



July 8, 2024

TO: NH Fish & Game Commission & Staff

FROM: Scott R. Mason, Executive Director

SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – JULY 16, 2024

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on Tuesday, **July 16, 2024, 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 June 18, 2024 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 \$24.52 from Edward Harper, 5th grade student who raised money to donate towards Fisheries Management. (D. Timmins)
 - 2b.) Approval to accept the donation of \$125.00 from Kristine Barker, for use by the Department's Advanced Search & Rescue Team. (K. Jordan)
 - 2c.) Approval to accept the donation of \$2,000 from the NH ATV Club, for use towards the purchase of a complete Total Station Package, to include reflectorless total station, tripod, pole with bipod, all in one prism, strobe prism, research table data collector, and forensic software and support subscription. This Total Station will be used for accident reconstruction and forensic mapping. (K. Jordan)
 - 2d.) Approval to accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Ruffed Grouse Society, The Bass Pro and Cabela's Outdoor Fund, to go towards a habitat project on the Danbury Bog WMA in the Town of Danbury, NH. (D. Bergeron)

2e.) Approval to accept the donation of \$50.00 from Donald & Constance Miller, Middleboro, MA, in memory of Tim Pierce, for deposit into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

2f.) Approval to accept the donation of \$20.00 from Lynda Smith, Ellsworth, NH, due to overpayment on a resident trapping license, for deposit into the Small Gifts & Donations Account. (S. Mason)

2g.) Approval to accept the donation of \$75.00 made to the "Let's Go Fishing" Program, from Michelle Angers & Tom Dooley, Contoocook, NH, in memory of Raymond Angers. (N. Whitley)

3.) Approval to accept six prize donations (listed below) generously provided by Sturm, Ruger & Company, Woodman Arms, Prime Archery, Morse Sporting Goods, The Ruffed Grouse Society, and the NH State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. (D. Bergeron)

These prizes are for participants in the 2023 Deer Hunter Mail Survey, 2023 Bow Hunter Survey, the 2023/24 Small Game Hunter Survey, 2023 Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey, and 2024 Spring Turkey Hunter Survey and will be awarded via random computerized drawings.

PRIZES:

2023 Deer Hunter Mail Survey (2 prizes)

Ruger American Rifle Generation II Model #46902, caliber 308 Win.
Valued at \$729.00, generously donated by Sturm, Ruger & Company

Woodman Arms Patriot Muzzleloader valued at \$1,000.00, generously donated by
Woodman Arms, Fremont, NH

2023 Bow Hunter Survey (1 prize)

Prime Inline bow valued at \$1,200.00, generously donated by Prime Archery and Morse Sporting Goods of Hillsborough, NH

2023-24 Small Game Hunter Survey (1 prize)

Ruger American Rifle with Vortex Crossfire II Rifle Scope (Model #16931)
Valued at \$799.00, generously donated by Sturm, Ruger & Company

2023 Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey (1 prize)

Charles Daly 601 12-gauge shotgun valued at \$309, generously donated by The Ruffed Grouse Society

2024 Spring Turkey Hunter Survey (1 prize)

Stevens 320 Turkey Thumbhole 12-gauge shotgun valued at \$269.00,
generously donated by NH State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

INFORMATION ITEM:

1.) Financial Statement. (K. LaBonte)

2.) Overview of future action item to expend up to \$35,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account to assist the Wildlife Habitat Program in the acquisition of a conservation easement from the Town of Milan. These monies will focus on the protection of Stearns Brook and the Androscoggin River, as

well as angler access. In addition to riparian protection, this easement ensures hunters, anglers, and trappers access to this property and its' resources. (D. Timmins/Jared Lamy)

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: Temple, Hodgson, Titone & McGonagle.

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 & McGonagle.

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.

SEACOAST COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Titone.

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Price.

NH RIVERS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Commissioner Hodgdon

SEARCH COMMITTEE: Commissioner M. Hodgson, Chair: Commissioners: E. Stohl, R. Green, J. Caveney & C. Hodgdon

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Commissioner C. Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney & Titone.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Election of Officers – **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

(Commissioner C. Hodgdon, Chair; Commissioners: Caveney & Titone).

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