

March 11, 2008

TO: Fish and Game Commissioners & Staff

FROM: Donald S. Clarke, Acting Executive Director

SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA - **MARCH 19, 2008**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on **Wednesday, March 19, 2008, commencing at 1:00 p.m.**, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, 03301. The public is entitled to attend all Commission meetings. When recognized by the Chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chairman reserves the right to limit comments to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the February 20, 2008 Commission Minutes. (R. Phillipson)
2. Presentation of Resolution honoring John Nelson. (D. Grout/C. Patterson)
3. (This item was tabled last month) Approval to accept 9 limited edition, signed prints of "Shadow" by Victor Young, valued at \$2,587.50, along with associated framing costs. (K. Sullivan)
4. Consent Agenda - The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve these matters as presented. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
 - 4a. Approval to accept a donation of \$15.00 from Michael Applegate, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations account for Wildlife Management purposes. (S. Weber)
 - 4b. Approval to accept a donation of \$1,000 from Robert Potter and Roberta Arbree, to be deposited into the unrestricted Fish and Game Fund. (S. Weber)
 - 4c. Approval to accept a donation of \$5,000 from the Meredith Rotary Club, to be utilized to support fisheries research and management activities. (S. Perry)
5. Request Commission participation to draw the winner of a gun donated by the Ruffed Grouse Society, from those individuals who participated in the 2007 Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey in the North Country. (J. Robinson)
6. Approval to expend up to \$100,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account for the removal of the Winnicut River Dam and construction of fish passage under Rt. 33 over a two year period (2008 and 2009). (C. Patterson/D. Grout)
7. Approval to expend up to \$20,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account for radio-telemetry work, to be used to provide better guidance for the Nash Stream Restoration Project. (J. Magee)

8. Approval to expend up to \$28,000, which will be reimbursed 100% with federal funds, in Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 from the Fisheries Habitat Account for fisheries research work at Nash Stream State Forest. (J. Magee)

9. Approval to expend up to \$42,000, which will be reimbursed 100% with federal funds, from the Fisheries Habitat Account for the replacement of two stream crossings in the Nash Stream Watershed. (J. Magee)

10. Approval to expend up to \$60,000 from the Wildlife Habitat Account, up to \$70,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account, and up to \$120,000 from the Game Management Account for the acquisition of a conservation easement of 2,100 acres of land in Clarksville and Pittsburg, NH. (S.Weber/S. Perry)

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Financial Statement – (K. LaBonte)
2. Update on Pheasant Account Expenditures. (S. Weber)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee: Commissioner T. Hubert, Chair; Commissioners: Nottonson, Kalter, Rowan, and Costa.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Guaraldi, Chair; Commissioners Morse, Tichy and Carney.

Rivers Committee: Commissioner Morse

Lakes Committee: Commissioner Kalter

Revenue Committee: Commissioner Nottonson, Chair; Commissioners Morse and Guaraldi.

Handbook Committee: Commissioner Rowan, Chair; Commissioners Kalter and Carney.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

The Commissioners will report on their recent activities related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director will report on recent Department activities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Commission may afford any person the opportunity to present statements relating to matters of interest to the Commission. Unless the Chairman has granted approval, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. The Commission will take no discussion or action. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Clarke
Acting Executive Director

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