



January 4, 2021

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff
FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – JANUARY 12, 2021**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be via Microsoft “Teams”, therefore, there will not be a physical meeting location. The public is entitled to listen in by following the instructions below/clicking on the link. No public comment will be taken during the meeting, as public comment will be taken for 3 consecutive days after the meeting, via e-mail @ Tanya.haskell@wildlife.nh.gov or by sending comments to: NH Fish & Game Department, Attn: Tanya Haskell, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Comments received during the comment period will be compiled into the January 12, 2021 Commission Minutes.

Participation Instructions:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Chairman Stohl will read: Governor Sununu’s below Checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant With The Right-to-Know Law During The State Of Emergency:

“As Executive Director of the Fish and Game Department, and Chairman of the NH Fish and Game Commission, we find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 as extended pursuant to Executive Order 2020-25, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

- a) *Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional possibilities to submit comments via e-mail to: Tanya.haskell@wildlife.nh.gov, or mailing comments to: NH Fish & Game Department, Attn: Tanya Haskell, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, 03301. Comments will be accepted for 3 consecutive days after the January 12, 2021 Commission Meeting. All comments received within the comment period will be compiled into the Commission Minutes.*

We are utilizing Microsoft Teams for this electronic meeting. All members of the **Fish and Game Commission** and the staff of the Fish and Game Department have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and submit comments as indicated in the above paragraph.

- b) *Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:*

We gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the Fish and Game website and have been posted in the lobby of the Fish and Game headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

- c) *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:*

If anybody has a problem, please email: Paul.sanderson@wildlife.nh.gov

- d) *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting: In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.*

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.) Approval of the December 9, 2020 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 \$1000.00 donation from James O'Rourke, Deerfield, NH, in memory of Jimmy O'Rourke, Deerfield, NH, to be utilized by the "Let's Go Fishing" Program. (N. Whitley)
 - 2b.) Approval to accept a \$650.00 donation from the below individuals, in memory of Scott Sedgwick, Fairfield, CT, to be deposited into the Fisheries Habitat Account & Small Gifts Donations Account as indicated: (J. Smith)

Fisheries Habitat Account:

*Tony Eason, Denver, CO, - \$100.00

Small Gifts & Donations Account:

*Daryle & Susan Kowalsky, Fidelity Charitable Fund, Westport, CT - \$200.00

* Edward Baranosky & Family, Monroe, Ct - \$250.00

*Jared & Marna Schneid, Lyme, CT - \$100.00

Total: \$650.00

2c.) Approval to accept a \$100.00 donation from the below individuals, in memory of Gregory Sevinsky, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account and the Fisheries Habitat Account as indicated: (J. Smith)

Fisheries Habitat Account:

*Jerry & Amy Coppersmith, Erie, PA - \$50.00

Small Gifts & Donations Account:

Heather Dry, Oxford, ME - \$50.00

Total: \$100.00

2d.) Approval to accept a \$200.00 donation from the below individuals, in memory of Wesley Smith, to be Deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account and utilized by the Inland Fisheries Division. (J. Smith)

*Gerald Smith, Concord, NH - \$100.00

*Patricia Gavin, Levittown, PA - \$100.00

Total: \$200.00

2e.) Approval to accept the below donations totaling \$200.00 in memory of Thurston "Harry" Tudor, a long tenured Fish Culturist with the Department, to be utilized for inland fisheries management. (J. Smith)

*Terri Campbell, Kennebunkport, ME - \$50.00

*Wayne Hill, Ossipee, NH - \$100.00

*Laurie Olson, San Diego, CA- \$50.00

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2f.) Approval to accept the following donations totaling \$2,933.00, to be utilized by the Law Enforcement Division, to help offset expenses outfitting a new law enforcement canine cruiser for K9 Fin: (K. Jordan).

George Tombarello - \$2,000.00

Hannah Verville, Loudon, NH - \$413.00

Feed NH Great NH Restaurant Charitable Trust- \$500.00

Janet Porter - \$20.00

Total: \$2,933.00

2g.) Approval to accept a \$75.00 donation from Judy DuBois, to be deposited into the Operation Game Thief Account. (K. Jordan)

2h.) Approval to accept a \$100.00 donation from George Prive, to be deposited into the Search & Rescue Account, to be utilized to purchase life-saving safety equipment and enhanced training. (K. Jordan)

2i.) Approval to accept a \$100.00 donation from Daniel Kramer, in memory of retired District Five Lieutenant, Scott F. LaCrosse, Loudon, NH, who passed away suddenly on April 2, 2019. (K. Jordan)

2j.) Approval to accept a \$200.00 donation from the below individuals, in memory of Robert McArthur, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Glispin, Londonderry, NH -	\$50.00
*The Faverty Family, Londonderry, NH -	\$50.00
*Shidokan International, Londonderry, NH -	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$200.00

2k.) Approval to accept a \$25.00 donation from Verna Dunn, Enfield, NH, in memory of Donald Charbono, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

2l.) Approval to accept a \$150.00 donation from the below individuals, in memory of Donald Gordon, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

*Leona Dragon, Pittsfield, NH -	\$50.00
*Tri State Iron Works, Inc., Concord, NH -	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$150.00

2m.) Approval to accept a \$1,000 donation from David & Grace Mann, Merrimack NH, to be utilized by the Statewide Boat Access Program. (T. Buzinski/G. Graaskamp)

3.) Approval to accept an \$84,000 donation to the Nongame Program from the Sleeper Estate. (M. Ellingwood)

3a.) Approval to accept a \$60,000 donation to the Law Enforcement Division's K9 Program from the Sleeper Estate. (K. Jordan).

4.) Approval to accept a \$14,554 donation to the Nongame Program from Prosit, LLC., for mitigating impacts to New England cottontail habitat. (M. Ellingwood)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1.) The Wildlife Division's Game Management Team will present initial Draft Rule Proposals to the Commission and seek input. (M. Ellingwood/D. Bergeron/Project Leaders)

2.) Boat Access Program Presentation. (T. Buzinski/G. Graaskamp)

3.) Update on License Retention Committee. (N. Whitley)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

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

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

RIVERS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hodgdon.

LAKES COMMITTEE: Commissioner Temple.

HANDBOOK & ORIENTATION COMMITTEE: Commissioner Patch, Chair; Commissioner Green & Caveney.

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

WILDLIFE HERITAGE FOUNDATION: Commissioner Hodgdon.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Director Mason will discuss having 2 volunteer members of the Commission (appointed by Chairman Stohl) to serve on a “Hatchery Study Committee”.

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: No public comments will be heard at this meeting. Comments will be accepted for 3 consecutive days after the Commission Meeting and may be submitted to Tanya.haskell@wildlife.nh.gov, or mailed to Tanya Haskell, NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

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