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Meeting for April 3, 2022 at 9:13am held via Zoom, by President John Kellstrand

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Roll Call – quorum

President's Comments - April 19 is next Board meeting with migratory bird hearing. No notice on reappointment to the board, email from Barnstable about discontinue of pheasant stocking on Cape Cod National Seashore. Minutes received For Decemebr meeting from Quabbin Watershed Advisory Comm. Many of the politicians coming to the Banquet are not members of the Sportmen's Caucus.

Minutes – two grammer corrections

Communication – **The** Economic impact of firearms and Ammo industry increased from \$19.1 B in 2008 to \$70.5 B in 2021. Joe Judd article had a few mis-statements and he made corrections when pointed out to him. Turkey Calling event in Wrentham today. Gene Chague had a couple corrections needed in his online article and he fixed for the printed edition.

Legislation - House Budget to be released on April 13th, amendments are due by April 15th.

H.4442 combines redraft passed House and in Senate Ways and Means.

H.991 in House Ways and Means

H.1025 in House Ways and Means

S.507 went to Senate Ways and Means along with S.508.

S.546 Reinburse Fish & Game Fund in Senate Ways and Means

S.623 gone to Study.

S.1540 extended to May 3rd

S.1064 House Hearing Policy and Scheduling

Vermont has a bill for a seven day waiting period and it is moving fast.

Sportsman Alliance say bill for Background check in Rhode Island for Ammo

Hunter Ed – Course at Bass Pro had a interesting event. The security guard for the property go all bent because guns were being used outside where the dog walkers and families could see.

Ware River Watershed – No report

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – No report

Marine Fisheries – The state’s commercial conch pot season is scheduled to open April 15, 2022. While this generally authorizes the use of conch pot gear within state-waters, there are two overarching state and federal trap gear closures to protect right whales that apply.

Due to unavoidable delays in processing some trap tag orders, 2021 trap tags for all trap types (i.e., lobster trap, fish pot, and conch pot) will remain valid through May 31, 2022.

NOAA Fisheries is proposing a federal closure on recreational scup harvest in 2022. This closure would apply to all recreational vessels fishing in federal waters and all for-hire vessels holding a federal scup permit fishing in either state or federal waters.

Forrest and Parks – Wachusett and Sudbury Reservoirs are open for fishing as of yesterday

New Business - Pheasant stocking on CCNSH Barnstable requests that DFW do something to continue the program. Table until Mike V can give a full report. Work on reward program. Committee to be formed.

Super Raffle Prizes – Keep selling.

MSC Banquet 2022 – Tickets are going fast. Get yours by Thursday, April 7. Banquet update: 148 tickets /reservations. 13 or 14 Legislators will be in attendance. We cannot get in until after 3pm to set up. A candidate for Lt Gov Kate Camponelli and Col of EPO will be in attendance.

Deer/Bear Damage Report – Article in the Berkshire Eagle. Update and Info from Don Graves.

Good of the Order – Beach clean ups being done by MBBA started yesterday.

Adjournment – 10:57 am

Next Meeting - May 1st