

NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 29, 2019, SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location: NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Commissioners Present: R. Phillipson, T. Baldwin, C. Hodgdon, R. Green, B. Carr, D. Patch, E. Stohl, P. McInnis

Commissioners absent/excused: C. Luppi & B. Temple

Executive Director Normandeau – Present

Chairman Phillipson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., and asked the audience to join in the pledge of allegiance. He informed the audience that there would be no public comment taken, as the primary purpose of this meeting was to address legislation before the Commission.

Commissioner Stohl, (Chairman, Legislative Committee) reported that this meeting was to address some legislation that will occur between today and the next Commission Meeting. He asked Paul to review the list with the Commission.

Paul Sanderson, Legal Coordinator, reported that there would most likely be a need for a legislative committee meeting the morning of the February 13, 2019 Commission Meeting to address additional legislation that has come to light.

Paul gave an overview on the following Commission positions taken at a previous meeting, to be heard today:

Commission opposed HB-316, relative to the law governing training permits for the training of bird dogs and trail or tree hounds.

Commission opposed HB-322, relative to reporting the taking of a turkey online.

Commission took the position of neutral on HB-281, relative to beaver deceivers.

Commission supported HB-138, relative to rules pertaining to marine species managed under the Magnusson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Paul reviewed the schedule of bills to be voted on by the Commission as follows:

Commissioner Patch moved to oppose HB-196, relative to proof of residency for fish and game purposes and Commissioner Carr seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Patch moved to oppose HB-442, relative to coyote hunting and Commissioner Stohl seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Stohl moved to monitor HB-516-FN, relative to funding for pollution control equipment at the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery through the purchase of a trout/salmon stamp and Commissioner Hodgdon seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Baldwin moved to oppose HB-699, relative to discounts for OHRV and snowmobile registrations and Commissioner Hodgdon seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Carr moved to oppose HB-640-FN as written, relative to establishing a registration fee for canoes and kayaks and Commissioner Stohl seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Carr moved to oppose HB-727-FN-A, relative to boat ramp parking improvements at Mount Sunapee state park beach and making an appropriation therefor and Commissioner Patch seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner McInnis moved to be neutral on CACR-3, relative to hunters' rights (citizens of the state have the right to hunt subject to laws promoting sound wildlife conservation and management) and Commissioner Stohl seconded. The motion carried with 6 in favor 1 opposed (B. Carr)

Commissioner Stohl moved to oppose HB-276, relative to permitting swimming at a fish and game department car top boat launch access area and Commissioner Carr seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Carr moved to support HB-701-FN with corrections, relative to bow and arrow hunting for permanently disabled veterans and Commissioner Patch seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Stohl moved to monitor SB-121, relative to the Weeks Crossing Dam easements and Commissioner Green seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chairman Phillipson reported that he would be looking for a new appointee to sit on the Lakes Management Advisory Committee and asked that anyone interested to please let him know. He reported that he would appoint a new representative to the Committee at the February 13, 2019 Commission Meeting.

At this time, 12:38 p.m., Commissioner McInnis moved to adjourn and Commissioner Carr seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Carr, Secretary

Approved: _____
Robert Phillipson, Chairman