

Dec. 18th, 2019
CT B.A.S.S. Nation Meeting

Roll Call: 7:02

- **CLUBS ABSENT: None**
- **Correspondence: Check for \$1400.00 received from Ray and Ronnie Kerchal for the CBN Scholarship Fund.**
- **Announcements: None**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**
- **Treasurer Report: Marc Levesque**
- **CBN Conservation Report**

November 20, 2019

CBN Conservation objectives for the 2019

1. Conservation Projects for Candlewood Lake (Boat Launch & Habitat) 2. Create a C.A.R.E. Bass Class 3. Create an on the Water Bass Course (like Golf Course)

Information from this past Month –

1. CT Conservation Advisory Council (CCAC) Meeting a. DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes addressed the Council and thanked us for our volunteering b. We were introduced to the new Head of the EnCon Police. He is from Alabama. c. Discussion on Bear Hunting and the Bear Attach at Lake Zoar. d. Discussion on the replacing Bob Crook 2. Fisheries Advisory Council

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was a nomination from the floor by Eric Schultz to nominate Bill Hyatt for the position of Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Vin Ringrose. All were in favor Slate of officers Chair – Dean Rustic Vice Chair – Bill Hyatt Secretary – Alicea Charamut Motion to move the slate of officers by Bill Lucey. Motion seconded by Mike Kraemer. All were in favor

COMMITTEE & INITIATIVES REPORTS Budget and Legislative Report – Rick Jacobson & Tony Petrillo Policy The Fisheries Division submitted a number of recommendations for bills.

The regulations for dual landings will go to the regulations review committee next week.

Budget

Sport Fish Restoration account funding has increased and Wildlife Restoration funds have decreased No change in the state budget at this time. Cap in the number of positions that can be filled but DEEP continues to have authorization to fill vacant positions.

Last week the house Natural Resources Committee passed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. It now goes to the House of Representatives. Potential for \$1.3 billion dollars annually. Potential for \$12 MM annually for Connecticut that will go into a special fund and restrictions on what the funds can be used for. These funds require matching funds.

Fisheries is receiving \$556K from the Passports to Parks.

Inland Fisheries Report – Peter Aarrestad

Pete showed a draft of an image that would be put on the back of the fisheries trucks that will promote

Regulations Package

Statewide Carp regulations

There is now a creel limit of 5 common carp per day, with no more than 1 fish greater than 30 inches in length except in trophy carp waters. Unanticipated opposition prompted legislative action requiring DEEP to develop regulations concerning bow and arrow fishing for carp in selected areas.

Establishing alternative regulations (twelve fish per day creel limit, of which not more than three may exceed thirty inches in length) specific to bow fishing in selected areas described in statute. The proposal now includes West Thomson Lake.

There will be an update to the bowfishing definition that was very out of date.

Tiger Muskie

Requested by Lake Lillinonah Authority

This proposal includes Tiger Muskie in the definition of Northern Pike and applies the legal methods of take, creel limits.

Add a closed season to Black Rock State Park

Black Pond and Mohawk Pond are added to the list of Trout

Management Lakes and are managed for Brook Trout. Proposal would establish length and creel limits for Brook Trout (5 trout per

day creel limit but only one Brook Trout over 14 inches in length during the regular trout season, and a one fish per day creel limit and 14-inch minimum length for Brook Trout during the extended March season.

Stocked Catfish waters – Add colony Pond, Crescent Lake, and Rogers Park pond

Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas. Changes designation to “Atlantic Salmon Management Areas to better reflect current management goals.

Bridle shiner - Remove Bridle Shiner from the list of inland commercial species.

Eliminate outdated provisions concerning the now defunct Quinebaug Valley Trout Hatchery Public Fishing Ponds.

Eliminate outdated provisions concerning a statewide closed season

Other items of interest

Colebrook Reservoir Drawdown

Work on first conduit is complete, the second conduit is being reassembled, and then work will start on third and land conduit.

According to ACOE, work will be complete on January 15.

**Fall Atlantic Salmon Fishery - Will stock 1,020 salmon this fall
PFAS Advisory will remain in place while officials evaluate the potential impacts to the watershed.**

CT Carp Open 2019 report

The Sea-run Brown trout program has been indefinitely due to poor results. There has been no evidence of any fish surviving in estuarine/marine waters and then returning to their stream of origin.

National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act legislation was approved by the house which has now been moved to the Senate for consideration.

Marine Fisheries Report – Justin Davis

Black Seabass and Scup

Black Seabass is at 240% of target biomass. However, there may be a 60% reduction in harvest next year due to the MRIP re-estimation.

Striped Bass

Coast-wide 28-35” slot limit

All states will be required to adopt regulations mandating the use of circle hooks

States have the option of submitting a “conservation equivalency” proposal to adopt alternate recreational regulations, provided those proposed regulation are projected to achieve an 18% reduction in that state’s removal.

Bluefish

Stock is overfished. There will be a 30% reduction next year. Conservation equivalency is also an option for Bluefish. CT may submit a CE for shore anglers.

Menhaden

Restrictive cap in Chesapeake Bay in 2017. Virginia has failed to pass legislation to implement this cap. Omega Protein notified ASMFC that they intend to exceed the cap and adhere to a self-imposed cap that far exceeds the ASMFC cap.

Marine angler survey and license sales and participation information can be found in the fall Fisheries Division Update Salmonid Action Plan – Mike Beauchene

Recap of the public meeting logistics

A total of 158 people attended the various meetings

What’s next

A summary document is in process

This will inform actions in the forthcoming 5-year action plan

Complete draft plan

Internal and Public Review

Eric asked if there were comments on the Trout and Salmon Stamp. Mike said that people now seem to realize that they money is going toward improving trout fishing.

Dean asked if DEEP is considering the same process for Marine and Warm Water Species fishing. Mike said they are working to go through a similar process for Warm Water Species but he could not speak for the Marine section.

Other Items

Alicea let everyone know that there will be a fly fishing event for Women on June 13, 2020. She will send out promotional materials to FAC members when they are ready.

Dean said that we have these quarterly meetings but do not have working group meetings to get thoughts together to present items

to DEEP and proposed that there be a follow up working group meeting in April after the march meeting.

Dean also suggested a “Derby Day.” This would be a unified date to have various derbies throughout the state.

NEXT MEETING IS 12 MAR 20

a. 3. DEEP Items a. Conservation Summit at Classic – b. Meeting with Ed Machowski to discuss BASS Agenda c. Requested meeting with Katie Dykes to plan for FAC meeting in March.

4. AFTCO Grant proposal on behalf of Even Kamoen, CBN & CT

DEEP a. Pushed off until Spring

5. Youth/High School Fishing Class a. Scheduled for January 25th at Thayer’s Marine

- **Respectfully Submitted, Dean Rustic Conservation Director**
- **CLA REPORT: No Report**
- **TOURNAMENT REPORT-No Report**
CBN Trail 2020

May 3rd, - CBN T #1 Candlewood, Squantz & Latins 75 Boats 8 to 3

June 14th, - CBN T #2 River Haddam & Salmon 65 Boats, 7 to 3

July 12th, - CBN T#3 Candy Squantz & Latins 75 Boats, 8 to 3

August 2nd, -Classic TBD 30 Boats

Aug 23rd, - Mr Bass TBD 16 Boats

Oct 3rd & 4th, - Two-day, Candy, Squantz 50 boats 7 to 3

- **CBN Sponsorship Report:**
- **Alliance Package is back for 2020**
- **TH Marine, 20% off for all Members, Get Code from Vinny**
- **Hummingbird, MinnKota**
- **Lowrance**
- **Toyota Bonus Bucks Program**
- **Interstate Battery of Killingsworth.**
- **MR B’S Jerky, please visit his store at 35 N Main St, Southington, CT**
- **New For All CBN Members, Wicked Weights is now offering a 15% discount, go to wickedweights.com order and put the code: CBN15 to receive your discount.**

- **Yamaha Power Pay Contingency Program:**

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- **TNT Fireworks**
- **Mossy Oak**
- **Academy Sports Outdoors**

- **Tec Baits and Tec Weights and Jbirds Jigs are sponsors**
- **Danbury Super 8 has come back as a Sponsor for 2019 They are offering a Fisherman's Rate of \$69.00 a night, you must ask for this and let them know that you have a boat. They have ample parking and power! Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**
- **CBN Scholarship- Robert S Malloy: Marc Levesque will be the CBN Contact person for this.**

Jason Vokun will be conducting the interviews to choose the winner of our Robert S Malloy Annual UCONN Scholarship.

- **CBN Scholarship- Chairperson, Mike Billings: Next Scholarship App will be out the end of January for the 2020 CBN Scholarship.**
- **Banquet Report: Sylvia Morris**
Booked again for Nov 7th, 2020. Start getting prizes now. It is very hard to get Sponsors to give us product anymore! Thank you to all who gave us product and Gift Cards for the prize table!
- **Membership Committee: Dave Miller, Nothing new. Clubs accepting New Non-Boaters are Milford Black Bass, Sweetwater, and Naugatuck. Midcon & MBB will accept Boaters & Non Boaters.**
- **Website: It is up and running, working on fine tuning things.**
- **Audit Committee: Joe Pisciotta, Rob Jeffrey, and Greg Tesch will meet soon in Waterbury. No Update**
- **Finance: No Report**
- **CBN Youth Report: John Piscioniere-: No Report**

- **State Team Report, Sylvia Morris**

- **Dec2019, 2020 State Team Report**

Next Required Team Meeting will be Jan 11th Sat, 12:00 My house.

Regional Registration in done on line now by each member, they Register and Pay on line, needs to be done by Jan 11th, 2020.

We have one Jersey Sponsor left for \$1000.00. The others are sold.

We have 4000.00 total income from the State Team Jerseys so far!

Received 25 Support the Troops Jerseys from Buick GMC Gallagher as a Sponsor for Bob Jeffrey. Doree Jeffrey solicited them for Sponsorship on Bobs behalf! Thank you Doree!!

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Morris, State Team Administrator

- **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS GIVEN, SECOND, ALL IN FAVOR**

Old Business

- **Excused Absences: Xtreme and CBBA**
 - **BASS Nation Rosters have cleared, time to collect club dues for 2020 and update the online Rosters and submit a new Roster to the CBN along with the dues for 2020. Due by Nov 1st, 2019. State Team Members need to Register for the Regionals on line now, their Clubs need to update the online Rosters before they can do that. They have a deadline of Jan 11th 2020!!!!**
 - **CBN Fishing Shirts from Mike Billings were passed out tonight.**
 - **Voting for Secretary and Treasurer was done tonight. Nominated were Bob Jeffrey, current Secretary and Marc Levesque, current Treasurer. Acting Secretary cast one vote for the existing Secretary and existing Treasurer to remain in office for 2020. Congratulations to Bob Jeffrey, Secretary and Marc Levesque, Treasurer!!!**
 - **It was brought up that the Trail should be looked at again and possibly restructured. Much discussion was held, and it will be visited by the E Board in January at a meeting date and place TBD.**
 - **Question was brought up on how to increase membership, some very good ideas came up and will be discussed at the E Board meeting in January at a meeting date and place TBD.**
 - **We need a Social Media Director!!!**
 - **Still no Tournament Director?????? We need one!!!!**
- ANY MORE OLD BUSINESS?**

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Miller announced that he has received an Award from the Company he works for, Aquarian for his involvement with the DEEP and Friends of the lake to STOP Diquat applications in the lakes of CT!! He will get \$500.00 to a Charity of his choice, he has chosen to send \$250 to the CBN Youth Program and \$250 to Joe Kowalski's

**Major Steven Roy Andrews Fishing Outreach Program.
Congratulations Dave!**

- **Joe Kowalski gave the Dates for the Vets Tournament in 2020:
May 19th Candlewood, Danbury Town Park
Sept 22nd Congomong**
- **E Board meeting will be set up for Jan, TBD. Will discuss many things,
one of them being Possible changes to the CBN Trail for 2021.**

- **2020 CBN Meeting Dates**

- **4th Wed of each month, 7:00 pm, except when a Holiday or Event
then it will be the 3rd, Wed of the month.**

Jan—No Meeting

Feb-26th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

**June 17th, Third week, E Board & The State Team will be away for
the fourth week**

July 22nd

Aug 26th

Sept 23rd

Oct 28th

Nov 18th Third Week

Dec 16th Third Week

ANY MORE NEW BUSINESS???

RAFFLE WINNER: Greg Tesch

**HOTELS TO UTILIZE: Super 8 Hotel 3 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT
06811 ASK FOR CAROLYNN OR ANNA & FISHERMAN RATE, \$69.00**

Motion to Adjourn, second, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:05pm

NEXT MEETING IS WED, Feb 26th, 2020

