



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

**Three Hundred Eighty Eighth Meeting – July 8, 2019 Department
of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call: 9:06am

Voting Board Members Present

Tim Huss	Region 1
Vacant	Region 3
Tom Williams	Region 4
Jason Kemper	Region 5
Dave Corr	Region 6
Marc Osypan	Region 8
Dale Dunkelberger	Region 9
Bill Connors	FWMB
Raymond Merlotto	NYSCC

Voting Board Members Excused

Gordon Whiting	Region 2
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Voting Board Members Absent

Charles Pace	Region 7
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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:
Sean Mahar, Chief of Staff

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, Division of Law Enforcement: Bernard Rivers,

Guests:

Katherine McNamara, Legislative Affairs
Jeshica Patel, Fellow
James Farquhar, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Wildlife
Steve Hurst, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Fisheries
Marcelo DelPietro, Unit leader, Habitat Conservation and Land Access

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

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

MOTION: Dave Corr motioned to accept May minutes; Dale Dunkelberger, Second, Motion passed.

Executive Report:

Katherine McNamara, Legislative Affairs, Sean Mahar, Chief of Staff

- Provided a summary on the DEC departmental bills and other pieces of legislation that would be of interest to the sporting community. This included the modification of the Safe Storage.
- Also discussed was the permanent rifle usage in portions of Broome and all of Orleans County, SUNY ESF lands being Exempt from Safe Storage Act Restrictions, DEC boat washing extender, legislation to ban hunting contests, etc. Katherine will provide a summary of the various bills to the board.
- Sean Mahar provided a summary of the proposed plan for the two state owned boat launches, Mossy Point and Rogers Rock, on Lake George that do not have full time stewards. The launches will not have steward on site from 11 Pm to 5 AM. This is a pilot program and will be used to determine a plan for the two boat launches at night.
- A discussion was held on the usage of motorized vehicles on state land. Recommended that additional discussion to be held with Lands and Forest Staff.

Division of Fish and Wildlife Report:

Tony Wilkinson, Director: James Farquhar, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife: Steve Hurst, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries: Marcelo DelPuerto, Unit Leader, Habitat Conservation and Land Access

- Provided an update on the license sales trends.
- A new vendor (Kalkomey) has been selected for the license system. Contracts are at the Comptrollers Office waiting for approval.
- Several regulation packages are pending approval including CWD and deer feeding.
- Steve Hurst provided a detailed report on the Trout Stream Management Plan. The plan will have 5 trout stream classifications. The regulations will be significantly simplified.
- James Farquhar provided an update to the board regarding the Avian Cholera issue at the game farm. Issue was corrected and there was minimal loss of birds. Fall stockings should not be significantly impacted.
- Marcelo DelPuerto provided an update on the Young Forest Initiative. There are 39 projects underway regarding nearly 2,000 WMA acres. In

the last 4 years harvest contracts have yielded \$2.6 million for the Conservation Fund. The board suggested that the signage at the WMA be updated to show that the funding is through the purchase of the Habitat Stamp.

Division of Law Enforcement Report:

Bernard Rivers, Director, Division of Law Enforcement

- Provided an update on the academy which is down to 30 ECO recruits from the original 42. There are 14 Rangers from the original 16. Graduation for the academy is scheduled for December.
- The ECO Exam is scheduled to be given in the early fall.
- Violations for ATV usage has shown only 2 citations for illegally operating on State land.
- The board brought up discussion on surcharges with Article 11 and Article 13 violations.
- A discussion was held regarding licensed fishermen on Charters.

CFAB BUSINESS:

- Members discussed ideas on media outreach regarding Legislative issues.
- A discussion about funding via the Taxidermy License.
- Members discussed the appointment of Anthony Kordziel from Region 3. Discussed possible ideas for outreach.

Dave Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tom Williams second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm.