



DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BOARD GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Steve Sears/Chair, Ernie Foster/Secretary, Sasha Dyer, Emma Ellsworth, John Organ, Matthew Sisk, Mike Huguenin/Assistant Director/Wildlife, Eve Schlüter/Assistant Director/ NHESP, Trina Moruzzi/Assistant Director/Operations, Nicole McSweeney/Assistant Director/ Outreach and Education, Todd Richards, Assistant Director/Fisheries, Jennifer Sulla/General Counsel/DFG. PUBLIC: Steve LaRivee

DATE: February 21, 2023

LOCATION: MassWildlife Field Headquarters, Westborough

Chair Sears opened the discussion meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

Mr. Foster moved acceptance of the January minutes as submitted; Dr. Organ seconded the motion; the vote in favor was unanimous.

Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Sears stated that the meeting was intended to be a public discussion among the Board members so that they could get to know each other, including their motivations, so that each member could do their job to the best of their ability, and he stated that it was equally important to discuss members' dislikes, to avoid pushing individual members into roles or situations that they aren't interested in, despite some acknowledged skill.

Board Members' Goals, Skills, and Likes and Dislikes

The members had an extended discussion of their individual goals as Fisheries and Wildlife Board members; talked about their skills and interests; shared and discussed ideas about ways to engage different individuals, organizations, and other parts of state government to share MassWildlife mission and programs, including to gain, maintain and enhance the agency's relevancy with a wide variety of groups and individuals; and discussed ways to get more timely information about emerging issues and current events.

Set Next Meeting Date and Time

The Board members discussed the March meetings briefly and decided to reschedule the business meeting to 9:00 a.m. from 10:00 a.m., to allow more time between the meetings. They decided that the next discussion meeting would be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

The time being close to 2:20, Mr. Sisk made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Foster seconded; the vote in favor was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Foster

Secretary

List of documents presented to the Board in its February governance meeting packets

February governance agenda

Draft minutes from the January discussion meeting

Steve Sears' statement of skills, goals, etc.