



Federation of Dutchess County Fish & Game Clubs, Inc.
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Federation–June 2016- Board & General Membership Meetings

Legislative Report (Read at regular meeting & placed on Internet site & sent to member clubs & interested parties)

Major Bills of Interest (in part):

Access:

- 1- A1846/S3101: Relates to the liability of landowners who permit recreational uses of their land. (Protects landowners)

Administrative:

1-A1006/S4706: Prohibits tethering, restraining, caging or penning of dogs or animals between the hours of 7pm to 6am.

2-A7033: Specifies what constitutes appropriate shelter for dogs restrained outdoors and maximum and minimum temperature range for exposure.

3-S167: Requires the micro-chipping of all dogs, excluding temporarily kept dogs; and creates a state registry to maintain contact information

4-S473: Requires all dogs and their owners to successfully complete obedience training.

Big Game:

1-A 802 1/S5817: relates to crossbow hunting

Fishing:

1- 2-A4860/S1508: provides veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States access to all state parks and recreational facilities without charge of any admission.

Firearms:

1-A1809/S 4000: authorizes shooting preserves and shooting clubs to sell ammunition for exclusive use on the premises thereof without being deemed a seller of ammunition.

2-A 5629A/S 2613 A: repeals provisions of law relating to sellers of ammunition.

3- A 5864/S 2683: requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance.

4-A 6192A/S1113 A: requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition.

5-S 4227: relates to the definition of an assault weapon. (Eliminates prohibition of thumb hole stocks on semi-automatic rifles and shotguns.

6-S 4228: relates to the definition of an assault weapon (eliminates prohibition of pistol grips on semi-automatic rifles).

7-A2040: Requires weapons and ammunition to be secured when being transported and imposes a fine of at least \$1000 for violation.

8-A8053/S3373: Authorizes the transfer of certain weapons from an estate to an immediate member of the decedent's family. (Permits transfer of "assault" weapon to family member of decedent).

Hunting:

1-A38 55/S 2634: makes contests and competitions to take wildlife unlawful.

2-S3439: Includes game birds bred pursuant to a game bird license within the definition of "crops, livestock, and livestock products" for purposes of agricultural districts.

3-A5493/S6221: Provides that the open season for hunting coyotes shall be all year long.

4-A1657: Decreases the amount of alcohol in a person's system necessary to be considered to be intoxicated while hunting. (Makes level (.8%) the same as DWI and BWI)

5-A802: Moratorium on the prohibition of feeding white-tailed deer in Sullivan County.

Knives:

1-A 4697/S 3455: prohibits the manufacture, transport, shipment or possession of an undetectable knife.

2-A4821/S3675: Relates to possession of a gravity knife for purposes of criminal possession of a weapon in the 4th. Degree. (Requires intent to use unlawfully for possession offense.)

3-A9042-A/S6483A-Relates to the definitions of a switchblade and a gravity knife.

Licensing:

1-A 1918/S 2951: protect certain information on hunting, fishing and trapping license and permit applications from disclosure. (Currently DEC refuses FOIL requests and has not been challenged.)

2-A3937 A/S 92: eliminates the requirement that hunters wear back tags during hunting season in the state.

3-A73 96 eliminates sporting license fees for honorably discharged veterans.

4-A7082/S433: Relates to the cost of various hunting, fishing and trapping licenses (Reduces age for senior licenses to 65)

Snowmobile:

1-A1427/S2652: Establishes a non-trail snowmobile registration for snowmobiles which shall be used solely for the purpose of gaining access to hunting, fishing, and trapping areas.

Tax (480A):

1-A8 44/S820A: authorizes state reimbursement to municipal corporations for tax revenue lost and expenses incurred as a result of the reduced assessment of forest land.

2-A 2174/S 1559: exempts certain old-growth forests from taxation. (Would allow exemption for property not under management plan. Harvesting not required. Contrary to purpose of exemption.)

3-A7150/S5096: relates to changes in taxation of forest land. (Prevents DEC from making changes by regulation – which they claim they can't in any case.)

General Tax:

1-A3674: Authorize the reduction of assessed value of land subject to a conservation easement conveyed to not for profit conservation organization.

2-A3920A/S1921A: makes technical corrections to the conservation easement tax credit.

3-A7234/S1991: grants a \$100,000 real property tax exemption to conservation clubs and rod and gun clubs owning certain land having an assessed value of \$500,000 or less.

State Information:**DEC-Region #3 Reports:**

“DEC has teamed up with the Audubon Society of the capital region to install fishing line disposable canisters at state public fishing access sites throughout the capital region... The PVC canisters instruct anglers to dispose of their used and tangle fishing line properly to prevent birds, fish and other wildlife from becoming entangled in the line. Discarded fishing line on the shores of water bodies can be harmful to numerous species of wildlife..... The canisters come equipped with wooden doors to not only prevent trash from being disposed in them, but to also prevent birds from attempting to nest in them. Stewarts of the “tangle-tainers” will periodically clean out the tubes of the fishing line at microfilament line retrieval centers located at various hardware stores in the area.”

DEC reports: “DEC proposes hunting and trapping rule changes for 2016. The proposed changes for deer and bear hunting will increase opportunities for junior hunters to take bears, rescind and an antlerless-only rule from 2015 in portions of southeastern New York and the Lake Plains, reduce antlerless harvests in two management units in the West Adirondacks, and clarify when special season tags may be used by bow and muzzleloader hunters. The proposed changes for Fisher trapping reduce the trapping season in selected Adirondack wildlife management units in northern New York where populations have declined in recent years and established a limited open trapping season in selected WMUs in Central/Western New York to provide new opportunities for sustainable use of this natural resource. DEC proposes to allow junior hunters to take black bear as well as deer during the existing youth firearms hunt over Columbus Day weekend. DEC proposes to rescind the antlerless – only requirement for portions of the bow and muzzleloader seasons in WMUs 1C, 3M, 3S, 4J, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8N 9A, and 9F, again allowing take of antlered and antlerless deer during the entire bow and muzzleloader seasons in these units. In response to recent declines in deer populations in WMUs 6F and 6J, DEC is proposing to prohibit harvest of antlerless deer during the early muzzleloader season in these units. DEC proposes a minor technical correction to clarify that hunters who purchase both the bow and muzzleloader license privileges may use the bow/muzzleloader either – sex and/muzzleloader antlerless- only deer tags in either season or both in one of the seasons with the appropriate implement.”

Assemblyman Kieran Lawlor reports: “In regards to SAFE Act funding – the budget includes funding for the SAFE Act, including \$20.7 million in the capital budget for database development. It also includes \$1.8 million to the state police for 27 full-time equivalent employees dedicated to SAFE Act enforcement, \$324,000 for 12 full-time equivalent employees in the Division of Criminal Justice Services, and \$1.1 million for the Office of Information

Technology to support 16 full-time equivalents dedicated to SAFE Act enforcement.” He also reported, “any lawmaker who tells you they read this budget is not being straight with you. The first three budget bills weren’t printed until late Wednesday, March 30th and were voted on Thursday, March 31st. When debate started Thursday afternoon, the remaining budget bills were not even agreed upon, much less made available to lawmakers. It is impossible to justify voting in favor of \$156 billion in spending without reading every page and discussing it with constituents and experts.”

Federal Information:

TeaParty.org reports: Secret meetings are being held by Obama with governors from several states to address the following points:

- outlaw gun stores in every state
- Register all ammunition
- expand background checks to non-gun owning friends and family
- force all gun manufacturers to produce only smart guns-guns can only be fired by the person who is registered for that weapon; each owner will also be required to complete registration not only by signature, a photo and three references
- mandate citizens to surrender their DNA before gun purchase can be completed

Gun Owners of America reports: “Thousands of law-abiding Americans are being stripped of their right to keep and bear arms. The National Instant Check System, the federal gun owner database the government uses for instant background checks is riddled with errors. Mismatch fingerprints, spelling errors and duplicate names mean thousands of law-abiding Americans are wrongfully flagged as criminals and denied the right to buy a gun. 95% of all purchases that are initially flagged turn out to be mistakes. An NICS section, the office in charge of background checks, has halted the appeals process altogether..... HR 4980, the firearm due process protection act has been filed as a bill which will require the government to rule on every appeal within 60 days. It will give you the right to seek a court judgment to correct invalid information if the FBI does not act on an appeal within the deadline. It also forces the government to turn over to Congress statistics on the total number and nature of appeals.”

Bill Tracking:

Tracking a State Bill: 518-455-7545

Note:

Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year. In the second year of the two-year session, New York State legislators are elected to a two-year term. On the first day of the new session, most of the previous year’s bills, which remain active at the end of the year, will automatically be carried into the new session, with some exceptions: bills not carried over will include (but are not limited to) those that were Chaptered, vetoed, had the enacting clause stricken, or the sponsor is no longer in the Legislature. A bill will retain its bill number assigned to it in the first year of the two-year session. If a bill only passed its own house last year, it must repass that house again in the new session, before it can advance to the other house. In general, all active bills will be referred to the original committee, with the exception of Assembly bills which passed only the Assembly last year; these bills will be reported to the

Assembly's third reading calendar*. *Exception: if an Assembly bill had a "Home Rule Request", that bill will be recommitted, even if it passed the Assembly. (Legislative Rules.)

Key impact bills (Hotline=800-342-9860/Monday-Friday-9am-6pm.)

Legislative resources:

New York Senate: www.nysenate.gov

New York State Assembly: www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/

New York Senator=Sue Serino-41st. District

Serino@nysenate.gov

LOB Room 617, Albany, N.Y. 12247

Assemblyman Kieran Lalor-105th. District-LaLork@assembly.state.ny.us

US Congressman Chris Gibson – 19th District – Gibson.house.gov

Assembly woman Didi Barrett – 106th. District – Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us

New York Senator – 40th District – Terrance Murphy – Murphy@NYSenate.gov-LOB Room 817, Albany,N.Y. 12247 – 518-455 – 3111

US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney – 18th District – Seanmaloney.house.gov

US Senator Kristen Gillibrand– www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

US Senator Charles Schumer – www.Schumer.senate.gov/contact Chuck.CFM

Gov. A. Cuomo – www.governor.NY.gov

Important Contact Groups:

Shooters Committee on Political Action(SCOPE):www.scopeny.org

SCOPE legislative reports are available at this website

SCOPE INC, Attention Legal Defense Fund Project (for donations)

P.O. Box 12711

Rochester, N.Y.14612

New York Firearms: www.nyfirearms.com

Second Amendment Foundation: www.saf.org

National Rifle Association: www.homenra.org

National Shooting Sports Foundation: www.nssf.org

National Association for Gun Rights: www.nationalgunrights.org

Firearms Policy Coalition: www.firearmspolicy.org

Gun Owners of America: www.gunownersofamerica.org

**For Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs monthly report go to:
www.dutchessfishandgame.org**

New York Safe Act: www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform

**New York State police Field Guide to the New York State SAFE Act:
www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide**

New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NRA Affiliate): www.nysrpa.org

Note: NYSR&PA Legislative Report is available at this website which follows all important bills.

New York State Conservation Council – look up bills –www.nyscc.com

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