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TO: Representative Terry Macaig
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FROM: Louis Porter, Commissioner
Fish & Wildlife Department

DATE: February 22, 2019

RE: Fish & Wildlife Capital Fund Update

As requested in your letter dated February 13, 2019, please find an explanation of the Department's plans for the following capital appropriations:

Appropriation 6120991601 – FW Various Projects

As of 2/19/19 there is not an available balance of funds in this appropriation. There are \$16,674 of encumbered funds for services that have been provided but not yet billed.

Appropriation 6120991701 – General Infrastructure Proj

This appropriation includes maintenance to Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) buildings, department owned office buildings, fish culture station improvements and wildlife management area (WMA) infrastructure improvements. The balance in this appropriation was \$436,100 as of February 19, 2019.

The GMCC maintenance includes cabin renovations at Kehoe and bath house updates at Buck Lake. Quotes will be collected for the Kehoe project in the spring of 2019 and the Buck Lake project should be complete by the fall of 2019. Renovation of the St. Johnsbury Library building are nearing completion.



A total of \$240,172 is earmarked for projects at fish culture stations. This includes projects such as upgrades to chemical storage areas, reconditioning pump motors, and building a new residence.

WMA improvements include \$41,362 for replacement of the workshop at Dead Creek WMA. The existing workshop building at Dead Creek has been inspected by a qualified architect who condemned the facility due to unsafe support structures and failing foundation. The workshop is essential to the regular operations and deconstruction of the current workshop and replacement is in process. Bids are expected to go out by the end of April 2019 with a contract in place by May 2019. The remaining balance is earmarked for WMA infrastructure statewide.

Appropriation 6120991801 – General Infrastructure Proj

This appropriation includes residence maintenance, fish culture station improvements, access area improvements and WMA infrastructure improvements. The balance in this appropriation was \$444,924 as of February 19, 2019.

A total of \$161,349 is earmarked for fish culture station projects, which include equipment replacement for the fish health lab, upgrades to alarm systems, restoration of building foundations, and the completion of the residence mentioned in appropriation 6120991701.

A total of \$44,580 is earmarked for dock maintenance and improvements at fishing access areas. This full amount has been obligated and is expected to be paid in July 2019.

WMA improvements include \$189,673 funds for the Dead Creek WMA workshop as described in appropriation 6120991701 above and \$39,175 for WMA infrastructure statewide.

Sincerely,



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