

2018 NYSCC Annual Meeting

CALL TO CONVENTION

Join Us - The New York State Conservation Council will hold its 85th Annual Meeting at the Delta Hotel by Marriott (formerly Radisson Hotel - Utica Centre), 200 Genesee Street in Utica, September 14 through 16. Agenda items are being considered, but you can count on hearing from DEC personnel from Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement, Fisheries and other departments about programs and plans. We will continue reviewing NYSCC position statements to clarify and update the Council's standing on a variety of issues. Suggestions for additional agenda topics are welcome; contact President Chuck Parker at aparker@twcny.rr.com or 315-963-8413.

Your reservation for room and meals will be made through the NYSCC office, but the hotel will ask for a credit card to cover incidental expenses when you check in.

Fundraising - We are looking to make this year's 85th Anniversary events more enjoyable for our members and guests. Please bring a **new** or high quality like-new item for one of our raffles or auctions. Ask your local businesses to donate items for the men and the ladies. Popular items are guns, bows, knives, framed prints, local wines, craft items, gift baskets of various kinds, etc. Remember to bring your address labels for the Chinese auction. All proceeds benefit the NYSCC.

NYSCC Refund Policy - Each person or organization seeking to cancel a reservation for an NYSCC event will notify the NYSCC Office at least ten (10) days prior to the start of that event. Any cancellation made after the 10 days prior will be charged the 1st night's lodging fee. All requests for a refund **must** be submitted in writing following cancellation notification. All cancellations will be charged a \$25 processing fee.

NYSCC Seeking Candidates for Office

It is that time of year when we start preparation for the annual elections to be held at the Fall Convention, and we need your help.

Here is your chance to make a difference by getting involved and helping us navigate the many issues faced by the Council during the year.

Our by-laws allow for open annual election of the following positions:

President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Legislative Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition there is one Director-at-Large (3-year term) position available.

Regional Directors and Alternates from Regions 2, 7 & 9 need to be nominated from their Regions to be confirmed by general body.

To be eligible a candidate must be one of the following:

- 1) An Active county representative or alternate
- 2) A former officer or director
- 3) An Associate representative or alternate to the Council.

If anyone has a candidate they would like to nominate or knows of someone who is interested in serving, please send the nominations to the Council Office.

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING
NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, INC.
Delta Hotel by Marriott – Utica, NY**

ALL reservations for the NYSCC annual meeting **MUST** be made through the NYSCC Office in Iliion no later than **August 17, 2018**. All reservations must be paid in full in advance by check.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM BEFORE **AUGUST 17** to:
NYSCC Annual Meeting, 8 East Main Street, Iliion, NY 13357-1899

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _() _____ EMAIL: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Estimated Arrival Time: _____

Lodging: _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday
Single \$100/night Double \$120/night (\$60/night per person)

Check Preference: _____ 1 Bed _____ 2 Beds
(Delta by Marriott is a smoke-free property; all rooms are non-smoking.)

Special requests (handicapped, sharing with, etc.) **NOTE: If you are doubling up with another person for a lower room rate, you must list that person's name here:**

Meals:

You will be on your own for breakfast this year. The hotel offers breakfast or you can travel off site to eat. There is no dinner planned for Saturday night. You are invited to a hospitality gathering both evenings; if you would like to bring something to share (food and / or beverage) please feel free to do so.

Friday Meals

Saturday Meals

Lunch \$20 each x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch \$20 each x _____ = \$ _____

Dinner \$30 each x _____ = \$ _____

Friday meal total \$ _____

Saturday meal total \$ _____

Registration:

_____ All persons attending the general session meetings must include a \$60 registration fee with this reservation (spouses exempt).

Amount enclosed:

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| Lodging total | \$ _____ |
| Meals total | \$ _____ |
| Registration fee | \$ _____ (\$60) |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to NYSCC

Send this form with your payment no later than August 17 to:

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT 2018 NYSCC ANNUAL MEETING

Two resolutions have been submitted for consideration at this year's NYSCC Annual Meeting. They are presented below along with committee opinions.

01-2018 REQUEST FOR DEC TO MAKE A REGULATION MANDATING HUNTER ORANGE FOR BIG GAME SPORTSMEN IN NY - Greene County Federation of Sportsman

WHEREAS: Hunters wearing hunter orange are seven times less likely to be shot than those that do not, and;

WHEREAS: Forty of the fifty states already have some form of hunter orange law or regulation and, where records were kept, all experienced a decline in firearms-related hunting accidents after the requirement was instituted, and;

WHEREAS: All recent incidents of accidental line-of-sight hunting-related shootings in New York State have involved victims failing to wear hunter orange voluntarily, and;

WHEREAS: Deer cannot distinguish between hunter orange and colors in the green-gray-brown range because they are red/green colorblind, and;

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of all hunters in New York state to minimize the number of hunting-related firearms incidents, and;

WHEREAS: A significant and increasing portion of New York big game hunters do not wear hunter orange on a voluntary basis;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The New York State Conservation Council requests that the New York State Department of Environment Conservation issue and enforce mandatory hunter orange for all big game hunters any time the hunter is moving in the field during an open big game firearms season.

Specifically, all big game hunters would be required to wear enough hunter orange above the waist to be visible in all directions. For example, this could be in the form of a hat, bandana, vest, jacket, shirt, sweater, rain gear or combination of these, but is not limited to these items of clothing as long as the high visibility color can be seen from every direction and covers at least 200 square inches, approximately the equivalent of a baseball cap. Hunter orange camouflage, fluorescent pink, or fluorescent pink camouflage is also acceptable. Those accompanying or assisting any hunter afield, such as (but not limited to) guides and those helping to haul a carcass, would also be required to wear hunter orange. The regulation would cover all land within the state, both public and private. An exception should be made for seasons limited to bowhunting and/or primitive firearms with limited range.

Contact:

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Committee Comments:

Firearms Committee - OPPOSE

All were against it being mandatory. Some also pointed out that if mandated, anyone who is in or near woods (bow hunters, muzzleloader hunters, hikers, people walking alongside the road, etc.) should also be mandated to wear orange, not just rifle hunters. All agreed it was a good idea but it should be optional.

Fur Resources - OPPOSE

Small Game - SUPPORT 2, OPPOSE 2, ABSTAIN 2

02-2018 Hound Training Season - New York Houndsmen Conservation Association Inc.

Whereas: The hound training season is a valuable and necessary tool in preparing a hound for hunting as it often takes a considerable amount of time and effort by the trainer, and;

Whereas: Training season is non-consumptive and has no affect on the population of any species, and;

Whereas: The training season for bear has been shortened by the October 1 deer season and now the new early bear season in the Southern Zone, and;

Whereas: Training season on raccoon, fox and coyote have been, in essence, shortened because houndsmen are hesitant to train during open deer season, and;

Whereas: This change would make it possible for our youth to prepare their hounds for national competitions they will be competing in;

Therefore be it resolved: The NYSCC support legislation that would change the opening of hound training season on Raccoon, fox, coyote and bear to June 1st from the present July 1st.

Contact:

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NYHCA Councilman to the NYSCC

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Committee Comments:

Firearms Committee - SUPPORT

Small Game - OPPOSE