



MASSWILDLIFE

## DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

#### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present: Michael Roche/Acting Chair, Bonnie Booth/Secretary, Ernest Foster, Stephen Sears, Dr. Brandi Van Roo, Fred Winthrop, Mary-Lee King/Acting Commissioner/DFG, Jack Buckley/Director, Mark Tisa/Deputy Director, Kris McCarthy/Associate Director/Administration and Finance, Todd Richards/Assistant Director/Fisheries, Michael Huguenin/Assistant Director/Operations/Acting Assistant Director/Wildlife, Craig MacDonnell/Chief/Wildlife Lands, Marion Larson/Assistant Director/Public Affairs; Eve Schlüter/Chief/Regulatory Review, Nicole McSweeney/Marketing Specialist, Captain Tony Abdal-Kabir/OLE; Public: Dave Morin, John Kellstrand, James Clune, Kristen Giddings.

Absent: Dr. Joseph Larson/Chair

Date: May 30, 2017

Location: Cronin Building, DFW Field Headquarters  
Westborough, Massachusetts

Vice Chair Roche opened the May meeting at 1:15 P.M., reporting that he would be Acting Chair because Dr. Larson was not able to attend the meeting.

#### Acceptance of Minutes

Secretary Booth reported that she had a correction to the comments she had made at the April meeting. She provided a written copy to staff and read her corrected comments to the meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Booth to approve the minutes as amended from the April Fisheries and Wildlife Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sears; the motion passed unanimously.

#### Acting Chair's Comments

Acting Chair Roche reported that it was hoped that Chair Larson would be at the June meeting. He reported that the event for former Chair George Darey was wonderful, a who's who of conservation in the state, and stated that Mr. Darey had enjoyed it, with many stories told about his years as a conservation activist. At the event, Vice Chair Roche reported that he had announced that the Board had established the George Darey Award, to honor a MassWildlife employee who had shown exemplary dedication to the agency's mission.

The Acting Chair also reported that he had at last completed the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program's Trapper's Education course and is now a licensed trapper. Stating that much has changed, he reported that the quality of the course was excellent, and he was pleased to say that he could finally fit it into his schedule. He also noted that fully half the class was made up of people wanting their Problem Animal Control licenses.

#### Acting Commissioner's Comments

Acting Commissioner King, serving while Commissioner Peterson was on vacation, reported that the house and senate had passed their budgets, and that MassWildlife is in good shape in both versions, which must go through conference committee to be reconciled. She reported that there were a few instances where legislators had tried to divert funds from MassWildlife's appropriation, but that she was able to educate them that such diversions are prohibited by federal law and the diversions were removed.

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