



September 8, 2023

TO: NH Fish & Game Commission & Staff
FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **COMMISSION AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **September 19, 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 August 15, 2023 Commission Minutes. (E. Stohl)
- 2.) 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.
 - 2a.) Approval to accept the donation of a cougar mount, valued at approximately \$500.00, in memory of John Harrigan, from The NH Wildlife Coalition. The mount was given to John by Chris Schadler’s Father, at which time he requested it be donated to the NH Fish & Game Department upon his passing. (S. Mason)
 - 2b.) Approval to accept the donation of \$125.00 from the Weeks State Park Association. This donation was made in appreciation of a presentation provided by Colby Denison, Fisheries Biologist, at the Weeks State Park on August 10, 2023. (D. Timmins)
 - 2c.) Approval to accept the donation of \$300.00 from Cecilia Rai & Jim Koren. This donation was made in appreciation of services rendered by Conservation Officers while assisting Nicholas Swertlow off the Dickey Mountain Trail in Thornton, NH, after sustaining an injury. (K. Jordan)
 - 2d.) Approval to accept the following donations totaling \$100.00 made in memory of Peter Abair, avid sportsmen, of Springfield, NH, for deposit into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)
 - Susan Cutting, Springfield, NH - \$50.00
 - Pauline Fritts, Springfield, NH - \$50.00Total: \$100.00
 - 2e.) Approval to accept the donation of \$150,000 from the Charles D. Parsons Family Trust, to be used as part of the non-federal match for the 63.5 acre acquisition of the Aaron Ledge property in Springfield, NH. (B. McNaughten)

2f.) Approval to accept the donation of \$50.00 from the NH Trapper's Association, to be utilized towards the purchase of a wildlife snare pole. (K. Jordan)

INFORMATION ITEM:

- 1.) Financial Statement.
- 2.) Offshore Wind Presentation. (C. Patterson)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

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

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

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, Hodgson & Titone.

Staff member: Cheri Patterson.

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

Commissioner Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeRosa, Hodgson & Titone.

Staff member: Scott Mason.

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

Commissioner Green, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney, DeRosa, Temple & 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott R. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "M".

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