



March 10, 2023

TO: NH Fish & Game Commission & Staff

FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – MARCH 21, 2023**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **March 21, 2023, 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 February 21, 2023 Commission Minutes. (R. Green)

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. Commission members may remove certain items, if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

2a.) Approval to accept the following donations totaling \$8,600.00 made to the Search & Rescue Account: (K. Jordan)

• Paul & Patricia Bisset	\$5,000.00
• Christian Forman & Angela Toms	\$2,000.00
• Marion Hauck	\$1,000.00
• Goldenchild Back Lake Nationals & Vintage Showdown Assoc.	\$ 300.00
• Jennifer Parkos	\$ 200.00
• Marvin Swartz	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Total: \$8,600.00

2b.) Approval to accept the following donations totaling \$600.00 made to the “Let’s Go Fishing” Program: (N. Whitley)

• Frank Dubisz, Jr., Manchester, NH -	\$100.00
• Jennifer Topouzoglou, New Boston, NH-	<u>\$500.00</u>
(made in memory of Ernie Lapierre, N. Kingston, RI)	Total: \$600.00

2c.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from David & Grace Mann, Merrimack, NH, to be utilized by the Boat Access Program. (G. Graaskamp)

2d.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Meredith Rotary Club, Meredith, NH, to be utilized for Inland Fishery Management, specifically the Large Lakes Program. (D. Timmins)

2e.) Approval to accept the following donations totaling \$145.00 in memory of Bernside “Bernie” Bartlett, of Georges Mills, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account:

- Theresa Symancyk, White River Junction, VT - \$20.00
- Cynthia & Howard Anderson, West Springfield, NH - \$25.00
- Raymond Lagasse, Lagasse Family Trust, Lebanon, NH - \$50.00
- Peter Elder, Georges Mills, NH - \$50.00

Total: \$145.00

2f.) Approval to accept a \$5.00 donation from Brian Pierce, Concord, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account, earmarked for nongame use. (D. Bergeron)

2g.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Cynthia Mooney, Hillsborough, NH, in memory of Tedd Redfield, Nelson, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

2h.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from The Friends of the Kimball Library, Atkinson, NH, for their appreciation of a bobcat presentation given at the Kimball Library, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

INFORMATION ITEM:

1. Financial Statement.

2. The Wildlife Division will provide a presentation on hounding. (D. Bergeron)

3. Overview of the request to expend up to \$31,300 from the Fisheries Habitat Account to hire seasonal employees in FY’23 and FY’24 in order to conduct Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture fish surveys and NH Stream Crossing Team culvert and bridge surveys in multiple watersheds within Grafton County. (D. Timmins)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Public policy development & recommendations, as well as Commission advocacy before legislature.

Commissioner Price, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeBow, Hodgson & Stohl.

Staff members: Kevin Jordan & Marty Mobley.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: Commission professional development, education & policy recommendations related to Commission conduct & activities.

Commissioner Caveney, Chair; Commissioners: Lachance & Temple.

Staff member: Cheri Patterson.

SUSTAINABILITY & STRATEGIC PLANNING: Agency funding, development & oversight of strategic plan.

Commissioner Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeRosa, Hodgson & Stohl.
Staff member: Scott Mason.

RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE: Policy recommendations related to agency infrastructure; including facilities, public access, habitat & wildlife.

Commissioner Temple, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeRosa, & Lachance.
Staff member: Dianne Timmins.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION: Engagement, partnership, awards, public recognition & education strategies for the public & interest groups.

Commissioner DeRosa, Chair; Commissioners: DeBow, Hodgdon & Price.
Staff members: Dan Bergeron, Kevin Jordan & Cheri Patterson.

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Price.

NH RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hodgdon

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:



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