

# NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, INC.

## 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – September 2019

### Friday, September 6

- 9:00 am Board of Directors Meeting
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm General Session
- Presentation of Colors
  - Call to Order
  - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
    - DEC Chief of Staff, Sean Mahar
    - Division of Fish and Wildlife
    - Division of Lands and Forests
    - Division of Law Enforcement
- 4:30 pm Friday general session adjourned
- 6:00 pm Social Hour
- 7:00 pm Annual Awards Dinner  
Auctions & Fundraising

### Saturday, September 7

- 9:00 am US Fish & Wildlife Service - Carl Swartz
- Partnerships with USFWS and other groups and entities in NYS
  - Habitat Restoration Projects
  - Objectives and Goals of USFWS in NYS
- 9:45 am NYS DEC - Tony Wilkinson
- General comments and observations
- 10:15 am Cary Institute for Ecosystems Studies - Stuart E.G. Findlay, Ph.D, Aquatic Ecologist
- Asian Carp at our doorstep. Dr. Findlay will help us understand the implications of their presence in New York's waters and possible impacts to our fisheries
- 11:15 am One Voice - Gary Broderick
- A non-profit national association committed to promoting the rights of motorized enthusiasts, improving advocacy in keeping public and private lands open for responsible recreation
- 12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Food motivations for hunter recruitment by Wildlife Harvest Table Co-Founder and Director Moira Tidball

Moira Tidball, a community nutritionist and renowned wild fish and game chef, will discuss her involvement and lessons learned from the recent QDMA Field to Fork initiative in central New York. Field to Fork is a food-focused hunter recruitment program for adults from non-hunting backgrounds. Hinging on a unique approach involving recruitment at a local farmer's market, visitors were asked if they wanted to sample from a spread of different styles of venison jerky, and they were provided with a handout titled "Why Should You Hunt Deer?" They were then offered the chance to participate in a season-long mentored hunting program that would teach them how to hunt and acquire a wild, healthy, local, sustainable source of food on their own. Moira will share with us the success experienced by the new hunters who participated in the program in 2018, and future directions of the program in NYS.

Keith Tidball will present a short video on a successful veterans' program in NY.

The future success of the NYSCC lies in an increased effort by Council leaders and membership. The elements of this initiative require:

- Inclusion of greater numbers within the sporting and conservation community
- Addressing the financial situation for 2019. We made some key saving efforts in 2019.
- Future financial and imaging concerns:
  - Creating a video capturing the milestones and accomplishments of the NYSCC that can be shown at various events
  - Organizing a statewide sporting clay shoot in Verona as a fund raiser
  - Creating better visual graphic material promoting the Council
  - Better presence on social media
  - Promotion of our Buck A Member Program (bringing back past members and getting new).
  - Creating the opportunity for more to participate in make monthly online donations.
- Resolutions
- Legislative report
- Elections
- Officers' Reports
- Town Hall Meeting Session (request discussion topics be submitted in writing)

4:30 pm      Board of Directors Meeting (may be tabled to a teleconference meeting)