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February 23, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Requested Action

Pursuant to RSA 206:33-A authorize New Hampshire Fish and Game to accept a \$144,000.00 donation from the estate of Clarence W. Sleeper Jr. from the date of Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. Funds to be deposited as follows:

	<u>FY 2021</u>
Funds to be deposited into 020 07500 21120000 407364 Search and Rescue	\$ 60,000.00
020 07500 21250000 402766 Non-Game Donations	<u>\$ 84,000.00</u>
	\$144,000.00

Explanation

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has been named a partial beneficiary of the estate of Mr. Clarence W. Sleeper Jr., of Littleton, New Hampshire. In his will, he directed 25% of his estate be directed to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department K-9 Program and 35% of his estate be directed to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to accept this donation at their January 12, 2021 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Mason
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December 21, 2020

New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Estate of Clarence W. Sleeper, Jr.

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the signed probate Receipt that you returned to me, I am enclosing herewith a check payable to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, in the amount of \$144,000.00 as a partial distribution from the estate of Clarence W. Sleeper, Jr. This is to remind you that Article FOURTH (copy enclosed herewith) of the will provides that 42% of the bequest to the NH Fish and Game Department (\$60,000.00) goes to the K-9 (canine) Division and 58% (\$84,000.00) to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have very much appreciated being able to represent your family in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Michael M. Ransmeier

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Enclosure

3.) Commissioner Green moved to accept an \$84,000 donation to the Nongame Program from the Sleeper Estate and Commissioner Temple seconded.

A roll call vote was taken of all Commissioners participating: P. DeBow, "Yes", C. Hodgdon, "Yes", B. Temple, "Yes", F. Bird, "Yes", E. Stohl, "Yes", P. McInnis, "Yes", and R. Green, "Yes". The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

3a.) Commissioner McInnis moved to accept a \$60,000 to the Law Enforcement Division's K9 Program from the Sleeper Estate and Commissioner Hodgdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken of all Commissioners participating: P. DeBow, "Yes", C. Hodgdon, "Yes", B. Temple, "Yes", F. Bird, "Yes", E. Stohl, "Yes", P. McInnis, "Yes", and R. Green, "Yes". The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

4.) Commissioner DeBow moved to accept a \$14,554 donation to the Nongame Program from Prosit, LLC., for mitigating impacts to New England cottontail habitat and Commissioner Hodgdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken of all Commissioners participating: P. DeBow, "Yes", C. Hodgdon, "Yes", B. Temple, "Yes", F. Bird, "Yes", E. Stohl, "Yes", P. McInnis, "Yes", and R. Green, "Yes". The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1.) Mark Ellingwood, Chief, Wildlife Division, and Game Management Team, presented initial Draft Rule Proposals to the Commission. (See attached proposals).

2.) Tim Buzinski, Chief, Facilities & Lands Division, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to come before them to provide a brief presentation of the Statewide Boat Access Program.

Tim introduced Garret Graaskamp, Boat Access Coordinator. Garret reviewed the attached presentation with the Commission. (See attached).

3.) Nicola Whitely, Chief, Public Affairs Division, came before the Commission and provided and update on the License Retention Committee as follows:

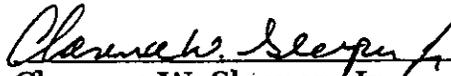
FACTS & PROGRESS OF LICENSE RETENTION COMMITTEE:

- Committee established by Director Mason for the purpose of deciding on ways to help retain the "bubble" of people who bought hunting and fishing licenses during the pandemic.
- Through August, NH saw an increase of approximately 22,000 additional fishing licenses sold in 2020 over 2019. This represents a 34% increase.
- The Committee was made up of staff from the Public Affairs, Law Enforcement, Legal Affairs, Business and Licensing, Wildlife, Marine, and Fisheries Divisions.
- The Committee has met several times. As a group we decided on the following first steps.

FOURTH: I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever found and however situated, to my wife, **Gertrude H. Sleeper**, if she survives me. In the event that my said wife should predecease me, I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever found and however situated, as follows:

- A. Fifteen percent (15%) to **David's House, Inc.**, an I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) corporation (EIN 22-2593431) with an address of Mount Support Road, P.O. Box 660, Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766, to be added to its restricted funds.
- B. Twenty-Five percent (25%) to the **Glenwood Cemetery Association**, an I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) entity with an address of Post Office Box 497, Littleton, New Hampshire 03561.
- C. Twenty-Five percent (25%) to the **New Hampshire Fish and Game Department**, with an address of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-6500, to be placed in its fund or account to support its K-9 (canine) Division. ✓
- D. Thirty-Five percent (35%) to the **New Hampshire Fish and Game Department**, with an address of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-6500, to be added to the funds dedicated to its Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program. ✓

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of January, 2016.


Clarence W. Sleeper, Jr.

Witnesses:




Littleton, NH
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