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NEWSLETTER

June 2011

FEDERATION REPORT

5/02/11 Federation meeting.

DEC Members present: Matt Colby Lt. and Tod Richards Lt.

The Youth Turkey hunt was a success. Five youths participated. One boy got one and a girl was happy that she got to shoot at one.

That weekend was pouring down RAIN!

The opening of the Walleye season was canceled due to high water, and Oneida Lake was also closed due to high water. No fishing and no boating permitted. The lake is now open.

Hunter safety - new procedures are being drafted Lowering hunting age to 12 years.

Big Game Antlers restrictions is back from down state and game preserves owners.
3 points to a side and/or wider than ears.

There is talk of Changing set back distance from 500ft. to 150ft.

Call in favor HR-1443, HR-1145.

There will be a meeting Aug 18 on Con Ed Days. Dates are Sept 20, rain Sept. 21, and Sept. 27, rain Sept. 28.

Note -- schools are cutting field trips

The Herkimer county Federation is dissolving. The fund for Robo deer. It will be taken over by Oneida county Federation.

Restitution for repairs and damages may be asked to be made to the fund for robo deer if caught shooting at it.

Lt Jacoby talked with about us setting up Deer Decoy fund.

A motion was made and seconded to set up a decoy fund in the federation. The motion passed.

NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership applications: Paul Marcellus of Rome sponsored by Mike Manuele, Paul Osinski of McGraw sponsored by Dave Haynes.

Members voted in: George Reese of Rome, Earl Nestved of Rome, Shawn McDonald of Rome, Edward Stelzer Sr. of New Hartford, Sean McMahan of Rome, Ron Casadei of Rome.

Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in.

A WORK PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 11 at 9:00 AM. Till ?.

All able bodied members are encouraged to participate.

We are going to get together every Monday night at 6 PM for informal shoots. Shoot outdoors or in, what ever people want to do. Nothing formal, just a way to get members together to get to know one another better and get some shooting time in.

NOTE

Since we are an NRA affiliated club, if you are an NRA member please include your NRA membership No. When paying your dues.

NOTE: Adopted at the January meeting - Henceforth the initiation fee for membership application will be equal to the dues amount in force at that time

LEGISLATION

STATE

New York: Micro-Stamping Legislation Amended on Third Reading

Thursday, May 12, 2011

On May 10, Assembly Bill 1157 was heard by the New York Assembly and amended on its third reading. Introduced by state Assemblyman Michelle Schimel (D-16), A1157 would mandate micro-stamping on all new semi-automatic pistols sold in New York after January 1, 2013. The amended version now states that the proposed law would go into effect on January 1, 2013 or whenever the State Police receive notification from one or more "micro-stamp job shops" that they can produce micro-stamp structures on two internal surfaces of a semi-automatic pistol for \$12 or less, whichever occurs later.

A1157 would require all semi-automatic pistols delivered to any licensed firearms dealer in New York to mechanically stamp an alpha-numeric or geometric code that would imprint the make, model and serial number onto the cartridge case when the gun is discharged. This bill would require models currently available to be redesigned by their manufacturers to have a micro-stamping component, which would vastly increase the cost of these firearms.

Micro-stamping is an unproven technology that is easily defeated with common household tools and the replacement of a few small parts. If passed, the availability of semi-automatic handguns in New York will be in serious doubt, as manufacturers simply may choose not to build or sell firearms for purchase in the state. Of course, that is the ultimate goal of this legislation. Make no mistake, this is a gun ban and it must be stopped.

Please contact your Assemblyman and respectfully ask him or her to OPPOSE A1157.

NOTES FROM THE DEC

DEC ANNOUNCES FRESHWATER SPORTFISHING REGULATION CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED FOR 2012-2014

Public Encouraged to Provide Feedback

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that changes being considered to the current freshwater fishing regulations are now available for initial public review and feedback.

Obtaining public feedback during this informal phase helps DEC gauge public interest and concerns about the proposed changes before developing regulations to implement the changes.

The proposed changes can now be viewed on the DEC

Website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/73762.html>. The website provides instructions on how to submit input and quick email links to easily submit comments online.

Changes being considered include modifications to the current seasons, size limits, and creel limits on certain waters for popular game fish species such as trout, salmon, walleye, black bass, pickerel, muskellunge, and tiger muskellunge. Additional suggested changes pertain to ice fishing on certain waters, as well as for establishing specific gear requirements for certain angling practices.

Comments will be accepted through June 24, 2011, and comments will be utilized in making decisions for a subsequent rule making proposal. If adopted, regulation changes would become effective on October 1, 2012.

DEC Environmental Education Camps still have openings

What Are Your Kids Doing this Summer?

A Week at Camp, A Lifetime of Memories
Looking for a new, fun way for your teenager to spend a week this summer? The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) four summer environmental education camps are a great place to start. If exploring a forest, swamp, lake and a field or fishing, hiking, canoeing, swimming, stargazing and meeting professionals in environmental fields sounds like a great way to spend a week of the summer, then we have a camp for you!

DEC's unique residential camp program currently has openings for youth ages 12 to 14. Each of the camps focuses on conservation education by immersing campers in outdoor activities and hands-on learning that teach the wise use of natural resources. Highly qualified staff ensure that campers enjoy their week-long outdoor adventure and help them develop outdoor skills such as hiking, fishing and canoeing that can last a lifetime. For those who are interested, hunter safety training is available from certified Sportsman Education instructors, with prior permission from parents/guardians.

All four camps—Colby and Pack Forest in the Adirondacks, DeBruce in the Catskills and Rushford in Western New York—have openings for some weeks during the seven weeks of camp, which run from July 3 through August 20. Campers arrive on Sunday afternoon and are picked up Saturday morning. A week at one of these exceptional camps costs just \$350 per week. Local organizations such as civic groups, garden and sportsmen clubs can also sponsor a camper. Applications are still being

accepted and registration will continue until all spaces are filled.

Full information, including registration forms, available weeks and detailed program descriptions is available at www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html or by writing to NYSDEC Camps, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4500. You may also e-mail the camps at edcamps@gw.dec.state.ny.us, sign up for DEC's camps listserve at

<http://lists.dec.state.ny.us/mailman/listinfo/decenvironmentaledcamps> or call 518-402-8014.

MEDIA NOTE: Pictures of past campers are available on the DEC website at <ftp://ftp.dec.ny.gov/dpae/press/EdCamps/>

Monday, May 23, 2010 (518) 402-8000

EC ANNOUNCES EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK Urges All Residents to Help Fight Infestation and Tree Damage

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Awareness Week will be held from May 22 - May 28, 2011 to encourage state residents and visitors to become better educated about the emerald ash borer and the destruction it causes to trees. In observance of EAB Awareness Week, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued a proclamation urging all New Yorkers to exercise environmental stewardship to protect trees from infestation that can be devastating to landscapes, habitats and forest product industries.

DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said, "New Yorkers have a shared commitment to stewardship of our environment. EAB is a destructive invasive species that threatens the health of our forests and our goal is to educate residents about how they can help protect our trees."

Robert Davies, New York State Forester said, "The only way to effectively slow the spread of this pest is by raising awareness. By encouraging people to not transport firewood, and to look for signs and symptoms of the EAB, DEC will be able to find infestations early and prevent them from rapidly spreading."

As part of EAB Awareness Week, DEC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and volunteers will post signs and tie ribbons around approximately 3,000 ash trees along select streets and in parks around the state that are populated with ash trees. The City of Albany will have approximately 100 ash trees tagged with the signs beginning Monday, May 23rd. The signs will inform citizens that those ash trees, and all of New York State's 900 million ash trees, could be killed by the emerald ash borer.

The emerald ash borer, first discovered in New York in 2009, is an invasive insect that kills all types of ash trees. Five counties in Western New York and two in the Hudson Valley currently have infestations and state agencies are working diligently to stop the movement of beetles out of these areas in firewood and other wood products. Tens of millions of ash trees have been killed in the United States by the emerald ash borer and all of the hundreds of millions of ash trees in New York are at risk.

To help slow the spread of EAB, all citizens are asked to not move firewood and to look for and report the signs of the beetle on ash trees. Citizens should be aware of New York State's firewood regulations which restrict the movement of untreated firewood to 50 miles, and EAB quarantines, which prevent the spread of potentially infested materials (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/4079.html#44382>).

In cooperation with the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), several partners are placing purple panel traps throughout the state to help find new infestations. "In

NEXT MEETING

JUNE 8

7:30 PM

coordination with the EAB trapping program, our outreach efforts a public aware of the need to assist us in detecting new EAB infestation. Yvonne DeMarino, USDA-APHIS New York State Director, from the

DEC forest health crews are attacking the infestations in all affected counties and the USDA Forest Service is actively participating in the efforts to slow the spread of this insect in the lower Hudson Valley. Terry Miller, US Forrest Service Field Representative, said, "The Forest Service recently partnered with the State of New York in its valiant effort to contain and limit the spread of Emerald Ash Borer in Kingston, NY. The timing of this Awareness Week right before the summer recreation season could not be better! Hopefully it will raise people's awareness of the danger of moving firewood. Kingston and the Hudson River are literally the front line in the Emerald Ash Borer's march eastward. We truly appreciate the effort the State of New York has made to curtail its spread into the New England states."

DEC is conducting surveys to find and cut infested trees and then chipping them to destroy the beetles inside. These crews are also preparing special trap trees in the infested areas so the beetles are enticed to stay nearby, where they can be easily destroyed next year. This technique dramatically reduces the rate of spread of the infestation and keeps it in a location where the trees with beetles in them can be identified.

Along with devastating environmental impacts of EAB infestations, the insect also causes economic hardships. Mark Whitmore, Forest Entomologist at Cornell University says, "The economic impact of EAB to New York's ash timber resources will be great but this impact is pale in comparison to potential tree removal and treatment costs incurred by homeowners and communities confronted with the public health hazard posed by countless dead ash trees. To help minimize these economic impacts we need to redouble our efforts to slow EAB spread so we have time for more public education and so communities can make plans to address these economically important issues."

For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov and search "emerald ash borer," or call DEC's toll-free hotline at

1-866-640

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences are extended to the Kaminski family upon the death of Stan Kaminski who passed away on May 19. Stan was a lifetime member of the club.

