a member of the Region 9 Forest Practice Board.

Chuck Couture was elected the new chairman and Walt Hallbauer was elected as the vice-chairman.

Resolutions submitted for consideration at the Spring Statewide Meeting of the FWMB were discussed and voted on. All were supported and the Board representatives attending the Statewide meeting were directed to vote in favor of them.

Topics discussed:

Allegany County:

Status of the transfer of the **WAG Trail** from Allegany County to the DEC. The former Wellsville-Addison-Galeton rail bed is 9 miles long and runs from the Pennsylvania line to just south of the village of Wellsville. A portion of the trail gives good access to the Genesee River. DEC has agreed to a transfer from Allegany County and final closing papers should be forwarded soon.

Pheasant Stocking - due to loss of major portions of private lands formerly stocked with pheasants for public hunting, the area south of Wellsville will be eliminated from the stocking list for 2008. The only area that will be stocked is Hanging Bog Wildlife Management Area in the Town of New Hudson.

Cuba Lake Access - The DEC continues to try to work with the Office of General Services and the Cuba Lake District to provide public access through the development of a boat launch and parking area. Currently the DEC is trying to set up a meeting between the three parties to discuss development and future maintenance of the site.

Genesee River Stabilization - \$ 3.1 million for two projects on the Genesee River to stabilize the stream bank and protect State Route 19 from erosion are ongoing.

Alma Pond - more public access is desired on the publicly owned portion of this pond.

Allegany County Jail Pheasant Rearing - The Allegany County Jail has undertaken a project in pheasant rearing with support from Safari Club International. Their intent is to increase the number of sites stocked in Allegany County.

Cattaraugus County

Bob's Pond - A county owned site which is in need of dike rehabilitation and improved public access. Cattaraugus County would like DEC to take possession of the site. Current estimates for dike repair and access suitable to maintenance equipment is \$421,000. Cattaraugus County Sportsmens Federation has sent a letter to Senator Cathy Young requesting assistance in developing a five car parking lot and foot trail access to the pond.

Onoville Marina - Cattaraugus County has published new Brochures on boating at the Onoville Marina and the Allegheny Reservoir.

Invasive Species - The Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau Has expressed concern about invasive species along roadsides And the timing and width of roadside mowing. Current fiscal circumstances for both state and county highway departments have reduced mowing efforts.

Chautauqua County

A 2% bed tax has been passed by the county legislature. Funds from this tax will help fund water quality projects in the county.

Erie County

Restoration work being done at the Buffalo Harbor is on going. Purpose of the restoration is to both promote public use and enjoyment of both the inner and outer harbor as well as improve fish and wildlife habitat.

Niagara County

Pheasant rearing by 4H members continues to be successful

Wyoming County

Discussion on the need to provide public access for ice fishing on the east side of Silver Lake. Current access provided by some church property may be in jeopardy as the site may be sold. DEC staff are in contact with The current owners and are seeking to secure access.

Habitat work on Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area was discussed. DEC in cooperation with Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation and the Wyoming County Sportsmens Federation has been working on restoring grasslands and providing food plots. The area is

stocked in the fall with pheasants reared both by the DEC and the Western NY Chapter of the Safari Club.

Advisory Members Reports

Farm Bureau- Barlow Rhodes

Farm Bureau annual meeting will be in December 2009. Barlow asked if the state board had any recommendations for discussion at the annual meeting.

Izaak Walton League Report-

No Report

Dr. John Tusch, long time representative to the state board passed away this year.

New York Grange – Daniel Teed

New representative to the state board, Daniel Teed, reported that the Grange is having their statewide meeting now. Grange is concerned about the nuisance wildlife permits for killing deer.

NYSCC Report to the Fall 2008 FWMB Meeting- Dan Tone

Many NYSCC members are volunteers to the FWMB in each region and the state board. Council President, Harold Palmer has urged these members to help put together a work plan for each region. Patricia Riexinger suggested this plan to members, the plan could be at least one year and up to five years. The plan would be for Habitat! Access projects that sportsmen and women can be involved with. Examples could be planting trees along streams, clear cutting, creating habitat, creating parking areas and boat launches and recreation easements.

Mr. Palmer also visited many county fairs and gave information out on the council's, 75 years in existence; many of the fairs were geared for youths. The NYSCC also had a booth at Empire Farm Days, which was a success and enjoyed by young and old alike.

The Annual Fall Convention held in September was also a success. Pat Augustine of the Atlantic States Marine Commission talked about a saltwater fishing license. He discussed how the federal government has plans to implement a free license starting early 2009 and then charge for it in 2011 with the money going to the U.S. treasury and none to the resource. Sportsmen must decide if they want a state license, where something is done for the resource with their money , or just give their license money to the federal government with no return.

Charlie Hancock:, Chairman of CF AB , spoke about the state Conservation Fund. He finds it frustrating that the Board has to wait so long for reports from Budget and finance. So far this year this year , license

sales have increased compared to the same time period last year. The Conservation Fund will be in serious trouble in a few years because of our aging population and reduced-rate and free licenses, unless something can be done in revenue. to offset the drop.

DEC Commissioner Grannis and Department heads gave DEC's annual report and information about what the Department is doing to cut cost and bring in new revenue. Part of the cost-cutting is to reduce travel and overtime, anywhere possible. Staff must carpool, and fewer staff are attending meetings. It is important that sportsmen keep the department informed what is taking place in the field. Earlier this year this year 220 staff were moved from the Conservation Fund to the General Fund.

The council passed these resolutions at the Fall Convention.

08-3 Implement early muzzleloader season southern zone starting 4th Saturday, October, running 7 days, lists types of muzzleloaders allowed

08-5 Seek legislation banning use of chemical contraceptives in whitetail herds in NYS.

08-6 Allow senior or disabled big game hunters to qualify for senior or disabled archery license allowing use of mechanical bow device or crossbow; legalize their use of such implement ; set up special season before regular archery season for said hunters or allow them to hunt during archery season.

08-7 Support the crossbow in all big game seasons for age 60+ and for those possessing handicapped certificate.

09-9 Statewide - License anglers in NYS Parks having a boat launch site & parking area with no additional fees.

08-10 Defines "car-top-top boat;" recommends ramp designs to accommodate elderly! handicapped; car-top launch sites should have parking areas adjacent to launch sites for several vehicles.

08-11 NYS support cost of constructing hard-surface handicapped boat launch for TEA21 Walking path; all navigable waterways in NYS should have hard*surface handicapped launches.

08-13 Allow committee consisting of one member from NYSCC, CF AB & FWMB, along with DEC, to determine if Habitat/ Access grant application meet lawful criteria. NYSCC, CF AB, FWMB & DEC must sign off on all Habitat/Access grant applications.

08-14 Ice Fishing: Eliminate "intended use" distinction of hand lines & tip-ups; allow maximum of 7 lines in use at one time.

08-16 Reopen otter trapping in WMUs 5R &6R

08-17 Require all NYS trappers to check water sets & remove furbearers at least once every 48 hours; maintains current definition of water set.

08-18 Allow use of center fire rifles for coyote hunting during entire season in all counties with coyote season & where rifles are otherwise allowed.

08-19 Have DEC survey NY sportsmen about establishing dove hunting season; disseminate survey results in a timely manner.

08-20 Increase fines for hunting, fishing, trapping without a license.

08-21 Emergency Resolution; to oppose the Dee! AP A "Quiet Waters" program that would set aside bodies of water in the Adirondacks for canoeing only.

Submitted by;

Dan Tone, NYSCC Representative to the FWMB

Conservation Fund Advisory Board Report -

No Report

New York State Forest Practices Board – Richard Fox -

Dick commented on the increase in diversity of fish, wildlife and forests during his lifetime. Environmental quality has improved, however this is a great threat to today's forests from diseases and insects. Dick recommends members check out a book on the American Chestnut.

State Soil and Water Conservation Districts/State Ag and Markets by John Shumacher .

John passed out two documents to the State Board

1) NYS Department of Ag & Markets, Program Description, Division of Soil and Water, Assisting the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee (State Committee)

For More Information see website below:

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/SoilWater/aem/index.html>

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/SoilWater/aem/forms/2006AnnualReport.pdf>

2) New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee, Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program (Ag NPS) Data Report September 23rd, 2008

For More Information see website below:

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/SoilWater/aem/nonpoint.html>

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences-Cornell University by Tommy Brown

Report to the Fall 2008 Fish and Wildlife Board Meeting

New Habitat and Access Study

The Human Dimensions Research Unit (HDRU), working with DEC's Bureau of Wildlife, has designed a new study that will investigate attitudes and beliefs of landowners and perhaps others about the management of early successional woody habitats on private lands in New York. Background information to date has included compiling existing information on landowner decision-making about their forestland from data gathered previously in New York as well as the National Woodland Owner Survey. DEC staff compiled data from the U.S. Forest Service, Forest Inventory

and Analysis and GIS maps that will help us approximate the extent of early successional habitat in New York. DEC staff also shared a number of relevant reports with HDRU staff (Draft P A American Woodcock Management Plan, Partners in Flight Plans, and a report from Audubon). We determined that the geographic focus of this project will be the Western NY/southern Tier region of New York State. This study will also have an access component. HDRU Natural Resources faculty members Shoma Broussard and Rich Stedman will be leading this study.

Hunter Responses to Pilot Antler Restriction Programs in Region 3

HDRU staff, working with DEC, have continued monitoring hunter reactions to experimental units where antler restrictions are in place for deer harvest. These restrictions have been in place in WMUs 3C-3J since 2005 and in 3H-3K since 2006. To the extent possible, we have resurveyed the same hunters over time to assess how their individual experiences and perceptions have changed. Slightly more than one-half of hunters from both sets of WMUs reported that they were satisfied with their **overall** deer-hunting experiences during the 2007 hunting season, and about one-third from both sets of WMUs reported being dissatisfied. Slightly less than one half of hunters from both sets of WMUs reported that they were satisfied with their **buck-hunting experiences** during the 2007 hunting season, and 37-44% from either set of WMUs reported being dissatisfied. Sources of dissatisfaction found most frequently included not seeing enough antlered bucks generally, enough larger mature (i.e., legal) bucks, or significant changes in the deer sex ratio or buck age ratio. Difficulty of hunters in determining if an antlered buck is legal to shoot and frustrations about having to pass up smaller-antlered bucks were also mentioned frequently.

Despite the relatively high percentages of dissatisfied hunters with unmet expectations, support for continuing the pilot antler restriction program has been growing. 30% of hunters from 3C-3J and 46% from 3H-3K reported that they are more supportive of antler restrictions now than when the pilot first started, while 25% and 14% were less supportive, respectively). In addition, strong majorities of hunters from both sets of WMUs expressed a desire for the pilot to continue (60% in 3C-3J and 77% in 3H-3K). DEC and HDRU plan to monitor hunters' behaviors and perceptions again following the 2008 hunting season. Dr. Jody Enck of HDRU is the contact person for this study.

Cornell Integrated Deer Research and Management Program (On Campus)

Increasing interactions between deer and various properties on and around Cornell University lands have resulted in the need to evaluate and implement a deer research and management program to reduce negative impacts. Discussions and actions regarding deer damage management reflect the University's goal to maintain the integrity of Cornell lands, while being cognizant of related neighborhood impacts. The project will be implemented in an effective and cost-efficient manner, for the primary purposes of supporting the research, teaching, and outreach functions at the University.

For this project, Cornell lands have been divided into two zones: a core campus area and outlying areas adjacent to the core campus. The primary objective for the core campus zone (1,781 acres) is to reduce deer damage to unique plant collections or research plots, and minimize safety risks associated with deer. We plan to monitor complaints about deer damage to plants, reported deer-vehicle accidents, and deer abundance. The goal is to reduce deer associated complaints using fertility control research, fencing, and repellents. The outlying areas comprise a zone (1,438 acres) that contains agricultural fields, woodlots, and natural areas. Limited hunting has been allowed on most of these properties for decades. The primary objective for these areas is to reduce deer damage to agricultural fields and natural areas through the use of controlled hunting on areas with safe shooting zones that meet state discharge regulations. The focus will be to increase the harvest of female deer and lower the reproductive potential and herd size near campus in areas that can be safely hunted. Close to campus, archery hunting will be the primary

approach. Where practical, shotgun hunting will be permitted based on input from the Cornell University Police and land managers. Temporary electric and other fencing designs will also be used to protect research plots during the growing season.

Dr. Paul Curtis in the Department of Natural Resources is heading up this work. For further information refer to: <http://wildlifecontrol.info/deer/Pages/default.aspx>

Upcoming Retirement

Having served as the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' representative to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board since Harlan Brumsted's retirement in 1991, it is my intent to retire at the end of Calendar 2008. We anticipate that Dr. Dan Decker will be the new CALS representative to this Board. I have very much enjoyed my work with the Board over these past 18 years and with everyone on the current FWM Board.

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry by Dr. Jacqueline Frair

written report provided.

Update on the ESF-DEC coyote study:

The objectives of this research are three-fold: 1) produce a broad-scale, spatially-explicit estimate of coyote distribution and abundance across NY State and a survey protocol to assess changes in population status, 2) identify the important spatial and temporal variables affecting the consumption of adult and fawn white-tailed deer by coyotes, and 3) quantify seasonal diets, movements, and habitat use of coyotes in focal areas. We are now entering the second full year of our study, which focuses on intensive study of collared coyotes within two focal areas (Steuben and Otsego Counties, visit http://www.esf.edu/efb/frair/coyote/coyote_main_files/page0003.htm for more details). Herein we report on our monitoring program, field efforts to record coyote diets and quantify deer kill rates, and the effectiveness of remote cameras, noninvasive DNA samples, and GPS collars as data sources.

We collared 14 coyotes between April and June this year, and are currently monitoring a total of 14 in Otsego County and 10 in Steuben County. We have lost radio-contact with 6 animals (1 GPS, 5 VHF). All mortalities occurred during the regulated coyote season, and crude mortality rates for known-fate animals have been 47% in Otsego County (9 of 19 animals total) and 9% in Steuben County (1 of 11 animals). A total of 90% were shot, with the other fatality due to an unknown cause.

Consistent with our efforts to find adult deer killed by coyotes this past winter, we searched for fawn kills during spring and early summer

by backtracking GPS collared animals and deploying cameras at den sites. GPS collar data from 9 coyotes (6 females, 3 males) were downloaded weekly and field crews visited the coyote locations coyotes 1-7 days previous. A 20-minute fix rate proved most useful for detecting fawn kills, with a total of 13 fawn carcasses found. Twelve of the 13 carcasses were located in Steuben County after searching 1742 of 5047 (34%) locations from 6 collared coyotes, and requiring roughly 152 man hours. We are currently assessing how much effort will be required to increase our sample size for fawns detected using these techniques for next year so as to acquire a statistically defensible estimate of kill rates. This summer we complimented back-tracking with infrared trail cameras deployed at 21 different dens for 6 GPS-collared female coyotes from May - June 2008. Although fawn carcasses were detected at 2 dens during camera deployment, no videos or still photos captured adult coyotes delivering prey items to dens. Thus, backtracking GPS collars was the more reliable source of fawn kill information.

We documented seasonal diets by coyotes in both study areas this past summer from 122 scats collected 1 June - 31 August. Analyses of these data and field data on the abundance of prey items available to coyotes in both study areas are currently underway. Preliminary analyses from previous seasons indicates that coyotes in Otsego County consume deer more often than coyotes in Steuben County despite the greater availability of deer in Steuben County.

Our priorities for fall 2008 are to recover expired GPS collars, redeploy those GPS and additional VHF collars on new coyotes, build our capacity in-house to extract DNA from coyote scats for population estimates, and wrap up the analysis of summer and winter coyote diets in these areas. This coming year we will repeat our efforts to back-track collared coyotes and detect deer kills in winter and summer.

Submitted by:

Dr. Jacqueline L. Frair

Assistant Professor, Wildlife Ecology

Report from the Planning Committee- Jim Petreszyn

FWMB Planning Committee Meeting 4/18/08

Does the Board have a role?

- ◆ Promote Access- on private as well as public lands (such as State Parks, County Parks)

- ◆ Tracking available land for sale
 - ◆ Communicating
- Planning Committee (continued)

Other organizations
 Parents/kids
 Media
 Legislators (state and local)
 Educators
 Veterans and Handicapped
 Sportsmen (all outdoor people)
 Other outdoor users
 About hunting, fishing, trapping as a mgt tool

- ◆ Advocating
 as member of open space committees
 UMP review committees
 Watershed committees
 Educating
 More input on habitat stamp
 Sounding board for legislative issues

Input on water releases from water supplies

Fish and Wildlife Management Board Planning Committee Meeting 7/25/08

Future Activities for the Regional FWM Boards

Work with local landowners to do habitat restoration
 Create riparian buffer zones
 Invasive species - conduct education at local levels
 Advocate for sportsmen interests both upward toward the DEC and downward to local interests
 Work on culvert replacement
 Create enclosures to educate landowners and sportsmen of the impacts of deer activity
 Need to work on identifying information needs and education materials
 Get out the message about the FWMB
 Region 8 wants any brochures on the Outdoor Women's Program for the Empire Farm Days
 Region 8 wants any new habitat access stamp poster/stamp for Empire Farm Days
 Regional boards need to participate in Open Space Committees
 Recommended the development of Region Board workplans, perhaps a 5 year plan with annual work plans that discuss how they work toward the 5 year plan. Suggested that the Regional Boards work with DEC Region to develop workplan.

Term Limits

Members must adhere to the legal mandates related to term limits outline in the Fish and Wildlife Management Act. If members are appointed or serve as an alternate representative, that does not count toward the 8 year term limit for appointed members.

Discussion of a Renewed Vision for the FWMB Boards

A Renewed Vision for

Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Boards

By Patricia Riexinger, Director Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources.

Renewed Effort to Manage Habitat on Private Lands

Working with staff from regional DEC offices, county Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service, and through local opportunities, assist with or organize and execute projects related to habitat restoration, including:

Establish riparian buffers along streams:

- Work with others on large-scale projects to restore stream channels impacted by flood events, erosion, and other human-induced disturbances.
- Lead projects to restore woody cover along stream segments to stabilize stream banks, mitigate flood waters, and provide cooling to stream water. This may include planting willow whips or other wood vegetation along cleared/mowed stream banks.

Restore aquatic connectivity

- Identify stream segments that have impassible culverts or other low-head barriers that impede aquatic movement.
- Replace hanging culverts.
- Assist in removal of low-head dams that meet removal criteria.

Control and eradicate invasive species

- Identify patches of priority invasive species that need to be eliminated.
- Assist with or lead efforts to eradicate or manage invasive species.

Continued Advocacy for Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management and Protection

- Serve on Regional Open Space Committees.
- Provide input to and comments on Unit Management Plans.
- Provide input to and comments on legislation and regulations regarding F&W resources.
- Serve on Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISMs).
- Promote sale of Habitat and Access Stamps.

Continued Effort to Provide Access for F&W Related Recreation

- Work with landowners to post with “Ask Permission” signs where currently closed to access.
- Identify opportunities at local level for developing additional access.

- *Assist DEC with confirming access on streams stocked by DEC.**

Delivery

- Regional FWMBs will develop 5-year/annual work plans to help focus their efforts and recruit involvement by new members. DEC will assist by providing a framework for the work plan, and in helping to identify regional needs and priorities for projects.
- Work plans will also include budgets both for administrative activities, such as attending regional and statewide meetings, and for project execution. DEC will assist Boards in identifying suitable funding sources. An annual budget will also assist with allocating funds for Board administration.
- DEC will support the statewide effort by assisting with development and printing of up to five publications. One will include a “FWMB” flyer to explain what the boards are and what they do. This will assist in recruiting new membership and in explaining how boards can help landowners with habitat management. Four others would be related to the work the boards do, such as specific flyers for habitat management on private land.
- DEC **will** continue to provide signs for posting land for public access and “Ask Permission” stickers for use by Boards in negotiating with private landowners for public access.
- *This activity was not discussed at the FWMB Planning Committee meeting but subsequent to the meeting was requested by Division Management Team staff as an important need to which the Regional Boards could contribute.*

Recommendation that members take these suggestions back to their Regional Boards for discussion and action.

Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources – Patricia Riexinger, Director

Greetings to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board

We’ve got great resources

Challenges we face

- Changing landscape
 - Climate change
 - Urban sprawl
 - Disease and pathogens
 - Invasive species
 - Aging population
 - Unengaged youth
 - *Budget woes*
- Agency Priorities
- Connect New Yorkers to Nature
 - Promote a toxic free future
 - Safeguard NY’s Unique Natural Assets
 - Work for environmental justice

- Combat climate change
- Foster green and healthy communities

Agency Priorities

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What FWMBs help do:

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Connect New Yorkers to Nature:

I Fish NY

Junior Hunting Bill – building on success!

Tackling NMFS over fluke quotas

Connect People to the Natural World... *and to our programs*

- 90% urban or suburban
- Enjoy wildlife
 - Hunting, fishing
 - Birdwatching
 - Rehabilitation, falconry
 - Quality of life

Keep people engaged in what we do, engage new constituents, and reach out in new ways

Beyond enjoying wildlife

- Help people learn to live with wildlife

- Help people avoid problems with wildlife

But let's not get *too* connected..Managing the connection: expanding bear hunting

Safeguard NY's unique natural assets: habitats

- InterACT workgroup
- New flow standard

- Shoreline guidance
- Riparian restoration

Safeguard NY's unique natural assets: from disease and health threats

- CWD, EHD
- VHS
- White Nose Syndrome
- Avian Influenza
- Botulism
- Tuberculosis
- What's next?

Safeguard NY's unique natural assets:
 Invasive species eradication and prevention
 Protect endangered and threatened species habitat
 Prepare for Climate change

- Maintain healthy, connected populations
- Manage adaptively
- Reduce stressors
- Prevent invasive species
- Prepare for sea level rise
- Adjust yield and harvests
- Build in climate change to decision making

Looking forward by looking back:
 Work better with landowners

- 87% of the land is in private ownership
- LIP is a start; Farm Bill success
- Buffers buffers buffers

Here's where you come in:

- Fixing habitat problems on private lands

—35% of our species are at risk

Making sure access is real

Keep the invaders out

Promote Habitat Stamp

Ideas for promotion? – to clerks:

Got my....

- X dog license
- X building permit
- X habitat stamp

When you buy a habitat stamp, you help restore habitat and develop access for fish and wildlife related recreation in NY

More ideas? – for sporting stores:

My shopping list:

- X new tent
- X binoculars
- X fishing line
- X habitat stamp

When you buy a habitat stamp, you help restore habitat and develop access for fish and wildlife related recreation in NY

Chairmans Report – Michael Zeh

- It is important to take information back from the Statewide FWMB meeting to your respective Regional Boards and sponsoring organizations.
- We must educate sportsmen about the important issues.
- Question the value of our resolutions in making a difference
- We must get involved with our local colleges, work on scholarships
- Need to stress the importance of venison donation programs.

Committee Reports

State Fish and Wildlife Management Board Committee assignments

Executive:

Michael Zeh	Region 4
Tom Grow	Region 6
Laurie Bruce	Region 5
Gerry Bierker	Region 3
Jim Petreszyn	Region 7
Dick Giardoni	Region 9
Jack Cooper	Secretary, NYSDEC

Habitat:

Richard Fox	Forest Practice Board
Homer Casler	Region 4
Eugene Bloomer	Region 7
Barlow Rhodes	Farm Bureau
Dr. Jacqueline Frair	ESF
John Schumacher	SWCD/AG&MKS

Access:

Dan Tone	NYSCC
Don Teed	Issak Walton
Jim Patreszyn	Region 7
Dick Fox	Forest Practice Board
Dan Decker	Cornell

Keith Kappel Region 8

Resolutions:

Barbara Brown Region 7

John Pastrick Region 8

Bill Wilklow Region 3

Bill Stage Region 9

Nominating: (Spring Meeting)

Ray Merlatto Region 3

Bill Stage Region 9

Tom Grow Region 6

Farm Days:

Public Relations:

Richard Fox Forest Practice Board

Gerry Bierker Region 3

Executive Committee

The 2009 Spring meeting will be held in the Albany area on March 26, 27 and 28 2009. The Executive committee meeting for the spring meeting will be held at the DEC Herkimer Sub-office on February 6, 2009 with a snow date of February 13, 2009.

Possible agenda items: Regions report on development of Regional FWMB workplans, Habitat/Access Stamp legislation changes, SWCD habitat programs, NRCS – Greg Chessman

The 2009 Fall meeting will be held in Region 7 on October 22, 23 and 24, 2009. The Executive committee meeting for the fall meeting will be held at the DEC Herkimer Sub-office on August 28, 2009.

Habitat/ Access Committees presented by Jim Petrezyn

Habitat and Access Committees met jointly to discuss Region 7's proposed bill to modify the Habitat Access Stamp and create an Access program. The proposed bill would create a mandatory habitat access stamp and develops a program to use the money to pay landowners for allowing access for various kinds of activities. **A motion was duly made by Ray Merlatto and seconded by Laurie Bruce that the State Fish and Wildlife Management Board support Region 7's effort to develop a bill to amend the current habitat stamp to a mandatory habitat stamp and access program. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Resolutions Committee presented by Barbara Brown

The following resolutions will be presented to the Board for approval:

1) Resolution 2008-02-01

NEW YORK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Resolution # 2008-02-01

Title: Request for free hunting, trapping and fishing license for full time military personnel who are NYS residents and stationed in New York State

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board that NYS Residents who are active service members of either the New York State Organized Militia, U.S. Reserve Forces, or certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces that are stationed in New York State are eligible for certain free hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, under conditions of the Patriot Act,

And, WHEREAS, New York State Residents who are in active military service and stationed outside of NYS are eligible for certain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses if in NY for no longer than 30 days,

And, WHEREAS, New York State residents who are in active military service and stationed in New York State are not eligible for certain free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board respectfully requests that legislation be brought forth to provide the same free hunting, trapping and fishing licenses for New York State residents who are in active military service and stationed in New York that are currently provided to other military personnel under the Patriot Act.

Submitted by the Region 9 Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

2) Resolution 2008-02-02

NEW YORK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Resolution # 2008-02-02

Title: Request that a surcharge be placed on all Environmental Conservation Law Violations that apply to Fish and Wildlife and that the resulting funds received from said surcharge be placed in the New York State Conservation Fund.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board that the Conservation Fund is in serious financial trouble,

And WHEREAS, most law violations in New York State have mandatory surcharge applied to them in court,

And WHEREAS, there is currently no surcharge on violations of the Environmental Conservation Law,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board respectfully requests that legislation be brought forth that would establish a mandatory surcharge on all Fish and Wildlife violations of the Environmental Conservation Law and that the funds received from said surcharge be deposited in the Conservation Fund.

Submitted by the Region 9 Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Motions were duly made to approve Resolution 2008-02-01 and 2008-02-02. The motions were unanimously approved.

Lunch Time presentation by Bill Culligan, Section Head, Great Lakes Section

Great Lakes Fisheries: Status and Emerging Issues



William Culligan
Great Lakes Section Head
NYSDEC



A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was Adjourned by Chairman Zeh at 2:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jack G. Cooper
Biologist 3 (Ecology)
Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources
Statewide Fish and Wildlife Management Board Secretary

Members: Representatives of County Boards of Supervisors/County Legislators, Landowners and Sportsman

Advisory Members: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York State Conservation Council Inc., Farm Bureau of New York, New York State Grange, New York State Forest Practice Board, Izaak Walton League of America; New York State Division, New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, New York State College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

