



June 30, 2021

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff

FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – JULY 13, 2021**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **July 13, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

The public is entitled to attend all Commission Meetings and when recognized by the Chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chairman reserves the right to limit public comments to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.) Approval of the June 8, 2021 Commission Minutes. (E. Stohl)
 - 1a.) Commission to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e), to discuss pending litigation. (E. Stohl)
 - 2.) Consent Agenda – The following items are grouped together and noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission members may remove certain items, if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
 - 2a.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Catherine Bernhard & John Weld, Concord, NH, to be utilized by the Wildlife Division. (D. Bergeron)
 - 2b.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$14,763.12 from the estate of Clarence W. Sleeper, Jr., to be utilized by the K-9 team. (K. Jordan)
 - 2c.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$20,668.35 from the estate of Clarence W. Sleeper, Jr., to be utilized by the Nongame & Endangered Species Program. (M. Marchand)
 - 2d.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$35.00 from Skip Warren, Stow, MA, in memory of Shirley Staples, Elkin, WV, to be deposited in to the Small Gifts & Donations Account. Shirley was an avid reader of the Wildlife Journal Magazine. (N. Whitley)

- 2e.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Jaffrey Ice Racing Association, Jaffrey, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2f.) Approval to accept 3 donations totaling \$250.00 from Schwab Charitable Foundation, San Francisco, CA, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2g.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Ms. D’Auteuil, through Fidelity Charitable, Cincinnati, OH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2h.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Carl & Sandra Sipe, Bedford, NH, in memory of “Truder”, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2i.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$35.00 from Carol Haley, W. Swanzey, NH, in memory of Robert Gilbert, Nottingham, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2j.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Wendy Hazlett, Littleton, NH, in memory of Michael Robinson, Northumberland, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2k.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Nicole Pierce, Fairfax, VA, in memory of Michael Yeaton, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2l.) Approval to accept 2 donations totaling \$50.00, from Lewis Clark & Bonita Sarcione, Stoddard, NH, in memory of Brad Clark & Mike Mooney, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 2m.) Approval to accept 2 donations totaling \$50.00, from Bonita & Joseph Sarcione, Stoddard, NH, in memory of Brad Clark & Mike Mooney, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
- 3.) Approval to expend Game Management Funds totaling \$96,480.00.00 to participate in a regional mallard research project & continued participation in a waterfowl habitat restoration program through Ducks Unlimited. (D. Bergeron/J. Carloni).
- 4.) Election of Officers. (E. Stohl)

INFORMATION ITEM:

- 1.) Financial Statement. (The June Financial Statement will not be shared at this meeting due to the end of the year closing, as it will not be available in time for the Commission Meeting). Director Mason & Kathy LaBonte, Chief, Business Division, would like to discuss the format of the financial report with the Commission regarding the contents of the Financial Statement in

order to provide a better view of the agency's finances. The April 30, 2021 Financial Statement is attached as a sample in order to review the format.

2.) Overview of background information regarding a cooperative research project with the University of NH, which will evaluate the efficacy of additional non-harvest driven methods to index trends in the state's furbearer populations. (D. Bergeron/P. Tate).

3.) Overview of the Federal Aid in Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Programs. (R. Curtis)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

POLICY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Temple, Chair; Commissioners: Lachance & Bird.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Commissioner Green, Chair; Commissioners: Hodgdon, Lachance & DeBow.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Lachance, Chair; Commissioners: Bird, & Caveney.

RIVERS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hodgdon.

LAKES COMMITTEE: Commissioner Temple.

HANDBOOK & ORIENTATION COMMITTEE: Commissioners Green & Caveney.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners Temple, McInnis & DeBow.

WILDLIFE HERITAGE FOUNDATION: Commissioner Hodgdon.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion/vote on August 10, 2021 Commission Meeting location, (E. Stohl)

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS: Commissioners will report on their recent activities as it relates to Fish & Game Commission duties and responsibilities. This is an informational item only.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director will report on recent department activities. This is an information item only.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:



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