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Minutes

The 121st Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The public session for review of this agenda began on or about 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Rocco S. Ali and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Members Present

Rocco S. Ali, President
G. Warren Elliott
Norman R. Gavlick
Eric C. Hussar
Steven M. Ketterer
Leonard L. Lichvar
Edward P. Mascharka III
William J. Sabatose

New Business

Commission President Ali said he was proud to serve as interim president and said he would give 110 percent to achieve the goals of the Commission, thus allowing the Commission to continue to serve the anglers and boaters of this Commonwealth. He said he hopes we as a Commission will meet and exceed the expectations of our license buyers.

Commission President Ali said he would pursue the following goals during his term as interim president:

- Continue to work on legislation to allow the agency to set its own fees;
- Continue to evaluate the infrastructure and condition of hatcheries;
- Encourage the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor and Sportsmen's Advisory Board to fill vacancies on the Commission board;

- Encourage continued discussion of the Steelhead Program and include Ohio and New York in those discussions;
- Seek out and implement creative ways to increase license sales, being cognizant of return on investment; and
- Continue to have all Commission-owned high hazard dams fixed.

Election of Commission Vice-President

This position became vacant last month after President Glade E. Squires resigned from the Board and Vice-President Ali assumed the presidency.

Commission President Ali presided over the election. He called for nominations for the office of Vice-President, and Commissioner Sabatose nominated Commissioner Hussar as Vice-President. Commissioner Gavlick seconded the nomination. The motion was carried. The Commission elected Commissioner Hussar to serve as Vice-President of the Commission until new officers are elected at the Commission's July 10-11, 2017 quarterly business meeting.

Announcement of Executive Session

Commissioner Ali announced that an executive session was held on November 18 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Legislation Update

Tim Schaeffer provided an update on Senate Bills 1168 and 1103.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Sabatose and seconded by Commissioner Elliott to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m. Motion carried.