



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

**Three Hundred Ninety-second Meeting – January 13, 2020**  
**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 12:20 PM.

**Roll Call: 9:03am**

**Voting Board Members Present**

Tim Huss	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
Raymond Merlotto	NYS CC

**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**

*Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources & Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner: Judy Drabicki*

**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: Tony Wilkinson, Director; Doug Stang, Assistant Director; James Farquhar, Chief - Bureau of Wildlife*

*Division of Law Enforcement, Bernard Rivers, Director*

*Legislative Affairs: Jane McLaughlin, Director  
Management and Budget: Erin Hovish*

*Office of Media Relations: Maureen Wren, Director; Lori Severino*

**Guests**

Steve Piatt, New York 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  
OSC = Office of State Comptroller

**Correspondence:** none

**Minutes of Prior Meeting:**

***MOTION: Dave Corr to accept December minutes; Ray Osypian, Second, Motion passed.***

**Executive Report:**

Judy Drabicki, Executive Deputy Commissioner; Jane McLaughlin, Director, Legislative Affairs; Maureen Wren, Director, Office of Media Relations

- Jane provided an update on Legislative Bills from the last two years. The Executive Budget summary will be provided at the February meeting. The budget presentation is expected to occur on January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Judy provided an update on the State of the State details. Some of those details include: Triple walleye production from the hatchery system, increase in Trout and Salmon production, Improving Fishing Access Sites, etc.
- The Board discussed sporting activities in regard to tourism in regions.
- The Board requested an update on the DLE Boat grant. Judy will provide a response regarding the grant.

**Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:**

Tony Wilkinson, Director; Doug Stang, Assistant Director; James Farquhar, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife

- Doug provided an update regarding the License Sales contract negotiations with Kalkomey. Kalkomey onsite this week. The Division will continue to use Accela to issue the lifetime license batch for 2020.
- The tentative completion date for the new license system is June 1<sup>st</sup>. If the deadline cannot be met then it will be pushed to January 1, 2021.
- Provided an update on the License Sales trends.
- Summary provided on Hatchery positions.
- The Division will be hiring for a new position, Access to Private Lands Specialist. Interviews are to be held at the end of January.
- The Region 5 Fishery Manager position has been filled.
- A discussion was held about the rehabilitation project for the Salmon River Hatchery. Projected completion date is Spring of 2020.

- The Board discussed the pheasant stocking program and distribution of day-old chicks. The Division provides information on pheasant stocking on the DEC website.
- A discussion was held regarding the Taxidermy License. The Taxidermy Association will take the lead on this license. The Board will have a follow-up after the association meeting in April.
- Jim provided an update on the Cortland Water Department captive deer herd. He discussed the licensing of the facility, the compliance issues, public feeding, etc.
- Tony announced that the NASP Tournament will be held March 20, 2020.

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

Bernard Rivers, Director

- Bernard provided an update regarding current recruits who are performing their field training.
- An update regarding the Hunting Related Incidents was provided.
- The Homeland Security Boat grant is being relinquished. The Division is in the process of fixing the Duffy.
- A brief discussion was held on the ability to use the former Cleveland Elementary School as a facility for future training.

### **CFAB BUSINESS:**

- The Board discussed the Region 3 Appointment.
- A discussion was held regarding Aquatic Invasive Species Legislation and the Board's position on mandatory boat washing stations.

***Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Conners second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 PM.***