



New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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August 14, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 206:33-a, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to accept a donation of various attachments valued at approximately \$4,640 from Bob Lottero of Jefferson, NH for the 47 HP 4 WD Kioti tractor and brush hog previously donated and approved at the July 8, 2026 Governor and Executive Council meeting. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

NHFG's Wildlife Habitat Program manages habitat and infrastructure on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other state lands to ensure that wildlife can thrive and the public can continue hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and pursuing other types of outdoor recreation for generations to come.

NHFG's Region 1 includes approximately 31,000 acres of WMAs—nearly half of the Department's total acreage—yet staff in this region currently have no equipment to carry out essential habitat and infrastructure work. Recognizing this need, Mr. Lottero generously donated a tractor with a front-end loader and brush hog, a gift the Governor and Executive Council approved on July 8, 2026.

In the meantime, Mr. Lottero determined that he no longer needs the tractor's additional attachments and wishes to donate those to NHFG as well. The attachments include a grapple, a 3-point tool rack, a quick spade combo shovel for the bucket, and a 3-point tow bar with grab hooks all valued at approximately \$4,640. A long-time supporter of the Department, Mr. Lottero has served for 20 years as a hunter education instructor and is an avid outdoorsman who wants to further support our conservation and habitat management efforts.

The NHFG Commission voted unanimously to accept this donation at their July 21, 2026 meeting (minutes attached).

Respectfully Submitted

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Governor & Council Approved
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June 9, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 206:33-a, authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) to accept a donation of a 47 HP 4 WD Kioti tractor with cab, front-end loader, brush hog and accessories from Bob Lottero of Jefferson, NH valued at over \$50,000 for use in maintaining wildlife openings, fields, and access roads primarily on Department-managed Wildlife Management Areas in northern NH, effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

NH Fish & Game's Wildlife Habitat Program manages habitat and infrastructure on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other state lands to ensure that wildlife can thrive and the public can continue hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and pursuing other types of outdoor recreation for generations to come.

Northern NH contains roughly 31,000 acres of WMAs, representing nearly half of the Department's total acreage. Staff in this region currently have no dedicated equipment to support essential habitat and infrastructure management. Mr. Lottero wishes to donate his tractor and attachments to support ongoing habitat and infrastructure maintenance on northern NH WMAs. He has been a long-time supporter of NHFG including 20 years as a hunter education instructor and is an avid outdoorsman who wants to support the work that we do.

The NHFG Commission voted unanimously to accept this donation at their April 21, 2026 meeting (minutes attached).

Respectfully Submitted

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NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

JULY 21, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: NH Fish & Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Commissioners Present: A.J. DeRosa, R. Green, J. Titone, D. Trahan G. Chandler, J. Caveney, B. Temple, E. Stohl, P. McGonagle, & D. Poole.

Commissioners absent/excused: C. Hodgdon

Executive Director Simek – Present

Tanya Haskell, Administrative Assistant – present (transcriber of minutes)

Chairman DeRosa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance. He informed the audience that the public is entitled to attend all Commission meetings and when recognized by the Chairman, the public may speak on any item on the agenda. The Chairman reserves the right to limit comment to the extent necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Commissioner DeRosa announced that the meeting was being captured on video.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1.) Commissioner Stohl moved to approve the June 16, 2026, Commission Minutes, as written, and Commissioner Stohl seconded.

Commissioner Green moved to amend the Commission minutes, page 5, 1st paragraph, removing the words ~~prior to voting~~, and adding the word DRAFT to the top of the first page of the Commission Minutes and Commissioner Stohl seconded.

The vote on the amendment was unanimous in the affirmative.

The vote to approve the minutes, as amended, was unanimous in the affirmative.

- 2.) Commissioner Green moved to approve consent agenda items 2a – 2d., as presented below, and Commissioner Temple seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2a.) The Commission accepted the following donations totaling \$200.00 made to the Small Gifts & Donations Account:

• Jay Corbin, Nashua, NH -	\$100.00
• Allen Abriel, Merrimack, NH -	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$200.00

2b.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$150.00 made to the Wildlife Education Program from the Cornish Conservation Commission.

2c.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$100.00 made to the "Let's Go Fishing" Program from Michele Angers & Tom Dooley of Contoocook, NH, in memory of Raymond Angers.

2d.) The Commission accepted the donation of \$5.00 made to the Hunter Education Program from Robert Lord, Errol, NH.

3.) Commissioner Trahan moved to approve the donation of prizes for participants in the 2025 Deer Hunter Mail Survey, 2025 Bow Hunter Survey, the 2025/2026 Small Game Hunter Survey, 2025 Ruffed Grouse Wing and Tail Survey, and the 2026 Spring Turkey Survey and Commissioner Stohl seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. These prizes will be awarded via random computerized drawings.

* 4.) Commissioner Stohl moved to accept the donation of various attachments for the 47 HP 4 WD Kioti tractor and brush hog from Bob Lottero, Jefferson, NH, valued at approximately \$4,640.00 and Commissioner Trahan seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

5.) Commissioner Trahan moved to accept the donation of up to \$10,000 from the Granite State Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society to go towards the purchase of the excavator with bucket, mulching head, thumb and push blade that the Commission approved at their May 19, 2026, Commission Meeting, Commissioner Temple seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1.) Financial Statement – Kathy LaBonte, Chief, Business Division.

Key Financial Highlights:

- Unrestricted revenue slightly exceeded budget: **\$14.9M.**
- Appropriations in the Fisheries & Game Fund: **\$19.2M.**
- Resulting draw from surplus: **\$4.3M.**
- Ending FY26 balance: **\$8.3M (unaudited)** – lowest since 2020 when balance was \$7.5M.
- Lapsed funds:
 - Prior year: \$2.2M
 - Current year: \$890K returned to the fund.

Interest Earnings Issues:

- Back interest earnings received for FY26: **\$302,382.**
- Additional true-up for FY25–26 identified discrepancies due to ARPA fund accounting:
 - Additional back interest awarded: **\$238,238.**
- Interest was redistributed properly to 5 dedicated accounts (reducing main interest by **\$121,211**).