



March 6, 2025

TO: NH Fish & Game Commission & Staff

FROM: Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D.
Executive Director

SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – MARCH 18, 2025

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **March 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Please be advised that this meeting is being captured on video.

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 18, 2025 Commission Minutes. (R. Green)
- 2.) Presentation of Commission Awards of Excellence.
- 3.) Consent Agenda – The following items have been 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.
 - 3a.) Approval to accept the donation of \$2,000 from the Belknap County Sportsmen’s Association for deposit in to the Search & Rescue Account. (K. Jordan)
 - 3b.) Approval to accept the below donations totaling \$200.00 in memory of Sumner Dole, III, of Canterbury, NH:
 - Donnie & Clare Bartholomew, Benson, VT - \$100.00
(Donation made to the Conservation Education Program)
 - Mrs. Richard Sawyer, Newbury, NH - \$100.00
(Donation made to the Small Gifts & Donations Account) \$200.00

- 3c.) Approval to accept the donation of \$350.00 from Melvin Village Marina, LLC, for use by the Inland Fisheries Division to purchase two gill nets for the Large Lakes Program. (D. Timmins)
- 3d.) Approval to accept the donation of \$100.00 from Marvin Swartz to support outfitting Conservation Officers with necessary safety equipment and provide lifesaving training. (K. Jordan)
- 4.) Approval to accept the donation of \$6,065.00 from the Great Bay Rotary Fishing Derby to be utilized for fisheries management in the Lake Lakes Program. (D. Timmins)

INFORMATION ITEM:

- 1.) Financial Statement. (K. LaBonte)
- 2.) Overview of draft initial game management rules. (D. Bergeron/A. Timmins)
- 3.) Overview of request to spend up to \$48,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account to hire seasonal employees in FY'25 and FY'26 to conduct Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture fish surveys and NH Stream Crossing Team culvert and bridge surveys in multiple watersheds within Grafton County and Region 4. (D. Timmins)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

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

Commissioner Stohl Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, Chandler, DeRosa & McGonagle.

Staff members: Director Simek, Kevin Jordan & Marty Mobley.

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

Commissioner DeRosa, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, Temple, Titone & Poole.

Staff member: Cheri Patterson.

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

Commissioner Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeRosa, & Stohl.

Staff member: Director Simek.

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

Commissioner McGonagle, Chair; Commissioners: DeRosa, Caveney & Temple.

Staff member: Dianne Timmins.

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

Commissioner DeRosa, Chair; Commissioners: McGonagle, Poole & Temple.
Staff members: Dan Bergeron, Kevin Jordan & Cheri Patterson.

SEACOAST COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Titone.

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner McGonagle.

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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