



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

April 16, 2013

Basil Seggos
Asst. Secretary to the Environment
New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12247

RE: 2013-2014 Adopted Budget /Sporting License Restructuring

Dear Mr. Seggos:

With the adoption of the 2013/2014 Executive Budget the Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB) would like to take this time to thank the administration and yourself for the efforts on behalf of the sportsmen and women of New York State.

There were some minor alterations made during the negotiation of the budget that do not appear to have a negative impact on the viability of the Conservation Fund. In addition, numerous individuals with Trapping privileges expressed concern with a combined Hunting and Trapping License and we are happy that the Governor's Office and Legislature made these changes to the proposal as was requested by CFAB. The communication back and forth to CFAB during the budget negotiations was also greatly improved over previous years and we thank you for that.

As we have stated in the past, there are a number of issues facing the Conservation Fund and the NYSDEC Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources. Now that the License Fee Restructuring is completed, CFAB looks forward to working with the Governor's Office and the members of the Legislature to address some of these other concerns that the board and sporting community have identified.

Thank you for your interest and support in this matter and pass the message on to the Governor as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Kemper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jason Kemper
Chairman, Conservation Fund Advisory Board

CC: Mark Grisanti, Senate Encon Chair
Robert Sweeney, Assembly Encon Chair
Julie Tighe, NYSDEC Legislative Affairs