

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

NOVEMBER 18, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location: Region 1 Fish & Game Office, 629B Main Street, Lancaster, NH

Commissioners Present: E. Orff, R. Rowan, R. Phillipson, M. Kalter, T. Tichy, J. Ryan, T. Hubert, W. Morse, and S. Guaraldi.

Commissioner's not in attendance: all present

Coastal Commissioner: vacant

Strafford County Commissioner: vacant (M. Kalter - holdover until filled)

Executive Director Normandeau - present

Chairman Rowan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and asked the audience to join in the pledge of allegiance. He informed the audience that the public is entitled to attend all Commission meetings and when recognized by the chairman, may speak on any item on the agenda.

At this time, Chairman Rowan read aloud the following resolution honoring Robert Fawcett:

ROBERT S. FAWCETT

WHEREAS, Robert S. Fawcett, retired on September 30, 2009, after completing outstanding service to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Fawcett, has had a long and illustrious career in fisheries management and fish culture serving the State of New Hampshire for over 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Fawcett began his fisheries management career as a fish culturist at the Milford Fish Hatchery in 1975, and then as the anadromous fisheries biologist with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Fawcett became the Supervisor of Fish Hatcheries with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in 1990 where he initiated fish culture reform and improved the State's hatchery system, and played a critical role in improving rules and regulations regarding fish importation and fish health throughout his 19-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Robert S. Fawcett earned the admiration and respect of staff and colleagues at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and the constituents of New Hampshire for his dedication, enthusiasm, professionalism and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and Commission of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department hereby congratulate Robert S. Fawcett on his retirement as Supervisor of Hatcheries with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Fish and Game staff and colleagues, Executive Director, and Commission of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department takes great pleasure in recognizing the professional achievements of Robert S. Fawcett, and hereby express their sincere gratitude for his invaluable contributions made to the State of New Hampshire, and extend best wishes for many years of enjoyment with family, friends and retirement endeavors.

Director
Department

Glenn Normandeau, Executive
New Hampshire Fish and Game

Robert Rowan, Chairman
New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission

Commissioner Orff moved to adopt the above resolution and Commissioner Kalter seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Orff moved to approve the October 21, 2009 Commission Minutes as written and Commissioner Ryan seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Commissioner Phillipson moved to accept the donation of \$100.00 from Ms. Sarah Adams, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account and Commissioner Hubert seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

3. Commissioner Orff moved to accept the donation of 6 Care Trak Units from Care Trak Systems, Inc., valued at approximately \$18,000, to be utilized by the 6 Law Enforcement Districts and Commissioner Ryan seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. The monthly Financial Statements dated October 31, 2009 was not heard at the meeting. (See attached statement)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

POLICY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hubert, Chair; Commissioners; Kalter, Phillipson, Orff, Costa, and Ryan. Commissioner Hubert reported that the committee did not meet in November.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Commissioner Morse, Chair; Commissioners Tichy, Rowan and Guaraldi. Commissioner Morse reported that the committee did meet in November.

RIVERS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Ryan; Chair; Commissioner Ryan reported that he was recently confirmed as a voting member on the Rivers Committee by Governor & Council. He further reported that the committee did not meet this month.

LAKES COMMITTEE: Commissioner Orff; Commissioner Orff reported that he had been out of State, therefore, missed the meeting date.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Commissioner Guaraldi, Chair; Commissioner Guaraldi reported that she had distributed the 1st update to the Fish and Game Handbook. She encouraged everyone to put the cover sheet in the back of the book for reference purposes.

OLD BUSINESS: Herbicide Policy - This item was postponed until the December Commission Meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER GUARALDI: Commissioner Guaraldi reported that she spoke with the Lebanon Women's Club this month and received many phone calls.

COMMISSIONER MORSE: Commissioner Morse stated that he did not have much to report, received a few calls.

COMMISSIONER RYAN: Commissioner Ryan reported that he attended the Lamprey River Project Meetings and commended Commissioner Orff for his excellent presentation. He further reported that he tried to meet with 4 more clubs to introduce himself as the Rockingham County Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TICHY: Commissioner Tichy reported that the hot topic in his area was regarding new wetlands rulemaking for stream crossings. He further reported that he received a call from a constituent regarding Unit A and the antlerless season. The constituent suggested eliminating the 2 days of antlerless hunting. The other calls received were relative to checking bears and landowner trespass issues.

COMMISSIONER PHILLIPSON: Commissioner Phillipson reported that he was out of State most of the month elk hunting.

COMMISSIONER KALTER: Commissioner Kalter reported that things were fairly quiet, although he received the usual calls.

COMMISSIONER ORFF: Commissioner Orff reported that he attended the Wildlife Federation Meeting, The Lamprey River Meeting, and The Friends of Suncook River Meeting. In addition, he reported that he checked the Winnicut Dam Removal site, visited some deer check stations, and assisted the boy scouts by taking them out and working on their merit badge.

COMMISSIONER HUBERT: Commissioner Hubert reported that he received the usual calls this month and attended the Sullivan County Sportsmen's Club Meeting where Chuck Miner, Landowner Relations Coordinator, was present to answer any questions. In addition, he reported that the Herbicide Policy (RMP1) was rescinded and replaced with (RMP20).

COMMISSIONER ROWAN : Commissioner Rowan reported that he visited a few sporting clubs, Belknap and Carroll County. He further reported that he received calls regarding the wetlands rulemaking procedure and upset constituents regarding bear hunters. In addition, he reported that he attended a meeting of the committee established by HB-2, to review all non-regulatory boards and commissions. He stated that Sandy Falicon, Legislative/Rules Coordinator, did an excellent job compiling a list of all the committees and boards relative to Fish and Game.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Normandeau reported that he recognizes the issues regarding the new proposed wetlands rulemaking pertaining to stream crossings and has been in contact with Commissioner Burack of the Department of Environmental Services to discuss the subject.

He reported that the State Employees contract is essentially "evergreen" at this point, meaning that things will continue under previous provisions. He reported that Fish and Game luckily had no layoffs and that he has heard no discussion of future talks scheduled with both sides to further negotiate.

In closing, he reported that the Department would start developing a "Request for Proposal" for a point of service system, which could take a few months.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Representative Bulis was present and stated, "It is nice to have the Commission and Fish and Game staff here, it gives people in the North Country a chance to see how the process works."

He further reported that he has been on the Fish and Game Committee for 3 years and has developed relationships with staff. He stated that he felt that everyone discharges their responsibilities with professionalism and that the Department should be proud of the people that work for us.

At this time, 8:38 p.m., Commissioner Orff moved to adjourn and Commissioner Phillipson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

James Ryan, Secretary

Approved: _____

Date:

Robert Rowan, Chairman