



September 9, 2021

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff

FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **September 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the Bridgewater Meeting House, 297 Mayhew Turnpike, Bridgewater, NH.

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 August 10, 2021 Commission Minutes. (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 \$40.00 from Tim Decker, Hanover, NH, in appreciation for maintaining the fields at Lower Shaker Wildlife Management Area, to be deposited into the Wildlife Habitat Account. (J. Oehler)

 - 2b.) Approval to accept the donation of tackle craft, lure making & fly tying materials, made to the “Let’s Go Fishing” Program, valued at \$2,500, from Ann Weider, Barrington, NH, in memory of her husband, Greg Weider, who was an avid fisherman. (N. Whitley)

 - 2c.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Donald Vezina, to honor & in appreciation for the service consistently provided by the Law Enforcement Division’s Sonar Team, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account. (K. Jordan)

 - 2d.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Mark Wheaton, to honor & in appreciation for the service consistently provided by the Law Enforcement Division’s Dive Team, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account. (K. Jordan)

2e.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$47.00 from an anonymous donor attending the Cheshire Ag Days, to honor & in appreciation for the service consistently provided by the Law Enforcement Division, to be deposited into the Operation Game Thief Account. (K. Jordan)

2f.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Sharon Joyce, Michelle Auger, Kathy Dayotis & Fran Allen, in memory of George Stokinger, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account. (K. Jordan)

2g.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Joanne Carlson, in memory of retired District One Sergeant, Carl Carlson, who recently passed away, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account. (K. Jordan)

3.) Approval to accept the donation of a parking area from Kevin Smith, Raynham, MA, to provide public access to the Upper Ammonoosuc Wildlife Management Area in Stark, NH, valued at \$1,250. (J. Oehler)

4.) Approval to accept the donation of a 30-acre conservation easement from the Town of New London, at the Low Plains Natural Area, Route 11, New London, NH. (J. Oehler)

5.) Approval to accept six prize donations (listed below) generously provided by Sturm, Ruger & Company, Woodman Arms, Prime Archery, Morse Sporting Goods, The Ruffed Grouse Society, and the NH State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, to be utilized for survey prizes. (D. Bergeron)

INFORMATION ITEM:

1.) Financial Statement dated August 31, 2021. (K. LaBonte)

2.) Overview of the Wildlife Division's Habitat Program. (J. Oehler)

3.) Side-scan sonar demonstration (K, Jordan)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Public policy development & recommendations, as well as Commission advocacy before legislature. Commissioner Green, Chair; Commissioners: DeBow, Price & Hodgson

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Commission professional development, education & policy recommendations related to Commission conduct & activities. Commissioner Lachance, Chair; Commissioners: Green & Temple.

SUSTAINABILITY & STRATEGIC PLANNING: Agency funding, development & oversight of strategic plan. Commissioner Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney & Hodgson.

RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE: Policy recommendations related to agency infrastructure; including facilities, public access, habitat & wildlife. Commissioner Temple, Chair; Commissioners: McInnis, Lachance & Caveney.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION: Engagement, partnership, awards, public recognition & education strategies for the public & interest groups. Commissioner DeBow, Chair; Commissioners: Hodgdon & Price.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott R. Mason, Executive Director
NH Fish & Game Department