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# New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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May 26, 2015

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 approval to accept a donation for up to \$16,000 from Ammonoosuc Trout Unlimited to hire seasonal laborers to perform brook trout habitat surveys and population assessments on various streams in the Ammonoosuc River Watershed effective upon Governor and Council approval. Funds to be deposited into account 20-07500-21660000-405231.

## EXPLANATION

Plymouth State University-Center for Rural Partnerships, Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) and Ammonoosuc Trout Unlimited (TU) applied in partnership with NHFG for many grant opportunities this past winter. We were awarded a TU Embrace-A-Stream Grant and NH Charitable Foundation Grant. Both grants will be awarded to Ammonoosuc Trout Unlimited who would like to make a donation to fund 2 seasonal laborers to conduct brook trout habitat and species composition surveys. The results of these surveys will be used to identify presence/absence of wild brook trout, as well as potential habitat restoration projects and land protection opportunities. All of which will improve the habitat within the Ammonoosuc River Watershed, thereby increasing angling opportunities into the future.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted to accept this donation at their May 13, 2015 Commission Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Normandeau  
Executive Director

Kathy Ann LaBonte, Chief  
Business Division

May 7, 2015

TO: Fish & Game Commissioners & Staff  
FROM: Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: COMMISSION AGENDA – **MAY 13, 2015**

There will be a meeting of the NH Fish and Game Commission on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.**, at the New Hampshire 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 April 8, 2015 Commission Minutes. (T. Tichy)

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.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$430.00 from J.P. Morgan, in memory of Ekaterina “Kate” Matrosova, who perished while climbing Mt. Madison-Mt. Adams, Thompson & Meserves Purchase, New Hampshire, in February, 2015, to be deposited into the Search & Recue Account. (K. Jordan)

2b.) Approval to accept the following monetary donations to the “Let’s Go Fishing” Program, in memory of David Allen: (L. Ryder)

*Susan & Stephen Story -	\$100.00
*Steven Sutherland -	\$ 50.00
* Steve Dillon -	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
	\$225.00

2c.) Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from the Laconia Rotary Club, to be utilized for Inland Fisheries Management, specifically for the purchase of high quality fish food for landlocked salmon. (J. Smith)

2d.) Approval to accept survey equipment required for stream crossing assessments from The State Council of Trout Unlimited, valued at approximately \$500.00. (J. Smith)

- 2e.) Approval to accept the following donations to the "Let's Go Fishing" Program:  
\*Jiffy Auger Pro 4 – donated by Dave Heater, valued at \$499.99  
\*Assorted fly fishing flies donated by Ron Sowa, valued at \$456.50 (L. Ryder)
- 3.) Approval to accept a donation of up to \$16,000 from the Ammonoosuc Chapter of Trout Unlimited, to hire seasonal laborers to perform brook trout habitat surveys and population assessments on various streams in the Ammonoosuc River Watershed. (J. Smith)
- 4.) Approval to expend up to \$20,000 from the Fisheries Habitat Account to restore aquatic connectivity for brook trout and other fish species in Falls Brook in Swanzey, NH. (J. Magee)
- 5.) Approval of the Department's final rule proposals pertaining to:  
  
\*2015 Moose Permit Allocations  
\*Limits on use of chocolate as a component of bear bait. (K. Gustafson)

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 1.) Financial Statement (K. LaBonte)
- 2.) Presentation of the 2014 Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement's Chiefs Association Officer of the Year Award. (K. Jordan)
- Presentation of the 2014 Shikar Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year Award. (K. Jordan)
- Presentation of the OHRV Instructor of the Year Award. (J. Wimsatt)
- 3.) Overview of changes to gear requirements for lobster pots and traps. (D. Grout)
- 4.) Overview of proposed changes to the Fisheries Administrative Rules. (J. Smith)
- 5.) Overview of final draft of the 2016-2025 Game Management Plan. (K. Gustafson)

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**POLICY COMMITTEE:** Commissioners: McGonagle, Clews, Phillipson & Carr.

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

**RIVERS COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Ryan.

**LAKES COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Clews.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Commissioners: Ryan & Morse.

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

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

**WILDLIFE HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** Commissioner Greco

**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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