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**REGION 6 FWMB**

**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**from September 20, 2007**

**@ 12:30 PM**

**Dulles State Office Building (5<sup>th</sup> Fl. Conf. Rm.)**

**Watertown, NY**

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**New York State  
FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**



Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, with the following in attendance:

**Herkimer County**

Robert Grose – Chairperson/Sportsman

Bruce Weakley – Legislative

Absent - Landowner

**Jefferson County**

William Stage – Sportsman

Robert Boice – Legislative

Ann Tibbets – Landowner

**Lewis County**

Patricia Arnold – State Chair/Sportsman

John Jones – Landowner

L. Kelley Dickinson – Legislative

**Oneida County**

James C. Tracy – Sportsman

Absent – Legislative

Absent - Landowner

**St Lawrence County**

Larry Kring – Sportsman

Absent – Legislative

Currently Vacant – Landowner

**Region 6 NYSDEC Personnel**

Dick McDonald – Fisheries/Secretary

Bill Gordon – Wildlife

Judy Drabicki – Regional Director (R6)

Fred Munk – Lands & Forests

Capt. Stephen Pierson – Law Enforcement

**Missing from Meeting**

Bernard Z. Peplinski, Sr. (Herkimer County Landowner – excused absence), Brian D. Miller (Oneida County Legislative), Anthony DiNitto (Oneida County Landowner – excused absence), Thomas Grow (St. Lawrence County Landowner – excused absence). Excused absences are given to members who notify the Chairperson or the Secretary at least one week prior to the next quarterly meeting.

**Advisory Board Members in Attendance**

Jim Edic – NYSCC

Linda Sicley – Conservation Fund Advisory Board

Dawn Howard – St. Lawrence County SWCD

**Others in Attendance**

Gary Bullis – Herkimer County Conservation Alliance

Katie Malinowski – Tug Hill Commission

**Correspondence:** (No Report)

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes from previous meeting held in Boonville on June 21, 2007 were read by the secretary and approved for the record. Those members who received a printed copy of the minutes in the mail were missing three pages.

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### Administrative Business:

- Term limits for Regional FWMB members were discussed as per Title 5, § 11-0501(4)(a) of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law.
  - The current program attorney in Albany described the terms as follows.
    - **Sportsmen's and Legislative Representatives:**
      - The two (2) year term ends at the end of the Odd Numbered Year.
      - Eligibility is a maximum of 8 years of service.
      - A former representative is eligible for reappointment only after one term (2 years) out of office.
    - **Landowner Representatives:**
      - The two (2) year term ends at the end of the Even Numbered Year.
      - Eligibility is a maximum of 8 years of service.
      - A former representative is eligible for reappointment only after one term (2 years) out of office.
  - The St. Lawrence County Landowner Representative position is still vacant.
    - A letter to the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators was sent on December 13, 2006. A follow up letter was sent on June 26, 2007. Two follow up phone conversations has resulted in a promise to have the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators make an appointment. No appointment has yet been made.
  - Bernard Z. Peplinski, Sr., of 793 State Rte. 51, Ilion, NY has joined the R6 FWMB as the Herkimer County Landowner Representative. Resolution Number 166 from the Herkimer County Board of Legislators was received confirming Mr. Peplinski's appointment.
- Regional Cost Center Allocation Report (Bill Gordon)
  - The same amount of funding for Regional FWMB as previous years has been appropriated for this fiscal year.

### Old Business:

- Habitat/Access Stamp Applications Update (Dick McDonald)
  - Due to a technical glitch for the publishing of the Open Period for Applications in the NYS Register, the Habitat/Access Stamp Application period was re-opened and the deadline for applications is June 22, 2007.
  - The Committee in Albany has completed their selection process and are awaiting the review of the grants approval by the Budget and Contracts Office. It is hoped that an announcement will be made within the next two weeks.
- Region 6 FWMB Committee to Adopt By-Laws
  - Old records were searched at the Dulles State Office Building, which produced a copy of the Region 4 (Region 6 was Region 4 prior to 1972) By-Laws in a "Pending File". The Adopt-A-By-Laws Committee (consisting of Jim Tracy, Bill Stage, and Robert Boice) were given copies to use in drafting By-Laws for the current Region 6 Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB).
  - The Adopt-A-By-Laws committee brought forth the suggestion that the entire R6 FWMB should be consulted in the initial drafting of a set of By-Laws for the R6 FWMB. A Board wide discussion on the drafting of By-Laws for the R6 FWMB is to take place at the December meeting.

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### New Business:

- Fall Meeting of the State FWMB in Watertown on October 25 - 27.
  - The location will be the Ramada Inn on Arsenal St.
  - There is a field trip on the morning of October 26<sup>th</sup> to Ft. Drum with a lunch at The Commons and return to the Ramada Inn by approximately 1:30 PM.
  - The selection of a transportation service provider is completed and Freeman's Bus Service has been chosen. A 49 passenger school bus will be used for the field trip to Ft. Drum.
- Certificates and Awards given by the R6 FWMB.
  - A brief discussion regarding the creation and presentation of Certificates/Awards from the R6 FWMB resulted with all in favor of creating and presenting at least two award categories (listed below):
    - Certificate of Appreciation for Recognition of Service to the R6 FWMB.
      - Awarded to outgoing members who have served on the R6 FWMB.
      - To be signed by the Regional Director of the NYSDEC, the current R6 FWMB Chairperson, and the current R6 FWMB Secretary.
    - Certificate of Appreciation for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Activities within the region.
      - Landowners who have been involved in the Youth Pheasant Hunts will be some of the first recipients of this award (St. Lawrence County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Basswood Lodge & Hunting Preserve ... etc.).
  - Certificates will be created by the R6 FWMB Secretary and presented to the R6 FWMB for approval and adoption.

### Conservation Fund Report: (Linda Sicley)

- Three (3) Handouts were given
  - The status of the Conservation Fund was discussed.
    - Fringe benefit costs and arbitration awards are a burden on the fund with the result of a \$7 million dollar structural deficit.
    - If fringe benefits were taken out of the fund, there would be a structural surplus. Fringe benefits are approximately 50% of the cost to the Conservation Fund.
  - License sales are down approximately \$22,282,730.77 from this time last year.
    - Total License Sales Receipts for 4/06 – 3/07
      - \$36,517,791.21
    - Total License Sales Receipts so far for 4/07 – 3/08
      - \$14,235,060.44
  - Habitat/Access Stamp Sales Update
    - Sales receipts for 2006/07 totaled \$38,863.64
    - Sales receipts for 2007/08 so far total \$21,369.32
- Report on the Summit Meeting (Linda Sicley and Pat Arnold)
  - Three priority action items were listed at the Summit Meeting.
    - Support for the banning of the sale of angler caught pan fish.
    - Allowing Junior Hunters to hunt all legal game.
    - Increasing fines and adding a surcharge for violation of the Environmental Conservation Law.

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- It was mentioned that many Town Clerks selling hunting licenses do not ask about the Habitat/Access Stamp or the Venison Donation Program.
- Attendees met with the new Director of the NYSDEC Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources; Patricia Riexinger.
- The minutes for the past Summit Meetings are not yet available on the web-site.
- The serious shortfall in the Conservation Fund was discussed.
- The adoption of a Statewide Fishing License was discussed.
- The Summit Meeting attendees received an excellent presentation on Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS).

### DEC Reports:

- **Fisheries:** (Dick McDonald)
  - VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia)
    - Region 6 VHS testing information:
      - Walleyes out of Mud Bay (Lake Ontario)
        - Adults – results are negative
        - Fry – results are negative
        - Fingerlings – are currently being tested.
      - Black Lake and Red Lake were tested last fall (2006) and the results were negative.
      - Fourth Lake, Butterfield Lake, Raquette River, Delta Reservoir, and the Black River are being tested this year.
    - A Fish and Wildlife Technician II was hired for the St. Lawrence River area in Region 6.
    - The Region 6 Fishing Promotion Biologist position will not be hired until the next fiscal year.
    - Topics for a Fisheries Report at the December 2007 meeting are as follows:
      - An update on the Mark's Farm Consent Order
      - General information on stream electrofishing survey's (CROTS and others).
      - General information on stream and pond Creel Survey efforts.
      - Information on the availability of outlet spawning and inlet spawning strains of Atlantic salmon.
- **Wildlife:** (from Bill Gordon, presented by Dick McDonald)
  - Northern Zone Big Game Season Dates
    - Errors in the Regulations Guide for the 2007-08 hunting seasons have led to some confusion regarding NZ big game hunting season dates. Specifically, there is a rumor now that the NZ muzzle loader season opens on October 1. This is **not true** – it opens on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Despite errors in the guide, the correct deer season dates are listed and pictured on the maps, on page 22 of the guide.
  - Pheasant
    - Youth Pheasant Hunting events planned in Region 6 for 2007 are as follows:
      - September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Upper & Lower Lakes WMA sponsored by CANY and the Federated Sportsmen of St. Lawrence County. Contact Pat Arnold at 644-4643.
      - October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at the Allan Brown Farm located on 6490 E. Martinsburg Road, Lowville, NY sponsored by CANY. Contact Pat Arnold at 644-4643.
  - Trapping Regulations Changes (**Attachments #1 & #2**)
    - New regulations affecting the use of body gripping traps set on land have recently been announced and will be in effect for the October 25<sup>th</sup> Trapping Season Opener. The final

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wording for this regulation change is still under review, however, and can be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/propregulations.html>. The public comment period for these proposed changes is from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

- **Law Enforcement:** (Capt. Stephen Pierson)
  - Region 6 is down a couple of officers due to a retirement and a transfer.
  - Background investigations for an anticipated Spring 2008 Academy are ongoing.
  - Trappers have provided useful input to the trapping regulations change process.
  
- **Lands & Forest:** (Fred Munk)
  - Grass River Easement
    - This is the recently acquired Rayonier easement in St. Lawrence County. We expect to have some of the access routes open by next spring, and possibly the new road to the Stone Dam Forest Preserve parcel by this fall.
  - Portaferry Boy Scout Camp/Lake
    - A purchase agreement was signed by the Boy Scouts with the Yellow Creek Club, who owns the land adjacent to the camp. The DEC is in negotiations with the Club to acquire an easement including public rights on the former Boy Scout Camp.
  - 46 Corners Unit Management Plan (UMP)
    - The UMP is nearly ready for release as a public draft. The release should be out this fall.
  - Watson's Triangle and Moose River Plains UMP's
    - Both UMPs' are still on hold as the new administration get its feet on the ground regarding Adirondack issues. Two key issues for these UMP's which have implications beyond these two units that are being addressed are as follows:
      - Material increase in snowmobile trails and roads.
      - Road accessible primitive campsites and their appropriate use and configuration.
  - Tug Hill Easement
    - The comment period for the East Branch of Fish Creek Recreation Plan is over and the Plan should be finalized by this fall/early winter.
  - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
    - EAB has been found near Pittsburgh, PA. It most likely arrived in trees shipped for planting several years ago. So far, it seems to be restricted to a suburban area.
  - Private Forestry Forester in Potsdam
    - The current forester, funded by federal funds, will be leaving at the end of September as the funds for the FLEP program end.
    - There is strong support for more positions in DEC/Lands & Forests, including from our Regional Director, but filling that slot may have to wait until the next budget cycle.
  - Operations
    - Over twenty (20) long term seasonal Operations staff were made permanent as a result of various legal implications of their long term seasonal status.
    - This should help get more work accomplished by having a larger core of permanent staff and needing to use less of annual maintenance monies to pay seasonal staff. This should help productivity from both a morale standpoint and the efficiency in the use of the annual funds.
  - Chainsaw Workshop
    - A workshop on the proper use of chainsaw equipment will be held at the NYSDEC office in Lowville (Dadville) on Saturday, September 22, 2007.

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### County Reports:

- **Herkimer:** (Gary Bullis)
  - Plantation Island WMA is being worked on through an Adopt-A-Natural Resources agreement with the Herkimer County Conservation Alliance.
  
- **Jefferson:** (Bill Stage)
  - The Black River Valley Four Wheeler Club, Inc. is upset with the lack of trails in the area.
  
- **Lewis:** (L. Kelley Dickinson)
  - There has been some success with the milfoil treatment program.
  
- **Oneida:** (James C. Tracy)
  - Oriskany Flats WMA Plan.
    - The mitigation monies from the DOT has yet to be signed over for work to begin.
  - Mohawk River/Canal
    - There exists a need for another car-top launch site to go along with the River Street access site in Utica. One possible location would be to gain access to the canal and this requires approval from the NYS Canal Corporation.
  
- **St. Lawrence:** (Larry Kring)
  - The position of a Private Lands Forester is currently vacant for St. Lawrence County. This position helps to maintain sustainable forestry management practices within the county.
  - The fall 2007 Youth Pheasant Hunt will happen on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there are 38 signed up for participation.

### General Discussion:

- A discussion regarding the proposed water drawdown in Hinckley Reservoir ensued. It is proposed that the R6 FWMB compose a letter of concern about this proposed water drawdown and what repercussions this may have on habitat both upstream and downstream of the reservoir.

### Resolutions:

- Two Resolutions were brought before the R6 FWMB; both were motioned, seconded, and passed with minor modifications.
  - Resolution in Support of increasing the budget for regional Fish and Wildlife Boards from \$400.00 per year per county to an amount that reflects actual expenses. (**Attachment #3**)
  - Resolution, Region 6, Request for Article 24 and Article 15 Administrative Fines of Environmental Conservation Law (Wetlands Violations & Streambed Violations) to be Placed in Habitat Fund. (**Attachment #4**)

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Region 6 FWMB may be held in the Ava Conference Room at the Oneida – Herkimer Solid Waste Management Facility on Thursday December 13, 2007 at 12:00PM (Noon). If arrangements cannot be made there, then the next meeting will be in Boonville, NY at the Hulbert House Restaurant as usual. Lunch will be served at noon with the meeting to follow.

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**ATTACHMENT (#1)**

**Region 6 Pheasant Stocking - 2007**

**FOR PUBLIC RELEASE**

Delivery Date	Jefferson	St. Law.	Lewis	Herkimer	Oneida	Delivery Location	# boxes(# birds)
Week of Sept. 23	15 boxes cocks	15 boxes cocks	5 boxes cocks	6 boxes cocks		Brownville	41 (287)
	30 boxes hens	35 boxes hens	10 boxes hens	8 boxes hens		Brownville	83 (581)
Week of Sept. 30	12 boxes cocks	10 boxes cocks	5 boxes cocks	2 boxes cocks		Brownville	29 (203)
	20 boxes hens	15 boxes hens	8 boxes hens	6 boxes hens		Brownville	49 (343)
Week of Oct. 7					22 boxes cocks	Rome	22 (154)
Week of Oct. 14	10 boxes cocks	9 boxes cocks	4 boxes cocks	2 boxes cocks	32 boxes cocks	Brownville/Rome	57 (399)
	17 boxes hens	10 boxes hens	7 boxes hens	4 boxes hens		Brownville/Rome	38 (266)
Week of Oct. 21					27 boxes cocks	Rome	27 (189)
	104	94	39	28	81		<b>346 (2422)</b>

- Pheasants are shipped 7 birds to a box.

- Jefferson County releases are at Perch River, French Creek, and Ashland WMA's. (3 stockings each)

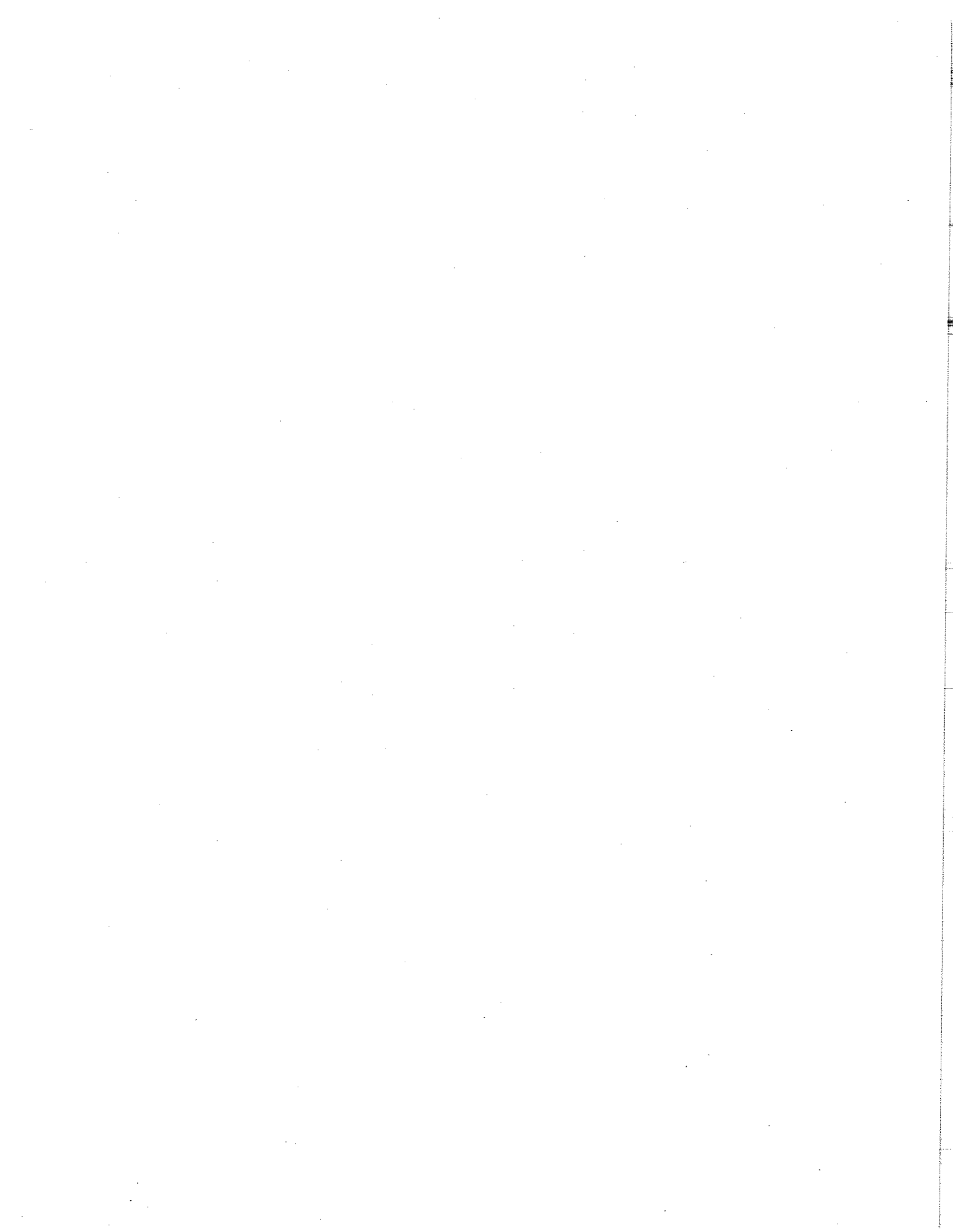
- St. Lawrence County releases are at Fish Creek and Upper and Lower Lakes (3 stockings each) and Wilson Hill WMA's (1 stocking).

- Lewis County releases are at Belfort on private lands open to public hunting and at Lesser Wilderness State Forest. Location maps are available upon request.

-Oneida County releases are at Oriskany Flats and Rome WMA's and Verona Beach FWMA Cooperative Area. Maps of stocking locations are available from the Utica office.

-Herkimer County releases are on private lands open to hunting. Maps of stocking locations are available from the Utica office.

- In addition, under the Young Pheasant Release Program, cooperators released pheasants on private lands which are open for public hunting under the ASK PERMISSION PROGRAM. General site location information may be obtained by contacting the Watertown Regional Office.



## ATTACHMENT (#2)

### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

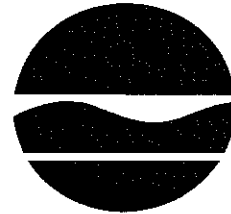
#### Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources

Bureau of Wildlife, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4754

Phone: (518) 402-8919 • FAX: (518) 402-9027

Website: [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)



Alexander B.  
Grannis Commissioner

Dear Trapper:

New trapping regulations are in effect.

The purpose of these regulations is to reduce or eliminate the capture, injury, or killing of dogs in body-gripping traps set on land.

These regulations apply to the use of body-gripping traps on land.

#### **THESE REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS SET ON LAND.**

You must follow these regulations beginning with the start of this year's trapping seasons on October 25, 2007.

In this letter, I summarize the main parts of this regulation.

#### **A. Setting near trails:**

- Trapping on PUBLIC land near trails--
  1. You may not set ANY body-gripping trap on public lands within 100 feet of a trail. (You may set traps in water.)
  2. A "trail" is defined as a designated, marked, and maintained path or way designed for non-motorized recreational use.

#### **B. Setting body-gripping traps without the use of baits, lures, or attractants ("Blind run sets"):**

- You may NOT set a body-gripping trap that measures more than six inches in size (220s) in a "blind run set."
- You are allowed to use body-gripping traps that measure six inches or less (160s and smaller) as long as it is set so that no part of the body gripping surfaces are more than 8 inches above the ground.

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**C. Setting body-gripping traps with baits, lures, or attractants:**

- This part of the regulation applies to body-gripping traps that are 5 ½ inches in size or larger.
- You may set these traps in one of five different ways—
  1. A minimum of 4 feet off the ground.
  2. In a cubby built like this:
    - Made of wood, metal, wire, plastic, or natural materials.
    - No opening more than 6 inches high (measured up and down).
    - The cubby has 8 inch slots to place the trap.
    - The trap is set back at least 4 inches from the opening.
  3. In a cubby built like this:
    - The trap is placed within a cubby made of natural materials (e.g., rocks, stones, sticks).
    - No opening more than 6 inches high (measured up and down).
    - The trap is set back at least 8 inches from the opening.
  4. In a cubby built like this:
    - Made of wood, metal, wire, plastic, or natural materials.
    - No opening more than 10 inches.
    - The trap is set back at least 18 inches from the opening.
  5. In a cubby built like this:
    - Made of wood, metal, wire, plastic, or natural materials.
    - Only one opening and the opening must face down towards the ground.
    - The opening must be no more than 6 inches above the ground.
    - The cubby is attached to a tree or post.
    - The trap is at least 4 inches from the opening.

**Questions and Answers:**

- Q. Can I set a 110 on land?
- A. Yes, you can set a 110 on land with or without baits, lures, or attractants without using the special cubbies or restrictions on blind run sets mentioned above. However, you may not set ANY body-gripping trap, including 110s, on public land within 100 feet of a trail. You may set traps in water.

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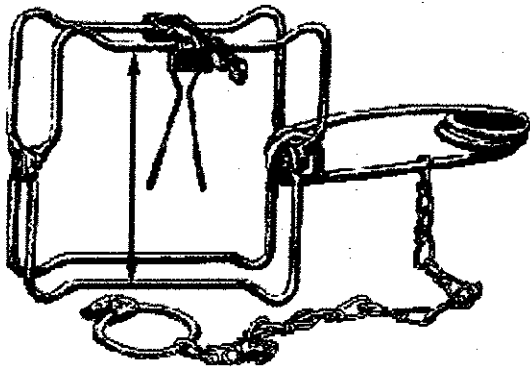
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Q. Can I still use buckets?

A. Yes, you can use buckets but only if you modify them according to the methods noted above. It is no longer legal to place a body-gripping trap in shallow notches in the opening of a 5 gallon bucket. You must place a lid over the opening of the bucket, and make a six inch or smaller hole in the lid. The bucket must have 8 inch slots, and the trap must be at least 4 inches from the opening.

Q. How are body-gripping traps measured?

A. Measure as shown by the arrow:



The addition of one or more bars to the inside of the frame of the trap does not change the way these traps are measured. Measure to the outer frames only.

Q. Is there a restriction on the size of body-gripping traps that may be used on land?

A. Yes. Body-gripping traps that are more than 7 ½ inches may never be used on land.

The exact legal language of the regulation is available on the Department's web-site, along with instructions on how to provide comments on these new requirements. See: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/propregulations.html>. The public comment period will begin October 3, 2007 and end on November 2, 2007.

**A REMINDER:**

These regulations are in effect right now, and you will have to follow these requirements beginning October 25, 2007.

As a trapper, you should also use good common sense and good judgment in placing your traps. The future of trapping is in your hands.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gordon Batcheller  
Section Head

**ATTACHMENT (#3)**

**New York State  
FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD**



NEW YORK STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
Region 6 FWMB September 20, 2007  
Resolution #2007-02-01

**Title: Resolution in Support of increasing the budget for regional Fish and Wildlife Management Boards from \$400.00 per year per county to an amount that reflects actual expenses.**

**Whereas**, the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Boards are comprised of volunteers who diligently give their time and knowledge for the good of all sportspersons who benefit from input on issues regarding habitat and access, and

**Whereas**, the members of the boards travel a large number of miles in order to attend such meetings, and through their own diligence have traveled together to control expense wherever possible, making other adjustments to meeting place and meals to conserve costs, and

**Whereas**, even with such adjustments and accommodations of the board members, the budgeted amount does not cover the expense,

**Whereas**, the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management and Regional Boards provide valuable input and support to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and

**Whereas**, the budget for these regional boards has remained stagnant at four hundred dollars per year per county, while mileage costs have increased as well as other costs to provide the board with materials for decision-making, and the establishing legislation mandates certain expenses be paid, therefore let it be

**Resolved** that the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board respectfully requests that it is the recommendation of this board that the budgeted monies for this purpose be increased to in order to allow these boards to continue their duties as proscribed by the Legislature of New York State.

Resolution to be sent to: DEC Commissioner, Governor Eliot Spitzer, Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Assembly, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Environmental Conservation Committees of both houses.

Resolution to be forwarded for consideration first at NYS FWMB Fall Meeting and to all other Regional FWM Boards for discussion.

Members: Representatives of County Boards of Supervisors/County Legislators, Landowners and Sportsman  
Advisory Members: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, New York State Conservation Council Inc., Farm Bureau of New York, New York State Grange, New York State Forest Practice Board, Izaak Walton League of America; New York State Division, New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, New York State College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

**ATTACHMENT (#4)**

**New York State  
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Title: Resolution, Region 6, Request for Article 24 and Article 15 Administrative Fines of Environmental Conservation Law (Wetlands Violations & Streambed Violations) to be Placed in Habitat Fund

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Region 6 Board that Article 24 and Article 15 Administrative Fines of Environmental Conservation Law (Wetlands Violations & Streambed Violations) currently are placed in the General Fund of the State of New York,

And, WHEREAS, there is a significant loss of habitat and environmental benefit with the loss of such habitat,

And, Whereas, the funds are not used to restore habitat or even for any significant environmental benefit,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that Region 6 Fish and Wildlife Management Board respectfully request that Wetlands Violations Fines henceforth be placed in the Habitat and Access Fund rather than the General Fund.

Resolution to be sent to: DEC Commissioner, Governor Eliot Spitzer, Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Assembly, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Environmental Conservation Committees of both houses.

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