



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

Four Hundred and Eighth Meeting – January 19, 2022
Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway,
Albany

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM.

Meeting Adjourned – The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.

Roll Call: 11:07 AM

Ex-Officio Members Present

Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources:

Katie Petronis

Executive Deputy Commissioner, Sean Mahar

Voting Board Members Present

Tim Huss	Region 1
Vacant	Region 3
Jason Kemper	Region 5
Dave Corr	Region 6
Vacant	Region 7
Marc Osypian	Region 8
Dale Dunkelberger	Region 9
Bill Connors	FWMB
Anthony Kordziel	NYSCC

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: James Farquhar, Acting Director; Chief, Bureau of Fisheries, Steve Hurst

Division of Management and Budget: Shaymus Schweitzer, Chief Budgeting Analyst

Guests

Voting Board Members Excused

Gordon J Whiting	Region 2
Tom Williams	Region 4

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

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
FWMB = Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Correspondence: Steve Hurst,

Minutes of Prior Meeting:

Being reviewed.

Executive Report:

Katie Petronis, Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources
Sean Mahar, Executive Deputy Commissioner

- Sean spoke with the Board regarding the continued collaboration between the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Conservation Fund Advisory Board. He also spoke to the Board regarding the Budget. The Governor reinvested in the staff level and encourages the Board to look at the Budget. He also spoke about the Wetlands Proposal and asked the Board to look at that.
 - Jason discussed the need to work on the projects under New York Works. Sean agreed and that he is working with Katie and staff on being able to complete these projects.
 - Jason asked about the staffing. Sean advised that they will be looking at this with more in-depth. Will be looking at all the Divisions and the Governor's priorities.
- Katie advised that HRSIs were down for the season. This will be monitored closely especially with the start of youth season. Jason stated that Major Gillis verified that there were no incidents with 12- or 13-year-olds.
- Katie provided an update to Imperial Dam. No injunction in place with lawsuit to halt work on the dam. Dave Corr is concerned that DEC is funding rehabilitation for a privately owned dam.
- Katie is still waiting for an update for Otterbrook Bridge.

Division of Fish and Wildlife

Steve Hurst, Chief, Bureau of Fisheries
Jim Farquhar, Acting Director

- Jim provided a presentation of the 2022 Regulatory Agenda. Expected changes will be:
 - Part 177 – Sporting License Issuance and Use.
 - Part 182 – Adjustments to fish species listed as threatened or

endangered

- Part 1, Sections 1.11, 1.13, 1.18, 1.19, 1.20, 1.24, 1.27, and 1.30 - pertaining to deer hunting, the issuance and use of deer hunting tags, deer management focus areas, deer management permits, and deer management assistance program.
- Part 1, Section 1.40 – Hunting wild turkey to establish a spring wild turkey hunting season in Suffolk County.
- Parts 2 and 6, Section 2.2 and 6.2 – hunting and trapping bobcats
- Part 186 – Deer Feeding, to prohibit sale of attractants.
- Part 189 – Chronic Wasting Disease.
- Freshwater Wetlands (Article 24)
- Jim provided updates regarding License Sales. Sales are up still from 2019. Increases have occurred with Habitat Stamp sales, Conservation Fund and Venison Donation. Jason and Jim agreed that the Venison Donation Program should be looked at and support for the program to be increased.
 - Dave stated that this past year there was not a pin for the Habitat Stamp and asked if with the new year will there be pins. Jim would look into this.
- Jim provided updates regarding regulatory actions. Jason asked the current status of Section 1.40. Katie suggested that an email go to the board informing them of when the rule making package is approved by Chamber.
- Jason requested an update regarding the Young Forest Initiative. Jim stated that staff would provide an update at the next meeting.
- Steve provided updates regarding hatchery infrastructure. Caledonia is having issues with algae buildup. The fish ladder at Salmon River Hatchery is operational and was used during the recent salmon egg take. Decking and walkway is still being worked on.
- In the process of filling six hatchery positions. In the process of requesting five more positions.
- Steve discussed the rule making package, Part 10 Fishing Regulations Clean-up. The package has not received many comments. Steve has encouraged comments and feedback. Dave asked if Steve would consider extending the time for comments.
- Steve reiterated that this package is meant to simplify previous regulations. Jason's concern is that a regulation was put forth with little notice and it was bundled together when the previous regulations had special circumstances. Jim commented that it is not unusual to put out a statewide regulation instead of special regulations. Steve asked Anthony his opinion of the proposed Amendment. Anthony stated that he liked the way the document had everything laid out. He encouraged the shortening of the regulation book and the guidebook. Anthony stated that he has not heard anything negative from the Conservation Council toward the proposed rule making.
- Steve stated that they were attempting to get another Gov Delivery

- posted about the proposed rule making.
- Jason asked why there is a rush to complete this before the issuance of the spring fishing guide. Steve answered that the Department wished to move it forward and have it completed. Katie agreed that the Department was just looking to have the changes made and wrapped up.
 - Katie asked the Board if the Department should put together a packaged email that disseminates the regulation proposal. Dave agreed that it would be helpful so that he can provide them to different organizations. Bill stated that this package should go to all active licensees that have valid email addresses. Katie advised that the Department would provide this package to the Board.
 - Jason encouraged the Department to review his comments and to discuss the option of segmenting the package.

David Corr motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Conners second – motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 2:31 PM.