



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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Her Excellency Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 206:33-a, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department to accept a donation of up to 60 radio tags from New Hampshire Bass Nation valued at \$9,000.00 to be utilized by the Inland Fisheries Division.

EXPLANATION

New Hampshire Bass Nation is donating these radio tags to be used during a cooperative study with Fish and Game Staff on Black Bass movement between Big Squam and Little Squam Lakes. The results of this study will help us determine the percentage of fish released into Little Squam Lake after bass tournaments held on Big Squam Lake return on their own accord. If the percentage is considered high, the Department would consider allowing the release of these fish caught in Big Squam to be released into Little Squam after weigh in. This may in some cases, increase bass survival due to shortened durations in which they are to be held in live wells and decrease social conflicts as anglers would not need to navigate the Squam channel for a third time that day. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted to accept this donation at their June 11, 2014 Commission Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

June 4, 2014

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff
FROM: Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director
SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – **JUNE 11, 2014**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on **Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Barry Conservation Camp, York Pond Road, Berlin, NH 03570-9502.

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 May 14, 2014 Commission Minutes. (T. Hubert)
- 2.) 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.
 - 2a.) Acceptance of the following donations obtained using the Government 10-33 Program: (M. Garabedian)
 - 4 John Deere Gators (valued at approximately \$6,999 ea.)
 - 1 – 1986 Smokercraft Aluminum Boat (valued at \$1,000)
 - 1- Honda 4-stroke 25 HP Outboard Motor (valued at \$3,800)
 - 2b.) Acceptance of the following donations totaling \$75.00 in memory of Aaron Hoyt, who drowned in the Smith River, Bristol, NH, on April 14, 2014, to be utilized by the Law Enforcement Division:

Robert Braman & Elaine Trudeau - \$50.00
Market My Property, LLC - \$25.00
Total: \$75.00

2c.) Acceptance of a \$50.00 donation from Curtis Richardson, Stratham, NH, to be utilized by the "Let's Go Fishing Program." (J. Charpentier)

2d.) Acceptance of a \$500.00 donation from Victor & Regina Odryna, for assistance received on the Franconia Ridge Trail, to be utilized by the Law Enforcement Division. (M. Garabedian)

2e.) Acceptance of the donation of up to 60 pit tags, valued at approximately \$9,000, from the NH Bass Nation, to perform a collective bass movement study between Squam and Little Squam Lakes. (J. Smith)

2f.) Acceptance of a \$1,689.22 donation from the Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center, Effingham, NH, for assistance they received in locating 2 patients on 2 different occasions. (M. Garabedian)

2g.) Acceptance of the donation of .22 ammunition, valued at \$159.00, from Wildlife Taxidermy Studio & Sport Center, to be utilized by the Hunter Education Program. (J. Charpentier)

2h.) Acceptance of a donation of up to \$15,000 from the below donors, to hire seasonal laborers to perform brook trout habitat surveys and population assessments on various streams in the Ammonoosuc River Watershed: (J. Smith)

The Franconia Conservation Commission
The NH Charitable Foundation
The Fifteen Mile Falls Mitigation & Enhancement Fund
Plymouth State University
Sugar Hill Conservation Commission
Trout Unlimited

3.) Approval to go forward with rulemaking to amend the marine rules for cod, haddock, smelt & white perch, as well as to develop a rule that would prohibit the harassment of gear in licensed aquaculture operations in tidal waters. (D. Grout)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Financial Statement (K. LaBonte)
- 2.) To provide an overview relative to initiating the rulemaking process to repeal the Atlantic Salmon Brood Stock Fishery rules in Fis 411 and to propose minor changes to general restrictions for fishing tournaments described in Fis 503.05, as well as housekeeping changes. (J. Smith)

STANDING COMMITTEES:

POLICY COMMITTEE: Commissioner: Guaraldi, Chair; Commissioners: Blake, McGonagle & Clews.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Commissioner Morse, Chair; Commissioners: Tichy, Greco & Patch.

RIVERS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Ryan.

LAKES COMMITTEE: Commissioner Clews.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: Commissioner Blake, Chair; Commissioners: Ryan & Morse.

HANDBOOK & ORIENTATION COMMITTEE: Commissioner Patch, Chair;
Commissioner: Guaraldi

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Commissioner Greco, Chair; Commissioners
McGonagle, Tichy & Phillipson.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Commissioner McGonagle, Chair; Commissioners Phillipson
& Ryan.

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.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director will report on recent Department activities. This item will be informational only.

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.



Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director
NH Fish & Game Department

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