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Joint Letter of Understanding

Subject: Letter of Understanding Between The New York State Trappers Association and the New York State Conservation Council

The New York State Trappers Association and the New York State Conservation Council first came to existence in 1938 and 1933 respectfully. This time is recognized as being the start of the modern-day conservation movement.

The intent of this letter of understanding is to recognize and reinforce the understanding between these two long time organizations that advocate for all the outdoor sporting community and conservation.

As stated on the NYSTA website: NYSTA is an “association comprised of men, women and children who are dedicated to protecting and preserving our heritage as well as the tradition of trapping in the State of New York. To ensure that, NYSTA employs a fulltime lobbyist who actively engages the legislators on our behalf in Albany. Our members have shown their support and loyalty by proving repeatedly that they are willing to stand up and let their voices be heard on issues that affect their right to trap.”

As stated in the NYSCC Constitution its purpose is: “To aid in the formulation and establishment of sound policies and practices designated to conserve, protect, restore, and perpetuate forests and wildlife and scenic and recreational areas with especial regard to the state of New York, to the general end that the present and succeeding generations may continue to enjoy and to use these great natural resources. To coordinate and stimulate the efforts of individuals and organizations interested in conservation in the State of New York and to interest and educate the people of the state with respect to conservation. To represent the sportsmen conservationists of the state with special reference to the enforcement of the Conservation Law and the administration of the Conservation Fund.”