## **Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs**

Co-Sponsors: Chautauqua County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Wyoming County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

RE: Oppose Fish and Wildlife Management Through Local Legislation

## 2022 Resolution

Whereas on April 22, 1970, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was created, and;

Whereas the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is responsible for regulating sport fishing, hunting, and trapping within New York State, and;

**Whereas** in the past 50 years the NYSDEC has been instrumental in fostering a renewal of fish, wildlife, and forests in New York State, and;

Whereas the NYSDEC sets regulations, quotas, and seasons to help manage our natural resources, and;

Whereas the NYSDEC employs trained wildlife biologists and managers and they have years of experience managing our fish and game resources, and the expertise to do so, and;

**Whereas** the New York State Legislature and local governments do not have the wealth of knowledge or amount of expertise to manage our fish, wildlife, and natural resources, as the DEC does, and;

Whereas passing legislation (laws) or making regulations giving local governments the authority to manage fish and game takes away the ability, and wastes the expertise and resources, of the NYSDEC to properly manage these resources through regulation as it sees fit, and;

**Therefore be it resolved** that the New York State Conservation Council shall oppose any legislation and regulation that would allow local governments to pass legislation to prohibit hunting, trapping and fishing on a local level.

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