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 NYSCC

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

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

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 21st.
- 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 1st. 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.*