



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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Executive Director

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Requested Action

1. Pursuant to RSA 206:33-A authorize New Hampshire Fish and Game to accept a \$5,500 donation from the New Hampshire Trout Unlimited Council from the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022. Funds to be deposited as follows:

	<u>FY 2022</u>
Funds to be deposited into 020-07500-21130000-402768 Small Gifts & Donations	\$5,500
2. Pursuant to RSA 206:33-A authorize New Hampshire Fish and Game to accept a \$5,000 donation from the Meredith Rotary Club from the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022.

	<u>FY 2022</u>
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Explanation

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has a Discovery room in Concord Headquarters with exhibits designed to inform and educate the public about New Hampshire's wildlife and the Fish and Game mission to conserve New Hampshire's wildlife resources. The exhibits were installed 20 years ago and there are much needed upgrades and repairs to keep the room open for the public. These generous donations will help bring the Discovery Room back to a place where school groups and the public can visit and enjoy the experience when visiting this space.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to accept these donations at their April 12, 2022 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief
Business Division

~~2d.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$5,000 from the Meredith Rotary Club, Meredith, NH, made to the Aquatic Education Program, to assist with renovations to the Discovery Room.~~

~~2e.) The Commission to accept the donation of \$5,500 from Trout Unlimited NH State Council, made to the "Let's Go Fishing" Program, to be utilized to purchase a new chiller for the Discovery Room cold water tank.~~

2f.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$165.00 from Lonnie Schorer, Moultonborough, NH, to be utilized for moose management.

2g.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$285.00 from Jodi & Marc Goudreau, Manchester, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account.

2h.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$500.00 from Matthew & Kimberly Noyes, Merrimack, NH, in memory of Paul Hoffman, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account.

2i.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$50.00 from Margaret Meyette, Cornish, NH, to be deposited into the Small Gifts & Donations Account.

2j.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$5,040.00 from Eugene & Judy Ratta Harrington, Nashua, NH, to be deposited in the Nongame Program Account.

3.) Dianne Timmins, Chief, Inland Fisheries Division, came before the Commission, as a follow up to last month's request to expend up to \$30,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account to hire four seasonal employees in FY'22 & FY'23, in order to conduct fish habitat surveys in the Saco River, Connecticut River, and other northern watersheds.

Commissioner Green moved to amend the expenditure amount to \$25,000 and Commissioner Hodgson seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Commissioner Green reported that his motion reflected information learned last month that the amount requested was in error.

4.) Rulemaking requiring approval by Commission:

Commissioner Green moved to readopt **Fis 600 Sections** – Marine Fishing rules that were set to expire February 28, 2022 (Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries hearing was April 5, 2022), Commission Lachance seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Rulemaking requiring consultation with Commission:

Commissioner Green moved to support the re-adoption of the following and Commissioner Lachance seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Fis 303.02 & .03 – Small fur-bearers, set to expire June 5, 2022

Fis 807.11 & Fis 1110.09 & .10 – Derelict gear clean-up surcharges & exemptions