

NJ Wildlife Rehabilitators Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2017  
Central Region Office Conservation Center –  
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

WRAC purpose: The purpose of the WRAC is to provide advice and assistance to the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to improve the wildlife rehabilitation program and the care that is provided to injured and orphaned wildlife.

Committee Members Present: Phil Brodhecker, Giselle Chazotte-Smisko, Lisa DeLambert, Heather Freeman, Tracy Leaver, Dr. Erica Miller, Diane Nickerson, Kelly Simonetti

Committee Members Absent: Don Bonica, Dr. Jennifer Norton

DFW Employees Present: Paulette Nelson

No members of the public were present.

Meeting was called to order by D. Nickerson at 10:45.

- A motion was made by E. Miller, and seconded by G. Chazotte-Smisko, to approve the July 27, 2016 meeting minutes. A vote was taken with all in favor.
- H. Freeman was welcomed as the new reptile and amphibian representative on the WRAC. She is waiting for the official letter from Assistant Commissioner R. Boornazian.
- P. Nelson gave an update on the proposed regulations to combine captive game and exotic and nongame species. The DFW continues to work with the lawyers to finalize language in the regulations.
- P. Nelson informed the WRAC that Director D. Chanda has accepted a new position within DEP, and that Larry Herrighty is the Acting Director and Dave Golden is the new Acting Assistant Director.
- The WRAC approved the following dates for 2017 meetings:
  - April 26, 2017 – Northern Region Office (NRO) at 10:00 a.m.
  - July 26, 2017 – Central Region Office (CRO) at 10:30 a.m. (Please note time change.)
  - October 25, 2017 – NRO at 10:00 a.m.
- There was discussion about regulations for pest control operators and their handling of wildlife. These regulations will be separate from the exotic / captive wildlife regulations. D. Nickerson and T. Leaver will see if they have old draft versions.
- There was discussion about creating a Code of Conduct and By-laws for WRAC. Since the Endangered and Nongame Species Advisory Committee has By-laws, it was decided to use them as templates. D. Nickerson will review and identify sections that can be copied and modified as needed. There was discussion about proper titles of these documents. P. Nelson will talk with

the lawyers to determine the correct terminology. P. Nelson will also locate a template for the Code of Conduct.

- A motion to adjourn was made by K. Simonetti, and seconded by P. Brodhecker. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.