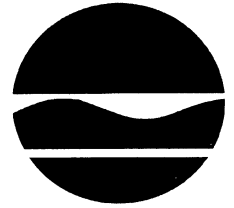


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Joe Martens
Commissioner

November 6, 2012

Mr. Peter H. Wiemer
4438 West Lake Road
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Dear Mr. Wiemer:

Commissioner Martens asked me to reply to your letter concerning the protection of an animal known to some as “Bigfoot” or “Sasquatch.”

This mythical animal does not exist in nature or otherwise. I understand, however, that some well organized hoaxes or pranks have occurred, leading some people to believe that such an animal does live.

However, the simple truth of the matter is that there is no such animal anywhere in the World.

I am sorry to disappoint you. However, no program or action in relation to mythical animals is warranted.

On the other hand, New York State has a great richness of naturally occurring wildlife, and we work hard to ensure that these species are managed appropriately, including highly regulated hunting and trapping opportunities. We also work hard to restore and protect rare species. I wish you the best as you enjoy New York’s abundant wildlife resources.

Thank you for writing us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon R. Batcheller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gordon R. Batcheller
Chief Wildlife Biologist