

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAME COMMISSION

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BEFORE: RALPH A. MARTONE, PRESIDENT
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Robert W. Schlemmer, Vice President
David J. Putnam, Secretary
David W. Schreffler, Commissioner
James J. Delaney, Jr., Commissioner
Ronald A. Weaner, Commissioner
Brian H. Hoover, Commissioner
Charles E. Fox, Commissioner

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And I would like to take an opportunity

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to welcome our newest Commissioner, Commissioner

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Charles Fox, to the Board. This will be his first

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official quarterly meeting, although he has had two

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days of public comment and staff reports to warm him

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up to the idea that we welcome him as a member of the

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Board. Mr. Secretary, would you call role?

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MR. PUTNAM:

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Commissioner Martone?

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CHAIR:

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Present.

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MR. PUTNAM:

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Commissioner Schlemmer?

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MR. SCHLEMMER:

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Present.

1 MR. PUTNAM:
2 Commissioner Putnam? Present.
3 Commissioner Schreffler?
4 MR. SCHREFFLER:
5 Present.
6 MR. PUTNAM:
7 Commissioner Delaney?
8 MR. DELANEY:
9 Present.
10 MR. PUTNAM:
11 Commissioner Weaner?
12 MR. WEANER:
13 Present.
14 MR. PUTNAM:
15 Commissioner Hoover?
16 MR. HOOVER:
17 Present.
18 MR. PUTNAM:
19 Commissioner Fox?
20 MR. FOX:
21 Present.
22 MR. PUTNAM:
23 Mr. President, all Commissioners are
24 present.
25 CHAIR:

1 Thank you very much. At this time I
2 would like to approve the minutes of the Commission
3 meeting held on September 25th, 2012. Do I have a
4 motion to approve those minutes?

5 MR. SCHLEMMER:

6 So move.

7 MR. WEANER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR:

10 Commissioner Schlemmer. Commissioner
11 Weaner. Is there any discussion on the minutes?

12 NO RESPONSE

13 CHAIR:

14 Hearing none, all those in favor, say
15 aye.

16 ALL RESPOND AYE

17 CHAIR:

18 Opposed, no? Mr. Secretary?

19 MR. PUTNAM:

20 The motion is approved.

21 CHAIR:

22 Thank you. And I will now turn this
23 over to Chief Counsel Bechtel.

24 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

25 Thank you, Mr. President. The first

1 item to come before the Commission today comes from
2 the Bureau of Wildlife Management. It concerns the
3 proposed rule making. The Commission is proposing to
4 amend Section 139.4 relating to seasons and bag limits
5 for the license year. This will provide updated
6 seasons and bag limits for the 2013-2014 license year.

7 The 2013-2014 seasons and bag limits
8 have been amended to reflect current available
9 scientific data, population and harvest trends, field
10 surveys and professional staff observations, as well
11 as recommendations received from Staff, organized
12 sporting groups, members of the agricultural community
13 and others interested in the management of the
14 wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

15 Due to a shift in the 2013 calendar
16 dates, season opening dates are about one week later
17 than in 2012. Proposed changes to small game season
18 include reopening snowshoe hare hunting statewide with
19 a daily bag of one hare.

20 In regards to the wild turkey season
21 changes, 2013 marks the third year of the hen harvest
22 rate and survival study. Yesterday we heard about how
23 they flip-flopped that study, and they're going to do
24 a cross-over design and change, which areas are open
25 for what length of time.

1 Four changes to the extended bear
2 hunting season are proposed: (1) is to add a
3 Wednesday to Saturday extended season in WMU 4B, (2)
4 to move the opening day of the extended season in WMU
5 3D, from Wednesday to Monday and (3) to eliminate the
6 Monday through Saturday extended season in portions of
7 WMUs in 3B and 2G, and replace them with a Monday
8 through Saturday extended season, opening all of WMU
9 3B. And last, eliminate separate opening days that
10 occur in different portions of WMU 4E, and implement a
11 Wednesday through Saturday extended season in all of
12 WMU 4E.

13 Concerning furbearer seasons, we are
14 proposing to increase the daily and season bag limit
15 for beaver to 20 daily, 20 per season in WMU's 2C and
16 5C. This is due to increases in nuisance complaints,
17 which is consistent with the Beaver Management Plan.
18 Also, the numbers and density of incidental fisher
19 captures during the past three years in WMU's 3A, 3D
20 and 4E are comparable to those observed in WMUs
21 currently open to harvest and would warrant adding
22 these WMUs to the list of WMUs with an established
23 fisher trapping season.

24 The text of these changes is shown on
25 pages 4 through 11 of your handout, and there is a

1 substitute page for page nine, which I believe is
2 available down in front for everyone.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you, Brad. Do I have a motion to
5 adopt the proposed amendments in Subsection 139.4?

6 MR. DELANEY:

7 So move.

8 CHAIR:

9 Mr. Delaney.

10 MR. WEANER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR:

13 Commissioner Weaner. Is there any
14 discussion? During this discussion of the seasons and
15 bag limits, we're going to go through the following
16 pages, beginning with the --- I believe it's page
17 four, one page at a time and entertain amendments.

18 On page four. On page four, do I have
19 any amendment? I would like to present an amendment
20 on this page to the squirrel season eligible junior
21 hunters only, changing from October 12th, opening day,
22 to September 7th, and the last day changing from
23 October 18th to September 13th.

24 On the next line for squirrels combined
25 species, opening day September 14th and that would be

1 all on that page.

2 MR. WEANER:

3 I'll second that motion.

4 CHAIR:

5 Second, Commissioner Weaner. Also at
6 this time, I would like to discuss an amendment
7 changing --- eliminating the December 24th end date
8 and --- to eliminate December 24th as an end date and
9 December 26th as an opening date and just have the
10 seasons for squirrel run December 16th through
11 February 22nd.

12 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

13 CHAIR:

14 I'm getting good advice over here.
15 Okay. Let's finish the first page for the September
16 7th opening day and September 14th opening day. Is
17 there any discussion on those dates at this time?

18 MR. DELANEY:

19 Yes, Mr. President.

20 CHAIR:

21 Commissioner Delaney?

22 MR. DELANEY:

23 While I'm apt to support an earlier
24 season for squirrels for all the right reasons,
25 including our youth hunters, I just think that ---. I

1 have some concerns with the full green up in place,
2 the full vegetation in place, using a centerfire
3 rifle, shooting into the woods with all the leaves and
4 the vegetation on the trees, that we would really need
5 to be cautious.

6 I mean, I'm going to support this, your
7 initiative here. But I just --- those are my main
8 concerns with all the leaves, all the vegetation in
9 place, everything in place, and just shooting a gun
10 into what you may not see on the other side. So with
11 that said, everyone, we have to put some balance to
12 these things that we do. I support what you want to
13 do, but I just --- those are my concerns.

14 CHAIR:

15 So noted. And to add to the discussion,
16 I'd like to mention that I see this as a big benefit
17 for our youth hunters, our mentor hunters, that it
18 gives our mentored adult --- mentoring adults an
19 opportunity to spend quality time in the field with
20 those youth hunters without having to decide between,
21 do they want to archery hunt? Do they want to grouse
22 hunt? They can concentrate their time and effort on
23 getting these young people start right in hunting.
24 And that was my --- one of my main reasons for making
25 this proposal. Is there any discussion on this

1 further? Okay. Hearing none, all those in favor of
2 the dates for changes for youth squirrel and squirrel
3 season, signify by saying aye.

4 ALL RESPOND AYE

5 CHAIR:

6 Those opposed, say nay. Mr. Secretary?

7 MR. PUTNAM:

8 Mr. President, the vote passed
9 unanimately.

10 CHAIR:

11 Thank you. Also on that page,
12 again ---. And I'm going to try to make this
13 expedient. It would be eliminating December 25th as a
14 non-hunting day, and so where you see on squirrel,
15 ruffed grouse, and rabbit, it would eliminate December
16 24th and December 26th and allow all those seasons to
17 continue. That would be my proposal. Do I have a
18 second?

19 MR. DELANEY:

20 So move.

21 CHAIR:

22 Commissioner Delaney, is there any
23 discussion?

24 MR. WEANER:

25 Yes.

1 CHAIR:

2 Commissioner Weaner?

3 MR. WEANER:

4 Do I understand that your motion would
5 add Christmas Day as a hunting day, essentially?

6 CHAIR:

7 For all small game species on this page
8 and following pages.

9 MR. WEANER:

10 Okay. For a whole lot of reasons, I'm
11 not in favor of hunting on Christmas. And I'll be not
12 supporting this. I urge you to vote no.

13 CHAIR:

14 Thank you, Commissioner Weaner. Any
15 further discussion?

16 MR. SCHLEMMER:

17 Yes.

18 CHAIR:

19 Commissioner Schlemmer?

20 MR. SCHLEMMER:

21 I have to agree with Commissioner Weaner
22 on this particular subject. I will be not voting in
23 favor of that.

24 CHAIR:

25 Thank you. Commissioner Hoover?

1 MR. HOOVER:

2 I'm going to agree. I think that's a
3 day that we need to allow our WCOs to spend some time
4 --- quality time with their families, and hopefully be
5 able to spend the day there without being called out,
6 so I'm going to vote no.

7 CHAIR:

8 All right. Thank you for your comments.
9 You know, I debated on this pretty heavily myself.
10 We've heard testimony from the Pennsylvania Federation
11 of Sportsmen's Clubs that they were in favor of this
12 change to include Christmas Day, and I appreciate the
13 comments from the Board. And do I have any further
14 comments? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify
15 by saying aye.

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIR:

18 All those opposed?

19 NAYS RESPOND

20 CHAIR:

21 I think we need a show of hands, just
22 for the Secretary. All those in favor, would you
23 signify by raising your right hand, please?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR:

1 Opposed, right hand, please?

2 NAYS RESPOND

3 CHAIR:

4 Mr. Secretary?

5 MR. PUTNAM:

6 Mr. President, the vote was four to
7 four, with Commissioner Weaner, Hoover, Schlemmer and
8 Schreffler who voted in the negative. The motion
9 fails.

10 CHAIR:

11 Thank you very much. Are there any
12 further amendments on this page? Hearing none, would
13 you go to page five, please?

14 MR. DELANEY:

15 Mr. President, I do have a requested
16 amendment for page five.

17 CHAIR:

18 Commissioner Delaney?

19 MR. DELANEY:

20 Under hares, snowshoe rabbits, or
21 varying hares, I would like to add a line in there.
22 WMU 3B, WMU 3C, and WMU 3D to have a season with the
23 same starting date of December 26th through December
24 28, 2013, keeping the same daily limit and field
25 possession limit, daily limit of one, field possession

1 limit of two.

2 MR. WEANER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR:

5 Commissioner Weaner, second. Is there
6 any discussion on ---? Any further discussion?

7 MR. SCHREFFLER:

8 I do, Mr. President.

9 CHAIR:

10 Mr. Schreffler?

11 MR. SCHREFFLER:

12 I would like to ask Commissioner Delaney
13 his reasoning for the change.

14 MR. DELANEY:

15 I'd be happy to. I believe I gave a
16 pretty good discussion at the working group meeting
17 for about 10 or 15 minutes, and I believe on Sunday I
18 offered that, but I continue to offer it. We received
19 commentary from several sportsmen in the northeast,
20 which I shared with most of you, and the concerns of
21 our sportsmen, with snowshoe hare and the population
22 levels that are down, number one.

23 Secondly, the snowshoe hare is a species
24 of special concern in Pennsylvania. Third of all, the
25 population in Monroe County went from about 70,000 to

1 190,000. The population in Pike County doubled. The
2 population in Wayne County has doubled. And we've had
3 a year-long discussion on the snowshoe hare, and I
4 believe the Agency have put some really good
5 discussions in place to see what we can do to protect
6 the habitat.

7 But in good consciousness, I believe
8 that we should not have a full season. Our staff has
9 asked us to at least have some season so that we can
10 do some science. I would fully support a full season
11 in the northeast once we have an idea just how many
12 snowshoe hare are left and where they're at.

13 MR. SCHREFFLER:

14 May I ask Mr. Boyd some questions?

15 CHAIR:

16 Sure. Yeah. Go ahead. Mr. Schreffler.

17 MR. SCHREFFLER:

18 Mr. Boyd, has --- over the last five or
19 six years, what has been the population trend of the
20 varying hare in Pennsylvania?

21 MR. BOYD:

22 We really don't have population trending
23 information. We have had harvest information from our
24 game take survey, and it has been declining downward a
25 little over the past several decades, as well as the

1 number of hare hunters.

2 MR. SCHREFFLER:

3 And so it's not been regulated,
4 maintained over that period of time?

5 MR. BOYD:

6 I don't believe so.

7 MR. SCHREFFLER:

8 Okay. And have hunters been responsible
9 for that decline?

10 MR. BOYD:

11 As far as we know hunting has not been a
12 cause of the decline. It's a habitat issue, for the
13 most part. So it's a habitat issue.

14 MR. SCHREFFLER:

15 Okay.

16 MR. BOYD:

17 Commissioner, I could follow up with a
18 few things to add. I took my notes out. 2004, there
19 was 213 random sites across the state that were
20 evaluated, only 18 of them had any sign of a snowshoe
21 hare.

22 In 1980 we harvested 15,200. In the
23 year 2010 we harvested 1,030. I can give you all my
24 stats, if you'd like, with the population increases in
25 the gated communities that are in the Pocono region.

1 I would just rather take a more conservative approach,
2 have a season, but a shorter season, until we can have
3 some guarantees that we do, in fact, have populations
4 and where they're located. That's all.

5 MR. SCHREFFLER:

6 Thank you. Mr. Boyd, where do we get
7 most of our data from, when we get this? Is it from
8 the hunters? Is that where we're getting this data
9 from?

10 MR. BOYD:

11 Right. The game take surveys are a
12 random sample of about two percent of our hunters.

13 MR. SCHREFFLER:

14 Okay. So the longer season would
15 provide more data than the three-day?

16 MR. BOYD:

17 Not necessarily. I don't think it would
18 provide more data necessarily.

19 MR. SCHREFFLER:

20 Okay. Okay.

21 MR. BOYD:

22 But having some season certainly opens
23 the door for collecting some data. If the season is
24 closed we can't see anything.

25 MR. SCHREFFLER:

1 Okay. Thank you. Nothing further.

2 CHAIR:

3 Okay. Any further discussion? We have
4 a proposed amendment, the varying hare adding 3B, 3C,
5 3D for the dates of December 26th through December 28,
6 2013, daily limit one, possession limit two. All
7 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

8 ALL RESPOND AYE

9 CHAIR:

10 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

11 MR. PUTNAM:

12 Mr. President, the motion passed
13 unanimately.

14 CHAIR:

15 Thank you. Page six. Do I have any
16 amendments on page six? I would like to present one
17 amendment to page six. If you would look on --- under
18 turkey, male or female, the second line down where it
19 says WMU's 1A, 1B, 2A, 2D. I would like to strike 1B
20 from that list and add a separate line that says WMU
21 1B, November 2nd through November 9th and November
22 28th through November 30th. And, again, no change in
23 the bag limit or possession of one.

24 MR. SCHREFFLER:

25 I'll second that.

1 CHAIR:

2 Second, Commissioner Schreffler. Any
3 discussion? I would say this is being done ---. I'm
4 asking for this at the recommendation of our wild
5 turkey biologist in yesterday's presentation showing
6 that WMU 1B has shown trends over the last three or
7 four years of a decline in turkeys, and this meets our
8 Wild Turkey Management Plan strategy in that case.
9 Any further discussion on this? Commissioner Delaney?

10 MR. DELANEY:

11 I would ask that Commissioner Weaner
12 make a motion.

13 CHAIR:

14 Commissioner Weaner?

15 MR. WEANER:

16 Duly noted.

17 CHAIR:

18 Okay. Thank you. All those in favor of
19 the amended dates, please signify by saying aye.

20 ALL RESPOND AYE

21 CHAIR:

22 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

23 MR. PUTNAM:

24 Mr. President, motion passed
25 unanimously.

1 CHAIR:

2 Thank you. Page seven, migratory birds
3 and falconry. Is there any amendment to this page?
4 Thank you.

5 Page eight. Okay. Page eight, is there
6 any change or amendment to page eight?

7 MR. SCHREFFLER:

8 Yes, Mr. President.

9 CHAIR:

10 Commissioner Schreffler?

11 MR. SCHREFFLER:

12 Yes. I would like to offer an amendment
13 to the fourth listing on this page where it says deer
14 regular firearms, antlered to antlerless. And so I
15 would like to add WMU's 2C, 4B, 4D and 2G to that, and
16 to remove them from the section that says deer regular
17 firearms antlered only, which says December 2nd to the
18 6th. So I would be adding them to the sections of
19 December 2nd to December 14th, and removing them from
20 the section that says December 2nd to December 6th,
21 and I would ask that each of these WMUs be voted
22 separately.

23 CHAIR:

24 Okay. We have a motion, as you just
25 heard, to move four WMUs from antlered only to the

1 antlered, antlerless category. We will do this on a
2 separate, starting with 2C.

3 MR. PUTNAM:

4 I'll second. Do you want to start with
5 a second?

6 CHAIR:

7 Okay. Do I have a second on that?

8 MR. PUTNAM:

9 I'll second the motion.

10 CHAIR:

11 Commissioner Putnam, second. Any
12 discussion?

13 MR. WEANER:

14 Yes.

15 CHAIR:

16 Commissioner Weaner?

17 MR. WEANER:

18 Technically, to vote on them separately
19 you have to have a motion to split this motion, but
20 I'll let that up to you.

21 In general, I've been an advocate for
22 the position that --- that this advances. I've been
23 an advocate for maybe all of the WMUs concurrent. But
24 in the absence of what I see as enough Board support
25 to do that across the board, I think plucking out a

1 couple of them and changing them doesn't really
2 accomplish what we're interested in. I'm kind of into
3 doing all of them or do none of them. And so
4 therefore I'm going to vote no on this proposal, and
5 I'm going to urge the rest of you to vote no.

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CHAIR:

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Commissioner Schreffler?

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MR. SCHREFFLER:

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Yeah. Over the last two days we've
10 heard a number of testimonies requesting concurrent
11 antlered and antlerless seasons, and would recognize
12 that the concurrent season brings a lot of increased
13 opportunity to working adults and youth hunters. And
14 increasing the likelihood of successful youth hunters
15 keeps them engaged in hunting.

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Often the first Monday is a day off from
17 school. A lot of businessmen offer the first Monday
18 off, but then they have to work again on the Saturday.
19 Or the first Monday is recognized --- and the first
20 Monday is --- often is recognized as the best chance
21 to harvest a deer.

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Our research here at the Game Commission
23 has found that the hunter attitudes and satisfaction
24 is basically unchanged in the split seasons. And we
25 also found that many times the hunters are not

1 returning to the field during that second opening day
2 any better than they did before.

3 The concurrent seasons make it easier to
4 meet deer management goals also and mitigate severe
5 weather events that can really mess up our management
6 goal --- our management plans to meet those goals.
7 And also it's been mentioned that the does have less
8 times to change their behavior or movement patterns,
9 which increases the early success. Yesterday, and the
10 last few days, the KTVC actually testified that the
11 increased body weight, antler points, beam diameter
12 and spread is directly related to our 12-day
13 concurrent firearm season with the antler restrictions
14 and the DMAP.

15 So for the sake of a better deer
16 management and increased opportunity for the hunters,
17 I encourage everybody to vote for these amendments,
18 and find that the --- hunters are already voting for
19 this with their boots. They may be --- some of the
20 older hunters may be saying we want the old separate
21 split between antlered and antlerless. But when it
22 comes down to it, experience that I've seen, my
23 personal experience, and what I'm hearing from a lot
24 of hunters is that these hunters are migrating to the
25 concurrent season of WMUs to hunt that first week and

1 then going off to their other avenues, like they're
2 saving the deer in the split season for themselves.
3 And the number of cars in some of the parking lots ---
4 some of them increased dramatically during the other
5 concurrent seasons. So I think really, in reality,
6 that the hunters are voting with their actions, which
7 speak louder than the voices in many cases.

8 CHAIR:

9 Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler. I
10 think at this time ---. Let me add my two cents. I
11 agree with Commissioner Weaner on this. While I would
12 like to see statewide concurrent seasons, I don't
13 believe we are at that point yet. And when we are, I
14 would definitely support that. But until we are, I
15 prefer to have 11 WMUs concurrent and 11 WMUs split,
16 which is what we have at this point.

17 At this time I would like to have a vote
18 on the four WMUs.

19 MR. WEANER:

20 We still have some additional
21 discussion?

22 CHAIR:

23 Oh, I'm sorry.

24 MR. WEANER:

25 I'd like to respond to that.

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CHAIR:

I'm sorry.

MR. WEANER:

Yeah. Well, it would be nice if we could do that. Every year everybody says that same thing that --- you know, let's wait until we can do them all at once, but I don't see that happening. I'm sitting on a --- with a WMU here that's surrounded by split season and this has concurrent. And I'm asking, in the area where I am, to have concurrent around the WMU where I am getting a lot of noise from hunters who I represent.

When I look especially at the --- like 4B and 4D, you're going to see that the deer population in 4B is increasing and it's good. And the health of the deer there are stable. The forest is reasonably fair and stable in 4 --- or that's in 4D. I'm sorry, 4B. And in 4D, the population of the deer is stable there, and the deer health is stable. And the forest regeneration assessment was poor.

But these, it would certainly help to take some pressure off a WMU that sits in the middle here surrounded by these others, and would make a lot of hunters there happy that things would go back to more of a normal situation. So I'm going to ask ---

1 that's why I'm picking these out. I'm not picking
2 them out in a random --- here or there across the
3 state. But at least those two WMUs, I would like to
4 have some kind of concurrence by the rest of the Board
5 to help with this problem that I have. Thank you.

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CHAIR:

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Commissioner Putnam?

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MR. PUTNAM:

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I think both sides have made a good ---
10 some good points here, and I --- my feeling is we're
11 not quite ready to go to concurrent seasons statewide.
12 I do support the idea of having concurrent seasons,
13 it's a very valuable tool. One week of concurrent
14 seasons is still a valuable tool as opposed to going
15 to a separate three-day antlerless season, which we
16 had in the past. The more days we have to hunt
17 antlerless deer, the more stable our --- and more
18 predictable our kill is going to be. So one week of
19 concurrent season is somewhat of a compromise.

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I understand the issue of hunters
21 migrating across the lines, although I --- only to
22 some extent, because as a hunter I won't migrate
23 across the lines. I've hunted the same valley my
24 entire life, and I hunted it when it was really poor
25 habitat. And the only reason we would ever leave the

1 valley we were hunting is because we had some young
2 kids that we wanted them to see a doe, so we had to go
3 where some does --- some of those does were. So for
4 that reason I won't support this motion. If
5 Commissioner Schreffler wants to address an individual
6 WMU, you can make another motion and try that
7 approach.

8 CHAIR:
9 Commissioner Delaney?

10 MR. DELANEY:

11 I'm not going to support it, for the
12 following reasons: When I hear you mention a
13 specialist did the work, 51 percent supported split
14 seasons. So that's one percent more in support of
15 that, but basically we could say they're even. But
16 there's still 51 percent in support of it.

17 I think the antlerless allocations are
18 what drive our Deer Management Program. And when I
19 reflect back four or five years ago, 2G with
20 concurrent season, many sportsmen and nonresidents
21 were not able to get an antlerless tag. And when we
22 split, many of them were able to get it. And so I
23 think when we talk about opportunity, it comes in a
24 lot of different --- a lot of different variables. In
25 addition --- especially 2G with DMAP, I believe that

1 those that want a concurrent season, they have a DMAP
2 tag, they can still do that.

3 So for those reasons, and what
4 Commissioner Weaner and Commissioner Putnam had to
5 say, I'm just not going to support it for those
6 reasons.

7 CHAIR:

8 Commissioner Schreffler?

9 MR. SCHREFFLER:

10 I totally agree with Commissioner
11 Delaney, that allocation is what really drives the
12 numbers. Although, as I look at things and I'm not
13 sure, I have to go back and view ---. What it seems
14 to me is that a lot of the younger hunters, the ones
15 that we're trying to encourage and keep engaged, are
16 the ones who are moving to the concurrent season
17 areas, whereas some of the older hunters who
18 experienced the shortened antlerless seasons and have
19 remembered them from the past are the ones who stayed
20 where they are and haven't been really ---. And that
21 may be the reason for the 51 percent split that we're
22 talking about.

23 But I totally agree that the allocation
24 is what the --- is what drives this. It's just that
25 I ---. We keep saying that we're going to --- we'd

1 like concurrently to go there, and we keep putting it
2 off year after year. And I agree also with
3 Commissioner Delaney that there are certain special
4 circumstances in areas in which the split season is an
5 additional tool to use to help with the management
6 goals that we have.

7 In fact, I was the one who initially
8 began to talk about split seasons as an additional
9 tool --- toolbox of deer management to try to use them
10 and to help to initiate a study of the past. When I
11 look at it, you know, I'm --- you know, I've been ---.
12 When I looked at the success or failure of that split
13 season, I see there were some uses for it, but I also
14 see that the general overall split seasons program has
15 not been a success in our Deer Management --- in our
16 Deer Management Plan, our --- and our process.

17 So it's not that I totally disagree, but
18 I think that --- you know, again, there's a time and
19 place, and allocations. The number is what really
20 drives. It's not whether it's become concurrent or
21 whether it's split, it's the number to doe allocation
22 that really drive how many deer we're going to see out
23 there. Thank you.

24 CHAIR:

25 Thank you. Hearing the discussion, I'm

1 inclined to vote on all four at once and not split the
2 motion. Based on that, Commissioner Schreffler, would
3 you like to restate your motion?

4 MR. SCHREFFLER:

5 I still would like to at least draw one
6 thing out. At least maybe having a --- have a
7 separate vote on 4B, for instance, and ---.

8 CHAIR:

9 You can vote for four and you can
10 reintroduce another amendment.

11 MR. SCHREFFLER:

12 Okay. That's what I'll have to do.

13 CHAIR:

14 Yeah.

15 MR. SCHREFFLER:

16 Yeah. So I'll vote for four and then
17 I'll reintroduce that.

18 CHAIR:

19 Okay. At this time, we have a motion to
20 move those four WMUs from split to concurrent. We've
21 had discussion. All those in favor of the motion
22 signify by saying aye.

23 AYE RESPONDS

24 CHAIR:

25 Opposed?

1 NAYS RESPOND

2 CHAIR:

3 No. Mr. Secretary?

4 MR. PUTNAM:

5 Mr. President, the motion fails. Mr.
6 Schreffler was the only one voting in the affirmative.

7 CHAIR:

8 Thank you.

9 MR. SCHREFFLER:

10 Thank you. Mr. President, I would like
11 to restate another motion.

12 CHAIR:

13 Only if you promise the discussion won't
14 be quite so long.

15 MR. SCHREFFLER:

16 I vote for that. Okay. I would like to
17 add WMU 4B to deer regular firearms antlered and
18 antlerless season in the December 2nd to the 14th, and
19 remove it from the deer regular firearms antlered only
20 from December 2nd to December 6th.

21 And the reason for this is that
22 population increase has been good. The health is
23 stable in that area and the forest is fair, and I
24 think that this will provide the opportunity to better
25 manage the area.

1 CHAIR:

2 Thank you, Commissioner Schreffler. I
3 appreciate your brevity. We have a motion. Do I have
4 a second?

5 MR. PUTNAM:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR:

8 Commissioner Putnam, is there any
9 discussion on the motion to move 4B from split to
10 concurrent?

11 MR. WEANER:

12 Is that for the motion, the second?

13 CHAIR:

14 Discussion.

15 MR. WEANER:

16 Oh, discussion.

17 CHAIR:

18 All those in favor of the motion moving
19 4B from the split season antlered only, to antlered
20 and antlerless concurrent signify by saying aye.

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR:

23 Aye. Those opposed, nay?

24 NAYS RESPOND

25 CHAIR:

1 Are there any amendments to page ten?

2 Page 11? Any amendments to page 11?
3 That concludes the seasons and bag limits. At this
4 time we have an amended motion, which encompasses all
5 of Exhibit A, seasons and bag limits in your agenda.
6 If passed, pages 4 through 11, including amendments,
7 will be approved. Is there any discussion on any of
8 these items?

9 MR. SCHLEMMER:

10 Mr. President, can we have an
11 explanation of the changeup between the blue page
12 inserted and the previous white page that was in the
13 drafted agenda?

14 CHAIR:

15 Commissioner Hoover, would you like to
16 take that on, or Executive Director Roe? Commissioner
17 Hoover.

18 MR. ROE:

19 I'll do it. Basically what the change
20 was with the previous page, where it said deer,
21 flintlock, antlered or antlerless 26th to the 25th
22 from WMU's 2B, 2C and 5D, that basically remains the
23 same. But the deer, extended regular firearms
24 antlerless is limited to Allegheny County, Bucks,
25 Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia

1 Counties.

2 CHAIR:

3 That's it?

4 MR. ROE:

5 I'll speak to it. The intent is to put
6 greater pressure on the special regulation areas to
7 --- as part of the Urban Deer Management Program, is
8 to focus shotguns in that area. And anything outside
9 of special regulations area will be flintlock only,
10 and of course, the archery that goes with that. But I
11 believe the intent --- I'll speak for both of the
12 Commissioners is to, again, put greater pressure on
13 the special reg areas and alleviate some of that
14 pressure outside than --- put more pressure outside
15 the special regulation areas than inside.

16 And that's where we want the deer taken
17 more so. And that's the reason for those changes.
18 Would either one of you like to make a comment? Did I
19 hit it or ---?

20 MR. SCHLEMMER:

21 Yes. Correct. You're correct on that.

22 MR. ROE:

23 Okay.

24 MR. PUTNAM:

25 Thank you, Carl.

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CHAIR:

Thank you, Commissioner Putnam. Is there any other further discussion on accepting seasons or bag limits as amended? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by aye?

ALL RESPOND AYE

CHAIR:

Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

MR. PUTNAM:

Mr. President, the motion passes unanimously.

CHAIR:

Thank you.

MR. PUTNAM:

The next item before the Commission is from the Bureau of Wildlife Protection, and it concerns adopted rule making. Adoption of proposed amendments to Section 147.804 to amend that section relating to general --- to allow a mentor to transfer a valid DMAP permit issued to him to an eligible mentored youth upon the harvest of an antlerless deer. The text of this amendment appears on page 13 of your agenda.

CHAIR:

Thank you. Do I have a motion to adopt

1 the proposed amendments to Subsection 147.804,
2 allowing a mentor to transfer valid DMAP permit to an
3 eligible mentored youth as stated?

4 MR. HOOVER:

5 So move.

6 MR. WEANER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR:

9 Commissioner Hoover. Second,
10 Commissioner Weaner. Any discussion? Hearing none,
11 all those in favor, say aye.

12 ALL RESPOND AYE

13 CHAIR:

14 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

15 MR. PUTNAM:

16 Mr. President, the motion passes
17 unaniously.

18 CHAIR:

19 The next item in terms of proposed rule
20 making, the Commission has determined that the
21 complete eradication of feral swine and wild boar from
22 the wild within Pennsylvania is necessary to prevent
23 further harm to its natural resources, agricultural
24 industry, forest products industry, and threats to
25 human health and safety.

1 The Commission has previously
2 promulgated an Executive Order to remove protection
3 for feral swine. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court
4 declared that the Commission has jurisdiction over
5 matters relating to wild boars, a member of the family
6 Suidae, and also a feral swine --- in the case of
7 Seeton v. PGC, 937 A.2d 1028, in 2007.

8 The Commission is proposing to remove
9 protection for feral swine and wild boar statewide,
10 wherever found, in order to protect the natural
11 resources of the Commonwealth, its traditional
12 agricultural and forest products industries, and to
13 mitigate threats to human health and safety.

14 The Commission is also proposing to
15 prohibit the importation, possession and release into
16 the wild of feral swine and wild boar to further these
17 ends. The text of this change is shown on pages 14
18 and 15 of your agenda.

19 MR. WEANER:

20 So move.

21 CHAIR:

22 Commissioner Weaner?

23 MR. WEANER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR:

1 Commissioner Putnam, is there any
2 discussion?

3 MR. PUTNAM:

4 Yes, Mr. President. I have a --- I
5 guess we need to follow through with the motion that's
6 at play and I'd like to interject a similar but
7 different motion. So procedurally, how can we do
8 that?

9 MR. WEANER:

10 Are you going to make an amendment?

11 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

12 You would have to make an amendment
13 first or new business.

14 CHAIR:

15 Or what, Counselor?

16 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

17 Or new business.

18 MR. DELANEY:

19 Okay. I'm going to propose a motion to
20 table this until the April meeting.

21 MR. PUTNAM:

22 Is there a second?

23 MR. HOOVER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR:

1 Okay. So I have Commissioner Delaney
2 proposing to table this. Commissioner Hoover seconded
3 it. Is there any discussion on the amendment to
4 table?

5 MR. SCHLEMMER:

6 Commissioner, could you explain to me
7 what you're tabling this for?

8 MR. DELANEY:

9 Yes. I believe this is --- it's an
10 extremely difficult and volatile issue that involves
11 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. It involved the
12 livelihood of 20 or 30 farms from across the state,
13 and it also involves the environment. I fully support
14 what we have said we want to do, and that's to
15 eradicate feral swine from Pennsylvania.

16 But with that said, there was a letter
17 from Senator Scarnati asking are we interested to meet
18 with those folks that have businesses in Pennsylvania,
19 in light of public testimony here on Sunday afternoon,
20 and a request from what seems to be a very genuine
21 person who said that we're going to put him out of
22 business.

23 And in light of the discussion that
24 Commissioner Putnam had with the gentleman about some
25 things that might be able to be done, I would just

1 like to give this another month or two for discussion.
2 And if nothing comes out of it, I will fully be
3 willing to support in its entirety what's written
4 here.

5 But I would like to see Agency Staff and
6 some of these pig farmers just have some more
7 discussion, just in light of what I've learned from
8 Commissioner Putnam and what I learned during public
9 comment. And I thought that's why we had these
10 meetings to elicit public comment and move on it.

11 So that's my opinion. I realize we want
12 to eradicate them. I get that, but we have people
13 that it's their livelihood. We have the environment
14 to be concerned about. And we have the Supreme Court
15 has told this agency, you manage it, you handle it and
16 you do it. I like what's written here. I agree with
17 what's written and what's in place for us to move
18 forward. I just would like to see one last chance to
19 have these 20 or 30 businesses across the state have
20 direct a conversation with Agency Staff. If that
21 doesn't work out, then I'm willing to move forward
22 with this at our April meeting in its entirety.

23 CHAIR:

24 Commissioner Weaner?

25 COMMISSIONER WEANER:

1 I think that we can accomplish what Mr.
2 Delaney would like to accomplish by voting yes on this
3 motion now. It has to be voted on twice. And so at
4 some later date, be it April, be it the June meeting,
5 after we've accomplished the things that he's
6 suggesting, we can then vote on it for the final time.

7 I think it could just be not the right thing to do to
8 just push it off now. I think we need to put the vote
9 on it once now. We can do all those things. We can
10 vote on it a second time. I strongly urge you to vote
11 yes on this motion --- or excuse me, you'll vote no on
12 the motion to table.

13 MR. DELANEY:

14 And if that --- if that can be
15 accomplished in what Commissioner Weaner said, I'm
16 more than willing to move forward with it. But we
17 have on the record at least what my position is, and
18 maybe I can get the other Commissioners' thoughts.
19 Commissioner Schlemmer?

20 MR. SCHLEMMER:

21 I totally agree with the Commissioner on
22 --- in regards to, we do want to eradicate, frankly,
23 the feral swine, all the problems. And I tend to
24 agree with Commissioner Delaney about moving forward
25 on this motion to give a little time, possibly table

1 it, and bring it up at our work session coming up and
2 make a final decision when we move on to our April
3 meetings.

4 CHAIR:

5 Commissioner Putnam?

6 MR. PUTNAM:

7 The Court Decision has put the Game
8 Commission in a bad position here, in that it's
9 forcing us to regulate animals that are reported to be
10 agriculture animals inside a fence. That's not our
11 business, and it's not something we should be spending
12 our resources on regulating these inside the fence.

13 We do need to protect the resources
14 outside that fence. And we have millions or billions
15 of dollars at risk in damages from these animals,
16 should they become fully established in the wild. So
17 the Game Commission has a very serious duty to keep
18 that from happening. Under the Court Decision that
19 tells us we have to regulate inside the fence, this
20 proposal is about the only thing that we can do with
21 the tools that we have available to us. It's not a
22 good solution, but it's the best that we can do.

23 So I would hope that we could come up
24 with --- that someone else can maybe come up with
25 another alternative to the proposal that we have here.

1 But with the tools we have available to us, this is
2 about --- this is what we're going to have to end up
3 doing. I think by voting on it now and allowing at
4 least three months to work it out before our next
5 vote, I think that will give us the opportunity to
6 show that we're very serious about pressing the issue
7 that the Court mandated us to address and yet allow at
8 least another three months to try to work out a better
9 solution.

10 CHAIR:

11 Commissioner Schreffler?

12 MR. SCHREFFLER:

13 Yes. This problem has been going on for
14 some time, and it's been practically a year or more, a
15 year at least, that these people had notice. And I
16 don't see that giving them more time is going to
17 change anything really. And there are other
18 strategies for them to use so that they don't go out
19 of business. And I'm just concerned about our
20 responsibilities to the Court and our responsibilities
21 to the wild population with the animals that we have
22 under our jurisdiction. And I urge everyone to vote
23 against the motion to table and for the motion with
24 that presentation. Thank you.

25 CHAIR:

1 And I'd like to put in my two cents as
2 well. I know that we put out an Executive Order last
3 March, so this isn't any news or surprise to the
4 commercial hunting industry, but I think we have an
5 enormous obligation to our sportsmen to protect the
6 habitat in Pennsylvania, and wild boars present an
7 extreme threat to that.

8 Whether we get to the point where this
9 all goes into effect or there's some modification down
10 the road, fine. But I would urge the Board at this
11 time not to table this proposal, to pass it, and then
12 we will hear from all interested parties between now
13 and the April meeting.

14 Commissioner Delaney?

15 MR. DELANEY:

16 If I withdraw the motion to table it, do
17 we have some assurances that we'll meet with the
18 industry before the April meeting?

19 CHAIR:

20 I'm not in a position to assure
21 something is ---.

22 MR. ROE:

23 Yes.

24 CHAIR:

25 Oh, I change my mind, yes.

1 MR. ROE:

2 You know, this is not a rush to
3 judgment. I mean, we had Mr. Dee and the Foor family
4 appear in the April Commission meeting last year and
5 present their views. We had testimony in the June
6 Commission meeting on feral swine and wild boar on
7 this very issue. And as I recall, we even had it up
8 in Franklin. So we've been at this almost 15 ---
9 before it was all said and done, it was 15 months
10 before this was finally adopted in April --- or in
11 June, whatever the case may be, for the industry to
12 come forward. They have come forward. We heard their
13 testimony. The question is, is that sufficient enough
14 for you to change your mind about this, and then we go
15 back into court to have it decided somewhere down the
16 line.

17 But the element of time has been there
18 for the industry to appear, and they have appeared
19 before us. Mr. Dee has been before us twice, as a
20 matter of fact. But having said that, we will
21 outreach to those people one more time to see if we
22 can help them solve their individual problems. Not
23 that we will --- I'm not sure if we'll be able to do
24 that.

25 MR. DELANEY:

1 Okay. Director Roe, based on what you
2 have to say, based on what the rest of the Board of
3 Commissioners have to say, I'm glad that we had this
4 dialogue and this discussion. And based on that, I'll
5 withdraw the motion to table this.

6 CHAIR:

7 Thank you. So we would be back to their
8 original motion to adopt the proposed amendments to
9 Subsection 137.35, as stated in our agenda. We had
10 Commissioner Weaner, and seconded by Commissioner
11 Putnam. Is there any further discussion at this time?
12 Hearing none, all those in favor, say aye.

13 ALL RESPOND AYE

14 CHAIR:

15 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

16 MR. PUTNAM:

17 Mr. President, the motion passed
18 unanimously.

19 CHAIR:

20 Thank you.

21 MR. PUTNAM:

22 The next item before the Commission is
23 the proposal from Section 141.4 to replace the current
24 hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting hours
25 table to accurately reflect the dates and hours of

1 legal hunting for the 2013 to 2014 hunting year.

2 The Commission at this time is also
3 proposing to add feral swine and wild boar to the list
4 of species that may be lawfully taken during the
5 regular antlered and antlerless deer seasons and
6 expand references to the seasons during which coyotes
7 may be hunted to big game in order to maintain
8 consistency with Section 139.4, relating to seasons
9 and bag limits for the license year. The text is
10 shown on pages 16 through 18 of your agenda.

11 CHAIR:

12 Do I have a motion to adopt the proposed
13 amendments as stated?

14 MR. SCHREFFLER:

15 So move.

16 CHAIR:

17 Commissioner Schreffler.

18 MR. HOOVER:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR:

21 Commissioner Hoover. Any discussion at
22 this time? All those in favor, say aye.

23 ALL RESPOND AYE

24 CHAIR:

25 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

1 MR. PUTNAM:

2 Mr. President, motion passed
3 unanimously.

4 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

5 The next item before the Commission,
6 Pennsylvania Bureau of Information and Education.
7 This is proposed rule making to create a new section
8 in 58 Pa. Code Section 143.12. This section will
9 propose changes to provide future hunter education
10 program flexibility and will enable implementation of
11 planned improvements to the hunter education
12 replacement training certificate process by providing
13 for online fulfillment capabilities. This will result
14 in a significant improvement to customer service. The
15 text is shown on page 19 of your agenda.

16 CHAIR:

17 Thank you. Do I have a motion to amend
18 the proposed subsection 143.12 as stated?

19 MR. SCHLEMMER:

20 So move.

21 CHAIR:

22 Commissioner Schlemmer.

23 MR. SCHREFFLER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR:

1 who had that very problem. And they had hunted in a
2 state like Montana in the past where they didn't ask
3 them for their hunter education kit. And this year
4 they ended up in Colorado where they require them to
5 have it, and they didn't carry it with them. And they
6 called me back here and tried to get that call in to
7 get this, and of course they couldn't start hunting,
8 and didn't find out until right before.

9 And so it was difficult, took time and
10 --- for us to do that. And so I thought this is an
11 excellent service to our hunters. Over the years ---
12 this will go back to, what, '86, 1986, I believe.

13 MR. NEVILLE:

14 We can fulfill things before that with
15 an affidavit. But yes, we --- in our database we have
16 records back to '86 --- since '86, so ---.

17 MR. SCHREFFLER:

18 Since '86, so --- and you know, over the
19 years those things have been lost in the laundry and
20 everywhere else. And some of them have had documents
21 --- hunter courses completed in school, and went to
22 school stuff, and so on, so it's a real problem. So I
23 think this is a real, real good service for our
24 sportsmen who find it more and more necessary to have
25 this.

1 CHAIR:

2 Thank you. Any further discussion? All
3 those in favor, say aye.

4 ALL RESPOND AYE

5 CHAIR:

6 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

7 MR. PUTNAM:

8 Mr. President, the motion passes
9 unanimately.

10 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

11 The next matter before the Commission is
12 a donation of real estate, Contract Number 3621, State
13 Game Lands Number 156, Lebanon County. Gary L. and
14 Kathy S. Andrews are offering a donation of three
15 tracts comprised of 12 acres of land in South Lebanon
16 Township, Lebanon County, adjoining State Game Land
17 Number 156, as shown on Exhibit RED 1 on page 21 of
18 your agenda. The three undeveloped parcels are
19 forested with mixed hardwoods and have mountain laurel
20 and blackberry in the understory.

21 CHAIR:

22 Thank you. Do I have a motion to accept
23 the acquisition of land that was described by Contract
24 3621?

25 MR. HOOVER:

1 So move.

2 MR. SCHLEMMER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR:

5 Commissioner Hoover, Commissioner
6 Schlemmer. Is there any discussion? All those in
7 favor, signify by saying aye.

8 ALL RESPOND AYE.

9 CHAIR:

10 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

11 MR. PUTNAM:

12 Mr. President, the motion passes
13 unanimately.

14 MR. SCHREFFLER:

15 The next item before the Commission
16 concerns the acquisition of four tracts. Contract
17 Number 3622, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
18 offers for sale 40 acres of land in Springfield
19 Township, Erie County, within State Game Lands Number
20 314, which is shown on exhibit RED 2, on page 23 of
21 your agenda. This is a material parcel. The option
22 price is \$41,912 lump sum, of which \$23,000 will be
23 paid from the Game Fund, and the remainder shall be
24 paid with funds from third-party commitments for
25 compensation of habitat and recreational losses which

1 occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved
2 projects.

3 WPC is working in conjunction with U.S.
4 Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire the property
5 through joint funding, available through the Great
6 Lakes Restoration Initiative, Joint Venture Habitat
7 Restoration Protection Grant.

8 Approximately 24 acres of the property
9 are reverting old fields with woolgrass, staghorn
10 sumac, silky dogwood and greenbrier. Thirteen (13)
11 acres are forested with northern hardwoods,
12 predominately oak, red maple and ash, and the
13 remaining three acres are in agricultural fields that
14 are tillable in drier years.

15 The property is located within an
16 Important Bird Area and at least three species of
17 special concern are located on or near the property.
18 It is bisected by a Conrail Railroad right-of-way.
19 There is a small section of a tributary to Turkey
20 Creek on the property. Access to the property is from
21 Lynch Road, TR 473.

22 The Commission and the Western
23 Pennsylvania Conservancy have mutually agreed that no
24 use of the surface for oil and gas exploration
25 production, removal, or sale shall be allowed on the

1 property.

2 The second acquisition is Contract
3 Number 3623, Klondike Timber Resources is offering for
4 sale 500 acres of land in Liberty Township, McKean
5 County, adjoining State Game Land Number 61, shown on
6 Exhibit RED 3 on page 24 of the agenda. The option
7 price is \$400,000 lump sum, to be paid with funds from
8 third-party commitments.

9 There is an excellent regenerating
10 northern hardwoods forest habitat with small natural
11 openings. All timber, except conifers, is reserved
12 until January 1st, 2015. During this time period the
13 holder of the timber reservation will consult with the
14 Commission with regard to the placement of any new
15 roads, log landings and shall revegetate and reseed
16 new roads and log landings per Commission
17 specifications.

18 Located on the property are the
19 headwaters of Scaffold Lick Run and there's a wetland
20 pond in the middle of the tract. There is access to
21 the property from a deeded 30-foot right-of-way from
22 TR or T-408, Stang Hollow --- Strang Hollow Road.

23 Third acquisition is from Joshua and
24 Vivian First, offering for sale 99 acres of land in
25 Howard Township, Centre County, an interior property

1 in State Game Land Number 323, as shown on Exhibit RED
2 4, on page 26 of your agenda. The option price is
3 \$315,000 lump sum, which shall be paid with escrowed
4 funds from a prior land exchange on State Game Land
5 Number 176 with the Pennsylvania State University, and
6 requires approval from the United States Fish and
7 Wildlife Service.

8 The property is adjacent to the U.S.
9 Army Corps of Engineers Foster Joseph Sayers Dam
10 property and near Bald Eagle State Park. The property
11 is made up of early successional forested habitat.
12 Access into the property is from a 15-foot and a 50-
13 foot width right-of-way, which leads to Old Route 220,
14 Township Road 663.

15 And the last acquisition is Contract
16 Number 3625, State Game Land Number 281, Perry County.
17 Earl F. Evans Estate is offering for sale 46 acres of
18 land, located within State Game Land Number 281, as
19 shown on exhibit RED 5 on page 27 of your agenda. The
20 option price is \$127,000, lump sum to be paid from the
21 Game Fund. The tract is forested with mixed northern
22 hardwoods and an unnamed stream crosses the northern
23 edge of the property onto existing State Game Land and
24 into the Juniata River. There is an access from a 50-
25 foot wide right-of-way from Township Road T-449.

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CHAIR:

Thank you. Do I have a motion to accept the acquisition of land by Contracts 3622, 3623, 3624 and 3625?

MR. DELANEY:

So move.

MR. WEANER:

Second.

CHAIR:

Commissioner Delaney. Seconded, Commissioner Weaner. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

ALL RESPOND AYE

CHAIR:

Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

MR. PUTNAM:

Mr. President, the motion passes unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

Next before the Commission are three land exchanges. The first one is Contract Number 3626. The Southwest Region has requested a land exchange with B & A Development Company to construct a road and parking lot for hunters on State Game Land Number 79, Cambria County --- Cambria Township,

1 Cambria County, as shown on Exhibit RED 6 on page 29
2 of your agenda.

3 In the exchange, B & A Development
4 Company acquires .43 acres from State Game Land Number
5 79 to increase the area behind their property, and the
6 Commission gains .43 acres from B & A Development
7 Company to include road frontage along Township Road
8 450, Allie Buck Road. This land exchange will allow
9 for much needed access into a portion of State Game
10 Land Number 79 which is currently inaccessible.

11 Contract Number 3627, Williams Ohio
12 Valley Midstream, LLC is offering 167 acres located
13 near State Game Land Number 302, in West Finley
14 Township, Washington County, as shown on Exhibit RED
15 7, on page 30 of your agenda, in lieu of the habitat
16 and surface damages for a right-of-way license that
17 will allow Williams Ohio Valley Midstream, LLC the
18 privilege of constructing a 12 inch gas pipeline
19 across State Game Land Number 245, in West Finley
20 Township, Washington County, as shown on Exhibit RED 8
21 on page 31 of your agenda.

22 The property is forested with mixed
23 hardwoods. Access is from Jackson Road. The pipeline
24 will be on a right-of-way 75-foot wide with an
25 additional 25 feet in width for temporary construction

1 area, and will traverse approximately 5,239 feet
2 through State Game Land Number 245, along with the use
3 of approximately 4,495 feet of existing roadway needed
4 to construct and maintain the pipeline.

5 The third exchange, Contract Number
6 3628, involves the Pennsylvania Department of
7 Transportation, which has agreed to transfer exclusive
8 jurisdictional control of a 2.688 acre indenture into
9 State Game Land Number 46 in Elizabeth and Clay
10 Townships, Lancaster County, as shown on Exhibit RED 9
11 on page 32 of your agenda.

12 In exchange, PennDOT is proposing the
13 creation of a Stage Game Land Bank for their District
14 8-0 service area to offset permanent impacts to
15 existing State Game Lands from future highway
16 projects. The property is forested with mixed
17 hardwoods, and Seglock Run flows the length of the
18 property. Access is from both Laurel Drive to the
19 north and Seglock Road.

20 CHAIR:

21 Thank you. Do I have a motion to accept
22 the acquisition of land?

23 MR. SCHLEMMER:

24 So move.

25 CHAIR:

1 Commissioner Schlemmer.

2 MR. HOOVER:

3 Second. Second.

4 CHAIR:

5 Second Commissioner Hoover. Any
6 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

7 ALL RESPOND AYE

8 CHAIR:

9 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

10 MR. PUTNAM:

11 Mr. President, motion passes
12 unanimately.

13 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

14 The next item before the Commission is
15 Contract Number 3629. The following item was voted on
16 notationally and was voted 7 to 0. Carl G. Clark and
17 Estelle Clark, husband and wife, and Harold H.
18 Wolfinger and Connie Wolfinger, husband and wife
19 offered for sale three tracts of land totaling 3,031
20 acres of land in Elk and Cameron Counties, as shown on
21 Exhibit RED 10 on page 34 of your agenda.

22 Two tracts, a 982-acre tract and a
23 997.2-acre tract are in the City of Saint Marys, Elk
24 County and adjoin State Game Land Number 293, and the
25 third, a 1,052-acre tract in Shippen Township, Cameron

1 County, adjoins Elk State Forest. The option price
2 was \$3 million lump sum to be paid with funds from
3 third-party commitments for compensation of habitat
4 and recreational losses, which occurred on State Game
5 Lands from previously approved projects. The property
6 is predominately forested with mixed hardwoods and
7 harbors Little Clear Creek, Seeley Hollow Run, and
8 several other clean water tributaries and associated
9 riparian corridors. The sellers are reserving on the
10 Cameron County 1,052-acre tract all timber, not to
11 include conifers, birch and beech upon the land, with
12 the right to cut and remove said timber until January
13 1st, 2019. The sellers requested the Commission
14 purchase the property by December 31st, 2012. And
15 this is an information item. No action is required.

16 The next item also before the Commission
17 is the purchase of property at tax sale, Contract
18 3620. Subject to certain limitations, the Code
19 authorizes the Director to bid on real estate, oil,
20 gas or mineral rights at auction or tax sale.
21 Successful bids must be made known to the general
22 public at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the
23 Board of Commissioners.

24 On August 17th, 2012 the Commission was
25 the successful bidder at a tax sale held at the

1 Cambria County Courthouse, and purchased the mineral
2 rights on two tracts located within State Game Land
3 Number 108, in Reade and Dean Townships, Cambria
4 County. The Commission has now been successful in
5 acquiring Parcel Numbers 04-049-034, which is 104
6 acres of C coal seam for \$5,000, and Parcel Number 09-
7 020-002, 240 acres of all minerals except the C coal
8 seam for \$1,200 as shown on Exhibit RED 11 on page 36
9 of your agenda. This, again, is an information item
10 with no action required.

11 The next item to come before the
12 Commission concerns the settlement of the State Game
13 Lands Number 158, Cambria and Blair Counties. Before
14 the Commission is a proposed settlement of a dispute,
15 whereby the Commission will quitclaim 17 acres to
16 Michael Endress in return for a quitclaim from Mr.
17 Endress with regard to approximately 190 acres, an
18 interior to State Game Lands Number 158 in Reade
19 Township, Cambria County. Both of these properties
20 are shown on Exhibit RED 12, on page 30 of your
21 agenda.

22 A Quiet Title was filed by the
23 Commission against Mr. Endress, and Mr. Endress has
24 proposed a land exchange to settle the dispute and
25 vest full title in the 190 acres of land to the

1 Commission. The settlement will entail the granting
2 to Mr. Endress of the 17 acres.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you. Do I have a motion to accept
5 the settlement of dispute on State Game Lands 158
6 Cambria/Blair Counties as described?

7 MR. SCHREFFLER:

8 So move.

9 CHAIR:

10 Commissioner Schreffler. Second?

11 MR. HOOVER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR:

14 Commissioner Hoover. Any discussion?
15 Under discussion, and while we're --- this is our
16 last, I think, land owner before we hit the OGM, I
17 would like to compliment Bureau Director Capouillez.
18 The preceding pages were multiple land deals with
19 many, many acres. And if anybody in the audience or
20 at home has done any type of land purchase, you
21 realize how time-consuming and frustrating it is. And
22 this Bureau handles this on a daily/weekly basis. And
23 they came to us today with multiple purchases, and I
24 just want to compliment you on your accomplishments.
25 Every meeting it seems like you pull off more and more

1 miracles, so I would like to thank you for those
2 efforts. It's always nice to come to this part of the
3 agenda.

4 MR. CAPOUILLEZ:

5 And certainly the credit goes to the
6 staff and the regions. I mean, there's a lot of
7 people involved in getting these to fruition. Thank
8 you, sir.

9 CHAIR:

10 Thank you. Not hearing any discussion,
11 all those in favor, say aye.

12 ALL RESPOND AYE

13 CHAIR:

14 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

15 MR. PUTNAM:

16 Mr. President, the motion passes
17 unanimously.

18 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

19 The next item before the Commission is a
20 Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative
21 Agreement, Tract 232A-12, State Game Land 232,
22 Washington County. The Commission offered its oil and
23 gas ownership under a portion of State Game Land
24 Number 232, in Donegal and Independence Townships,
25 Washington County, for non-surface use oil and gas

1 development by a competitive royalty bid.

2 Tract 232A-12, as shown on Exhibit OGM 1
3 on page 40 of your agenda, which contains
4 approximately 1,201.33 acres, was announced for
5 competitive royalty bid in October of 2012, with a
6 one-time bonus/rental payment of \$2,500 per acre for a
7 one year paid up primary term agreement. The minimum
8 royalty was set at 18 percent for all oil, gas, and
9 condensate produced and sold from under the premises.

10 Oil and gas development will be
11 regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas
12 Regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted
13 Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement. The
14 bonus payment of \$3,003,325, shall be deposited into
15 an interest bearing escrow account for the future
16 purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses
17 incidental to hunting, furtaking and wildlife resource
18 management.

19 Bids were opened on November 2nd, 2012,
20 with Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC of Oklahoma City,
21 Oklahoma submitting the highest royalty bid of 23.25
22 percent of the value of oil, gas, and condensate
23 produced and sold from under the premises. The
24 results of the royalty bid are listed on page 39 of
25 your agenda.

1 CHAIR:

2 Do I have a motion to accept the
3 Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Agreement on Tract
4 232A-12, located on State Game Lands 232, Washington
5 County?

6 MR. WEANER:

7 So move.

8 CHAIR:

9 Commissioner Weaner. Second?

10 MR. HOOVER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR:

13 Commissioner Hoover. Is there any
14 discussion? All those in favor say aye.

15 ALL RESPOND AYE

16 CHAIR:

17 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

18 MR. PUTNAM:

19 Mr. President, motion passes
20 unaniously.

21 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

22 The next item also concerns a Restricted
23 Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement, Tract
24 150A-12, State Game Land Number 150, Lawrence County.
25 The Commission offered its oil and gas ownership under

1 State Game Land Number 150 in Pulaski Township,
2 Lawrence County, for a non-surface use oil and gas
3 development by a competitive royalty bid. Tract 150A-
4 12, as shown on Exhibit OGM 2, on page 42, containing
5 approximately 586 acres, was announced for competitive
6 royalty bid in October 2012, with a one-time bonus
7 rental payment of \$3,250 per acre for a five year paid
8 up agreement, and a minimum bid of 20 percent royalty.

9 Oil and gas development will be
10 regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas
11 regulations and the Commission's Standard Restricted
12 Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement. The
13 bonus payment of \$1,904,522.75 shall be deposited into
14 an interest bearing escrow account for the future
15 purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses
16 incidental to hunting, furtaking and wildlife resource
17 management.

18 Bids for this tract were opened on
19 November 8, 2012, with HilCorp Energy Company of
20 Houston, Texas submitting the highest royalty bid of
21 20 percent of the value of oil, gas and condensate
22 produced and sold from under the premises. The
23 results of the royalty bid are shown on page 41 of
24 your agenda.

25 MR. WEANER:

1 So move.

2 CHAIR:

3 Commissioner Weaner. Second?

4 MR. HOOVER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR:

7 Commissioner Hoover. Is there any
8 discussion? I would like --- I'm sorry, Commissioner
9 Putnam.

10 MR. PUTNAM:

11 I would like to propose --- we had
12 testimony yesterday from several people regarding this
13 lease, and they seem to have a few things that weren't
14 exactly correct. Can you comment on that? I think
15 you talked to them since the testimony.

16 MR. CAPOUILLEZ:

17 Yes, sir. We received several comments,
18 both phone and e-mail with regard to ---. Well, more
19 than several. I mean, we received quite a few. And
20 in fact, I did talk to I believe the same lady that
21 had testified, Carrie Vaughn, with regard to the
22 situation out there. And my comments to her are going
23 to be similar to what I'm going to answer your
24 question as. This area, if you look at page 42 of
25 your agenda, you can see that both of these tracts are

1 relatively small, and I'd say like 350 acres or less.

2 And when you're looking at a non-surface
3 use lease, both of these areas can be drilled from
4 adjoining properties privately. In fact, this
5 particular company had a very strong leasehold in and
6 around the Game Commission's properties. For us to do
7 nothing here --- under the rule of capture they could
8 very easily, in their bylaws and rules and their
9 fracking processes, take our gas. And the sportsmen
10 and the wildlife resource is not realizing the value
11 of that.

12 Again, non-surface use leases, a lot of
13 the comments that we received were with regard to
14 fracking as opposed to this particular lease scenario,
15 more towards the fracking process. We try to limit
16 all of our impacts on Game Lands, as you well know,
17 both in well pad locations as well as the uses of the
18 Game Lands. The fracking issue, in and of itself, is
19 a Department of Environmental Protection issue. Oil
20 and gas regulations oversee how that process goes
21 forward. If there are any constituents in the
22 fracking fluids that are harmful or pollutant,
23 certainly if that occurs on Game Lands we have the
24 ability to do something with regard to that. But as
25 far as the overall oversight and regulation, it's

1 DEP's charge to do that. So I did explain that to
2 Mrs. Vaughn, as well as anyone else who has called in.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you. Thank you. And that was
5 basically the question I was going to ask, because,
6 you know, this is within 15, 20 miles of where I live.
7 I know there's always local concern. And I appreciate
8 your response, and I think it's very, very acceptable.
9 Having done many of these, approved many of these
10 leases, I know the Game Commission is very careful and
11 cognizant of the issues and does a good job. So we
12 appreciate your input.

13 MR. PUTNAM:

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR:

16 Any further discussion? Hearing none,
17 all those in favor, say aye.

18 ALL RESPOND AYE

19 CHAIR:

20 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

21 MR. PUTNAM:

22 Mr. President, the motion passes
23 unanimately.

24 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

25 The next item before the Commission

1 concerns an underground mine surface support lease
2 amendment. Rosebud Mining Company, known as Rosebud,
3 of Kittanning, PA, has requested an amendment to
4 extend the existing underground mining agreement with
5 the Commission for an additional five-year period in
6 order to continue underground coal mine operations and
7 remove an estimated 700,000 tons of remaining coal
8 reserves.

9 All terms and conditions of the original
10 lease remain the same and deep mine operations will
11 continue with all rights as previously granted, on the
12 tract shown on Exhibit OGM 3 on page 44 of your
13 agenda. There will be no additional surface impacts to
14 the Game Land. Rosebud will continue to pay wheelage
15 to the Commission at a rate of one percent of the
16 F.O.B. pit price of all coal removed from beneath and
17 transported over State Game Land Number 79.

18 The Commission and Martin L. Bearer,
19 t/d/b/a North Cambria Fuel Company consummated a 15
20 year lease agreement dated March 3rd, 1998. The lease
21 was transferred to Rosebud Mining Company on October
22 14th, 2009. The existing lease will expire on March
23 3rd, 2013, however Rosebud estimates that underground
24 mining activities will continue for another three to
25 five years, and therefore requests a five-year

1 extension to the term of the lease. If approved, the
2 expiration date of the lease will be March 3rd, 2018.

3 Mining will be regulated by the
4 Commonwealth's Mining Regulations and the Commission's
5 existing lease agreement. In addition, the lease
6 includes a wildlife habitat reclamation and
7 revegetation plan developed by the local Land
8 Management Group Supervisor.

9 CHAIR:

10 Thank you. Is there a motion to accept
11 the Restricted Underground Mine Surface Support Lease
12 Agreement?

13 MR. WEANER:

14 So move.

15 CHAIR:

16 Commissioner Weaner. Second?

17 MR. HOOVER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR:

20 Commissioner Hoover. Is there any
21 discussion?

22 MR. DELANEY:

23 Yes.

24 CHAIR:

25 Yes, Mr. Delaney.

1 MR. DELANEY:

2 Just looking at this, I can see that
3 we're getting some remunerations back from it. But
4 one percent of the F.O.B. tip price in the coal
5 removal, is there a guesstimate of what those numbers
6 would be or is that not on table yet --- a table?

7 MR. PUTNAM:

8 I mean, I can check with Mike on exact
9 numbers. I want to say that's estimated around
10 \$800,000 just by them driving across our property.
11 That particular lease was initially a surface mine
12 lease. The area has been since reclaimed,
13 revegetated, open to hunting. I have friends that
14 hunt out there, and are very successful with hunting
15 out there. The coal does not belong to us. And so
16 the company in facing up there is actually mine
17 reserve that is --- they're through the Game
18 Commission properties underground, and they're on a
19 private property. Again, none of the coal belongs to
20 us. And the public is well aware of the operations.
21 It's just the continuation to allow for them to
22 continue to take the coal out and pass a wheelage. I
23 can tell you that that one percent F.O.B. pit price
24 for wheelage is very high. From an industry
25 perspective, it's probably unprecedented.

1 CHAIR:

2 Okay. Thank you. Any further
3 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

4 ALL RESPOND AYE

5 CHAIR:

6 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

7 MR. PUTNAM:

8 Mr. President, the motion passes
9 unanimately.

10 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

11 In the next item before the Commission:
12 Chevron Appalachia, LLC. Chevron has requested to
13 amend an existing Commission-approved oil and gas
14 lease to tract 223A-08 in Dunkard Township, Greene
15 County. Tract 223A-08 is located on a portion of
16 State Game Land Number 223, and currently consists of
17 2,031 acres.

18 Chevron proposes to amend the lease by
19 adding an additional 33.983 acres to the agreement, as
20 shown on Exhibit OGM 4 on page 46 of your agenda. The
21 Commission owns the surface and 50 percent of the
22 underlying oil and gas rights. Chevron has leased a
23 privately-owned oil and gas rights and agreed to non-
24 surface use on this portion of the Game Land. The
25 terms and conditions of the lease will remain

1 consistent with the existing agreement, approved by
2 the Commission in April 2008, except the bonus payment
3 will be increased from \$125 per acre to \$1,500 per
4 acre for the amended acreage.

5 This bonus payment will be deposited
6 into an interest bearing escrow account for future
7 purchase of oil and gas lands or other uses incidental
8 to hunting wildlife and resource management. Oil and
9 gas development will be regulated by the
10 Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations, and the
11 Commission's existing Oil and Gas Lease Agreement,
12 which is currently in place.

13 CHAIR:

14 Is there a motion to approve the
15 restricted oil and gas lease amendment?

16 MR. WEANER:

17 So move.

18 CHAIR:

19 Commissioner Weaner.

20 MR. SCHLEMMER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR:

23 Second, Commission Schlemmer. Any
24 discussion? All those in favor, say aye.

25 ALL RESPOND AYE

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CHAIR:

Opposed, no? Mr. Secretary?

MR. PUTNAM:

Mr. President, the motion passes
unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The next item before the Commission also
concerns a Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas
Cooperative Agreement for the land exchange.

Pennsylvania General Energy Company, LLC, PGE, of
Warren, Pennsylvania, requests the Commission offer
its oil and gas ownership under a portion of State
Game Land Number 75 for oil and gas development. The
proposed tract 75A-12, containing approximately 11,899
acres, is located in McHenry and Pine Township,
Lycoming County as shown on Exhibit OGM 5 on page 48
of your agenda.

PGE is currently developing oil and gas
rights on the State Forest tracts south of the
proposed tract, and has infrastructure in place,
including water and gas pipelines that will ease the
surface burden of developing the Game Land acreage.

In exchange for the oil and gas
agreement, PGE will cause to convey to the Commission
the Kinzua Tract, a 6,200 acre tract of land adjacent

1 to State Game Land Number 62 in Keating Township,
2 McKean County, as shown on Exhibit OGM 6 on page 49 of
3 your agenda.

4 The primary term of the agreement is ten
5 years, with a five-year provision for drilling the
6 first well. If PGE does not meet its drilling
7 commitment, the Commission may request the surrender
8 of the 1,800 (sic) acre western portion of the tract
9 at the end of the ten years. The initial royalty rate
10 for each well will be set at 18 percent and will
11 increase to 21 percent once payout costs are met.

12 The proposed agreement also provides PGE
13 with the right to utilize the surface of State Game
14 Land Number 75 for drilling pads, access roads and
15 pipelines to transport Commission owned gas reserves
16 at locations approved by the Commission. PGE will
17 adhere to the reclamation and revegetation
18 requirements as specified by the agreement and the
19 Department of Environmental Protection regulations.
20 PGE has also agreed to meet no less than annually to
21 discuss development and to solicit input and
22 suggestions to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

23 Oil and gas development will be
24 regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas
25 Regulations, the Commission's Standard Restricted

1 Surface Use Oil and Gas Development Agreement
2 protection provisions and a \$50,000 performance bond.
3 The agreement will include the Commission's standard
4 wildlife and environmental protection measures.

5 CHAIR:

6 Do I have a motion to approve this
7 Restricted Use of Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement?

8 MR. PUTNAM:

9 So move.

10 CHAIR:

11 Second?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR:

15 Is there any discussion? I would like
16 to ask Director Capouillez, there's sort of ---
17 there's a lot going on in this particular page here,
18 could you just sort of simplify, give us an overview
19 of it at this point? Or is there no simplification
20 possible?

21 MR. CAPOUILLEZ:

22 I'll refer that to Brad.

23 ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

24 There's probably simplification
25 possible. PGE is acquiring the rights to purchase the

1 Kinzua Tract. And if you said, we want to make a
2 deal, this is the tract --- if you want the deal, this
3 is the tract. And everything else was negotiated in
4 there. Basically they're --- they've got an 11,000-
5 acre tract. They already have a lot of the
6 infrastructure going up to that tract, so there will
7 be less of it going on. And PGE is a company that's
8 operating on other Game Lands and --- as well as the
9 State Forest. Their theories are to try and have
10 meetings to try and discuss things before things
11 happen, try and work with you about how to develop
12 infrastructure. So that's the way that this is
13 structured in that manner.

14 As far as the royalty provisions, that
15 was just a negotiated position. We each had our
16 parameters within which we were allowed to work, and
17 the unique thing is the step up to 21 percent.

18 CHAIR:

19 That helps. I appreciate it. And I
20 appreciate the effort that went into getting this
21 package put together. Thank you very much. Any other
22 discussion at this point? Okay. All those in favor,
23 say aye.

24 ALL RESPOND AYE

25 CHAIR:

1 Opposed, nay? Mr. Secretary?

2 MR. PUTNAM:

3 Mr. President, the motion passes
4 unanimately. That ends the printed portion of this
5 agenda.

6 CHAIR:

7 Okay. We are under new business. At
8 this time, do we have any new business to address?
9 Commissioner Putnam?

10 MR. PUTNAM:

11 Mr. President, the Commission was
12 appointed to look at the Wildlife Management Units in
13 the north central, and we have a report.

14 CHAIR:

15 Okay. For those of you in the audience,
16 we have been discussing the realignment or review of
17 the WMUs. At the last working group meeting I
18 appointed a committee composed of Commissioner Weaner,
19 Commissioner Schreffler, Commissioner Putnam and
20 myself. That committee has come to a recommendation
21 on WMU 2G, and I will turn it over to Commissioner
22 Putnam to present that recommendation.

23 MR. PUTNAM:

24 Okay. Two members of the committee,
25 Commissioner Schreffler and myself, met with Game

1 Commission staff to look at forest cover types and
2 various habitat issues, public land issues in the
3 north central. We looked at a problem that's
4 perennially occurring in the eastern side of 3A,
5 located mostly on State Lands in 3A, and the bulk of
6 2G.

7 We came up with several alternatives
8 because the --- we were going to use major roads and
9 the boundary dividing along --- anywhere near along
10 those habitat lines limits us to only a couple roads
11 that we could use. We came up with a line ---. We
12 also looked at soils data, and we came up with a line
13 that runs basically from Coudersport to DuBois,
14 starting at Route 872 in the north, to Route 607, to
15 Route 155, to Route 120, to Route 555, to Route 255
16 and to Route 80. This is an administrative --- it is
17 the boundary or administrative procedure, so the
18 Executive Director has the authority to modify those
19 boundaries. It's not something that we need to vote
20 on. I think we --- the committee would like to
21 propose a motion that the Board vote their support for
22 this proposal, just to show --- just to show the
23 Board's support. So I'll make a motion that the Board
24 vote to recommend the Executive Director adopt these
25 proposed boundary changes.

1 MR. HOOVER:

2 Second.

3 MR. SCHREFFLER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR:

6 Commissioner Hoover, seconded by
7 Commissioner Schreffler. This is opened up for any
8 discussion. I would like to commend Commissioner
9 Putnam and Commissioner Schreffler. They put a lot of
10 time and effort into this. Commissioner Putnam,
11 particularly invested a considerable amount of time on
12 behalf of the Board, and I believe we have come up
13 with something the Board can live with. Commissioner
14 Weaner?

15 MR. WEANER:

16 Yeah. I think the gist of this is, is
17 we've created a new Wildlife Management Unit. We're
18 still within the boundaries of 2G. The outer boundary
19 of the old 2G is intact, but we drew a line in it and
20 created a new WMU. I'm not sure what we're going to
21 call it yet, but we'll figure that out.

22 MR. ROE:

23 2H.

24 MR. WEANER:

25 2H. I thought maybe it would be Putnam

1 H or something like that.

2 CHAIR:

3 Or Putnam 2 or Martone 2 will work.

4 MR. WEANER:

5 Whatever they call it. But this will
6 maintain the integrity of the boundary of 2G so that
7 other --- like the Turkey Research Program which used
8 that area isn't affected by it. This is a compromise
9 debate.

10 CHAIR:

11 And I think, you know, sportsmen have
12 become accustomed to where those boundaries are and
13 --- you know, for their use, it helps not to make any
14 major changes in the outer boundary. But I'm in
15 complete agreement that this was a necessary, you
16 know, improvement. Any further discussion,
17 Commissioner Putnam?

18 MR. PUTNAM:

19 I will mention that the eastern side of
20 this unit is still quite large, that the --- I guess
21 will remain as 2G, and it will still be about 2,900
22 square miles. The unit on the western side will be
23 about 1,200 square miles. There is about a 500-mile
24 chunk in the middle of it, in the Hammersley Wild Area
25 that we could have put either way, but we weren't in

1 --- we weren't interested in balancing the miles out
2 as much as we were balancing out the habitat and the
3 land use. The eastern side, or the new 2G, is at a
4 very high percentage of State Forest Lands on it. We
5 intend to talk to DCNR. And at least our philosophy
6 is that DCNR will have the ability to make a good
7 chunk of that to the DMAP program.

8 We talked earlier about making 2G a
9 concurrent season. Well, with the DMAP program, the
10 bulk of that land --- I don't know what the percentage
11 is. You have the ability to measure that, but
12 probably 80 percent or so of that land will be in the
13 State ownership and have the ability to have limited
14 concurrent seasons to the DMAP program.

15 We also did look --- which I did mention
16 the eastern end of 2A, which would have resulted in
17 drawing a line down all the way from 3A down through
18 2G. There were a number of problems with that, and
19 particularly the people at the --- because of the road
20 boundaries, the eastern side of 3A, talking with
21 people that lived there who were familiar with the
22 unit, that they advised us we could create more
23 problems by trying to address one problem and create
24 many more problems, and pointed out the rule of ---
25 the law of unintended consequences. That would have

1 had a lot of complications, including the turkey study
2 and a number of things. So we looked at it. We tried
3 to see if we could address it, and it just wasn't
4 feasible.

5 CHAIR:

6 Thank you. All those in favor of --- or
7 I'm sorry, Commissioner Delaney, do you have a
8 comment?

9 MR. DELANEY:

10 I do have a comment, certainly. I guess
11 most folks have been able to watch this process for
12 the last two years. It started almost two years ago
13 with some debate with the Commissioners and our staff,
14 and it took us almost two years to get to this
15 process. And it's been a process, but those on the
16 Board that worked on this with --- under Commissioner
17 Putnam's lead --- to me, from what I've learned from
18 this, is that there is good science to back up what
19 Commissioner Putnam did, and Commissioner Weaner and
20 Commissioner Schreffler and all those that sat on the
21 committee. So I think a lot of work went into it, it
22 wasn't just a matter of drawing the line. They put an
23 awful lot of work into it, so for that, I'm thankful.

24 CHAIR:

25 Thank you. Okay. All those in favor of

1 the new 2G/2H WMUs, signify by saying aye.

2 ALL RESPOND AYE

3 CHAIR:

4 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

5 MR. PUTNAM:

6 Mr. President, the motion passes
7 unanimately.

8 CHAIR:

9 Thank you. Under new business, do I
10 have any more? Commissioner Weaner?

11 MR. WEANER:

12 In recent years I received a lot of
13 requests and comments about establishing a minimum age
14 for the Mentored Youth Hunting Program. I'm a strong
15 advocate for the Mentored Youth Hunting Program, but I
16 just think that we've tried it for a while with no
17 minimum age. We've got positive comment, and we've
18 gotten negative comment. The comment I hear a whole
19 lot is, you know, how can a three-year-old really
20 shoot that deer. And for those and a host of reasons,
21 I move that we establish a minimum age for the
22 Mentored Youth Program of eight years of age.

23 MR. DELANEY:

24 For the sake of debate, I'll second the
25 motion.

1 CHAIR:

2 One moment, please.

3 OFF RECORD DISCUSSION

4 CHAIR:

5 I'm hearing that since this is
6 regulatory, we would need to --- if we're going to do
7 this, we would need to make a proposal to put on the
8 April agenda and ---.

9 MR. WEANER:

10 I would modify my motion to say whatever
11 it has to say.

12 CHAIR:

13 Okay. So you're proposing that you
14 would like to add to April's agenda a minimum age to
15 the Mentored Youth Hunting Program?

16 MR. WEANER:

17 Yes.

18 CHAIR:

19 Commissioner Delaney, do you continue to
20 second that?

21 MR. DELANEY:

22 Yes.

23 CHAIR:

24 We have a second. Is there any
25 discussion? Commissioner Weaner?

1 MR. WEANER:

2 To follow up, you know, I'm not sure
3 where this can go. We've heard some of our
4 conservation --- other organizations out there across
5 the state that did provide testimony here, and most of
6 it was not in support of my proposal. And we may hear
7 that from the general public out there. But I'm
8 interested in putting this out there, getting a
9 discussion. And, you know, if it's overwhelmingly
10 negative, everyone is satisfied with what we have
11 right now, you know, I'll be voting no the next time
12 around. But I think it's worth the discussion because
13 a lot of people have talked to me about this, and
14 that's why it was there.

15 CHAIR:

16 Thank you. Commissioner Schlemmer?

17 MR. SCHLEMMER:

18 Commissioner Weaner, I was involved with
19 the original crew that worked on this with the
20 Governor's Advisory Council and other people on the
21 outside. We put so much work into this, got into
22 regulation down the road. I hate to see it change. I
23 think from a safety point --- I can be corrected on
24 this --- we've had a good safety record. Am I correct
25 or not? No comments from anybody? So I would have to

1 say no on the regulation. I think there's a lot of
2 reaction here. Maybe I should be addressing these to
3 Jeff Mulholland about pictures in the paper about
4 children with large antlers and then big adults
5 getting frustrated over that.

6 But anyway, I'd have to go --- I would
7 have to leave it the way it is. That's my comment.
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR:

10 I'll add to Commissioner Schlemmer's
11 comments. I'm adamantly opposed to putting a minimum
12 age. We have an excellent Mentored Youth Program. It
13 is a successful Mentored Youth Program selling over
14 35,000 mentored licenses every year. Looking at the
15 safety record, it is exemplary. If there are a few
16 pictures, a period throughout this state that caused
17 this issue, it is an incredibly small number and it is
18 far outbalanced by the positive this program provides.

19 And as Commissioner Weaner himself
20 mentioned, this is supported by every major
21 conservation partner we have out there from the NWTF,
22 to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and
23 everything --- you know, I just ---. And on top of
24 that, I think Pennsylvania has been a leader in this.
25 We have set the --- you know, the scenario for the

1 rest of the country to follow. And, you know, as ---.
2 I appreciate us being in the leadership position. And
3 the last thing I want to see is us put a black eye on
4 that. And so I would encourage the Board --- and you
5 know, I'll use the word, I am adamantly opposed to
6 this. Thank you. Commissioner Schreffler?

7 MR. SCHREFFLER:

8 I have to say that I've heard a number
9 of sportsmen's groups, where they have been upset
10 about some of these pictures of very young children
11 shooting these nice big bucks and so on and not having
12 a minimum age and how can that be. But that is --- I
13 had strong feelings about this, too, about the early
14 age also. But the staff has provided me with a draft,
15 which you probably can't really see, but these are
16 very few, very few, mentored licenses at the young
17 age. And about age six, seven, when kids start to have
18 better reasoning power, that's when this graph goes
19 up, and we have more kids getting the mentored
20 license. Now, this is the licenses that we give to
21 mentored kids. And I look at this, and it's just a
22 small, small group, a small minority that are in ---
23 that these parents are getting these licenses for at
24 an extremely young age.

25 And something else has come to my

1 attention in the meantime. There is an age zero or a
2 few months and they have a mentored license. But why
3 is that? Well, some parents like to get their kids a
4 CID number, a license, so they have it their whole
5 life. And they have it as a little kid, and they
6 probably don't usually put it into effect until the
7 kid's older. But they have this little hunting
8 license at --- it's just sort of a neat thing in
9 their, I guess, future chest of things they're going
10 to do or whatever to start them off.

11 The other thing that I think is what Bob
12 mentioned --- or Commissioner Schlemmer mentioned, is
13 that the safety record is exemplary. It's exemplary.
14 And I just --- my mind is changing about this minimum
15 age because we have to, somewhere along the line, put
16 trust in our parents and our --- our hunters that are
17 out there trying to get their kids started in hunting
18 and engaged for the rest of their lives in a lifetime
19 sport. And each child is different. My many years in
20 education has shown that each child is different. In
21 fact, each adult ---. There are a lot of adults that
22 aren't as mature as some of the kids that I've come in
23 contact with. And so age has nothing to do with
24 maturity and reasoning. So I am not sure that ---
25 that I would like to change this program at the

1 moment, as I look at the facts presented to me. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you. Commissioner Putnam?

5 MR. PUTNAM:

6 I think the Mentor Program is a
7 wonderful program, and this is surely not any attempt
8 to get the nose under the tent and incrementally do
9 away with it, everybody here strongly supports it.
10 The concern mostly is with pictures of four, or five
11 and six year olds with big game animals. And there's
12 not a lot of them. And as Commissioner Schreffler
13 said, it's a very small minority at the low end. And
14 I think the number of hunting at the low end ---
15 hunting big game at the low end is even lower yet.

16 So one alternative may be to keep the
17 program as it is, but no big game until they're seven
18 --- six, seven or eight years old. I think nobody's
19 going to be too excited about a picture of a kid in
20 the paper holding up a squirrel, but they are
21 concerned. I mean, I see them when they're standing
22 there, and the gun's taller than they are. I really
23 wondered how they --- you know, if they really got ---
24 and if it was a good experience for the kid. And I
25 think Commissioner Weaner's primary reason for

1 bringing this out is, let's hear from the public.
2 Let's hear what --- you know, what everybody thinks
3 about it. I would be interested from people who were
4 familiar with the youth, and their mentality and is it
5 a good experience to drag some little four-year-old
6 out there and put him behind a gun and have him pull
7 the trigger. We're probably talking about a very,
8 very small number. I'm sure when Jeff gets the
9 picture of one where he's four years old, he has to
10 put it in because he knows it's going to stir up some
11 controversy.

12 But other than that, that is my view on
13 it. When it comes to a vote, I can't say which way to
14 go. But at the moment, I am concerned about pictures
15 of --- you know, we just had one in our paper, a five-
16 year-old standing by a doe. That's my concern.

17 CHAIR:

18 Commissioner Delaney?

19 MR. DELANEY:

20 I guess I would support the debate, only
21 because I think it's going to make this program
22 stronger. If we go through a debate process, we may
23 come back here in another two months and say, hey,
24 this works, we have a great program in Pennsylvania.
25 I think those that built it, or a part of building it,

1 like Commissioner Schlemmer and the Governor's Youth
2 Council, although they built a great program, in my
3 opinion it seems like Commissioner Weaner's just
4 asking to make sure we have all the right safeguards
5 in place. And I think this is only going to make the
6 program get stronger. And that's just my opinion on
7 it.

8 CHAIR:

9 Well, we have a motion to propose to put
10 this on the April agenda. We've had discussion. At
11 this point all those in favor of Commissioner Weaner's
12 proposal ---. Let's have a show of hands. Raise your
13 hand.

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR:

16 All those opposed?

17 NAYS RESPOND

18 CHAIR:

19 Mr. Secretary?

20 MR. PUTNAM:

21 Mr. President, the vote is four to four,
22 with Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Schreffler,
23 Commissioner Martone and Commissioner Schlemmer in the
24 negative. Motion fails.

25 CHAIR:

1 Thank you. Do I have anything else
2 under new business at this time? Commissioner Weaner?

3 MR. WEANER:

4 I'm here again. No motion at this time.
5 We've talked about as a Board a couple of times the
6 situation in Michaux State Forest that deals with the
7 turkey population down there. And we've talked about
8 the fact that historically it's an area where lots of
9 pen-raised birds were dumped in --- or were put there.
10 Years later wild birds were brought in. It's an area
11 that's not been one of the huge success stories for
12 turkey management that we kind of expected. I mean,
13 things aren't bad, but it's --- they've never caught
14 on like they have in the rest of the state. And we
15 talked about should we do some DNA testing to see if
16 there's remnants of pen-raised birds there and it's
17 never gotten any traction.

18 So I'm simply requesting that for our
19 meeting in March, our working group meeting, that
20 Wildlife Management and that whoever else would report
21 back to us on the feasibility of doing some DNA
22 testing in the Michaux State Forest, Wildlife
23 Management Unit 5A to see if it's feasible to do this,
24 if it's --- you know. I would just like to get the
25 ball rolling here. It's a unique situation. I've

1 lived here, and a lot of people are talking about it.
2 We've talked about it. So that's what I would say.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you. I don't know that we have a
5 caption on that, but it's a valid request. Thank you.

6 MR. WEANER:

7 It's a working group.

8 CHAIR:

9 Any further items under new business?

10 MR. DELANEY:

11 Yes, Mr. President. I have a similar
12 request to Commissioner Weaner. It's just to talk
13 about at our next working group meeting with regard to
14 Bureau of Wildlife Protection. And after hearing
15 testimony from Dr. Cantrell yesterday with the urine-
16 based deer lures, I guess I just struggle with, you
17 know, we say we should use it inside the quarantine
18 area, yet we don't have to use it outside. And
19 really, just what the challenges are with enforcement
20 of anything with it if we move forward. And it's just
21 as simple as that, it's a discussion item for our next
22 working group meeting with regard to the urine-based
23 lures.

24 CHAIR:

25 Thank you. Any more under new business?

1 At this time we have proposed Commission
2 dates in the agenda, are there any changes to these
3 dates? Commissioner Weaner?

4 MR. WEANER:

5 Mr. President, April 15th and 16th is a
6 Monday and Tuesday. And due to some scheduling
7 conflicts I would suggest that we change that --- try
8 something ---. This isn't saying --- I'm not
9 suggesting we keep doing this, but move it back a day,
10 start on the 14th with public comment and possibly
11 some reports, and then have our voting meeting on the
12 15th. I think that would suit our schedules better.
13 So I would just make that change then before we vote
14 on this motion.

15 CHAIR:

16 Okay. We have a change for the April
17 meeting to the 14th, 15th, and the actual voting
18 portion of the meeting on Monday, the 15th.
19 Commissioner Delaney?

20 MR. DELANEY:

21 I'm glad that Commissioner Weaner
22 brought that up. But I think that --- in fairness,
23 since this is somewhat of a change and we always
24 started meetings at 8:30, can I go ahead and just
25 throw out there that it would be a one o'clock start

1 on Sunday?

2 CHAIR:

3 On Sunday, 8:30 start on Monday, the
4 15th.

5 MR. DELANEY:

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR:

8 Any other changes to the dates listed in
9 the agenda? Any discussion on this? All those in
10 favor of accepting these dates, signify by saying aye.

11 ALL RESPOND AYE

12 CHAIR:

13 Opposed? Okay. I would like to state
14 that we have scheduled the working group meeting prior
15 to that April Board meeting. There will be a slight
16 change in how our working group meetings are
17 scheduled. This one will be held on March 21st. I
18 believe that's a Thursday, in State College. And the
19 time and place will be announced, I'm sure, as a news
20 release, and shortly, once we find the time and
21 determine a place. But you can expect the next
22 working group meeting to be held on Thursday, March
23 21st in State College somewhere.

24 Okay. I think our last order of
25 business at this time would be election of officers.

1 Before we get to that, I'd like to make my statement,
2 as President. And I will say this, it is first of all
3 an amazing honor to just be a Commissioner, period.
4 But it has been a true privilege to be chosen by my
5 fellow Commissioners to serve as their President this
6 past year. I can state with absolute certainty that
7 the nine Board members I have served with as my time
8 as a Commissioner have been dedicated, hard-working
9 individuals with the best interest of the state's
10 hunters, its wildlife resources and the Agency in
11 mind.

12 I would also like to thank Carl Roe and
13 the entire staff for their hard work in making the
14 past year a success for me. In particular, I would
15 like to give a big thanks to Denise Malone and Lydia
16 Craig for their amazing effort to keeping the Board on
17 track and working smoothly. It is not easy. I've
18 seen it day in and day out. Keeping eight guys on
19 track alone has to be an issue.

20 I would also like to thank Carl for his
21 patience, his guidance and his support over the past
22 year. I would say I've learned a lot having worked
23 with him. I would also like to thank my wife. As
24 Board President, she has put up with our living room
25 being covered with maps, papers, reports, documents.

1 She knows more about deer, bear, and turkey than most
2 women will ever want to know. I think at this point
3 she would make an excellent Commissioner. And her
4 expertise in speaking to sportsmen has been improved
5 greatly.

6 To the next Board President, I offer
7 four pieces of advice. First, in life there are
8 always two sides to every argument, but in the Game
9 Commission there are many more than two sides, there
10 are usually three, four, five different sides to every
11 issue. Get used to it.

12 Second, be patient. Some problems solve
13 themselves. You don't need to solve every problem.
14 Third, get a tattoo that says appreciate the
15 difference between policy and operations. And
16 finally, never send an e-mail the same day you write
17 it. It is amazing how much clarity develops in 24
18 hours.

19 At this time I would like to turn it
20 over to our Nominating Committee, which is composed of
21 Commissioner Weaner and ---.

22 MR. WEANER:

23 Okay. The report of the Nominating
24 Committee, three offices. For President, we're
25 nominating Bob Schlemmer. For Vice President, we're

1 nominating David Putnam, and for Secretary, nominating
2 Brian Hoover.

3 CHAIR:

4 Thank you. And I think we'll handle
5 each position individually, starting with ---.
6 Somebody suggested we start with Secretary, but ---.
7 Commissioner Delaney, do you like that idea? We have
8 Commissioner Hoover is nominated for Secretary. Are
9 there any further nominations from the Board? Hearing
10 none, there's a motion to elect Commissioner Hoover as
11 Secretary. Do I have ---?

12 MR. PUTNAM:

13 We made that motion.

14 CHAIR:

15 You made it? Anybody second it?

16 MR. DELANEY:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR:

19 So moved. Commissioner Delaney. All
20 those in favor, say aye.

21 ALL RESPOND AYE

22 CHAIR:

23 Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

24 MR. PUTNAM:

25 Mr. President, Commissioner Hoover has

1 been elected Secretary.

2 CHAIR:

3 Thank you. Well, he was ---.

4 MR. HOOVER:

5 That's what I said.

6 CHAIR:

7 We have a nomination of Commissioner
8 Putnam for Vice President. Are there any further
9 nominations for Vice President? Hearing none, do we
10 have a second?

11 MR. HOOVER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR:

14 Commissioner Hoover. Any discussion?
15 Hearing none, all those in favor, say aye.

16 ALL RESPOND AYE

17 CHAIR:

18 Opposed? Mr. Secretary? Mr. Secretary?

19 MR. HOOVER:

20 See what happens?

21 CHAIR:

22 Congratulations to Commissioner Putnam.

23 MR. PUTNAM:

24 Thanks.

25 CHAIR:

1 And finally, last but not least, for the
2 Office of President of the Board, we have nomination
3 of Commissioner Schlemmer. Do I have a second?

4 MR. PUTNAM:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR:

7 Commissioner Putnam. Any discussion?
8 Hearing none, all those in favor, say aye.

9 ALL RESPOND AYE

10 CHAIR:

11 I wanted to say nay, just to catch you
12 off guard. Opposed? Mr. Secretary?

13 MR. HOOVER:

14 The vote is unanimous.

15 CHAIR:

16 Thank you. Congratulations to our new
17 President. So at this time, I will relinquish my
18 spot.

19 MR. SCHLEMMER:

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR:

22 It's always nice to have that new view.
23 You almost became Executive Director.

24 MR. SCHLEMMER:

25 My phone's going off, too. You must

1 have an audience. I am honored and truly humbled by
2 this. I have spent, frankly, the majority of my life
3 with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, and this is
4 quite an honor. And I thank you all for the trust you
5 had put into me today. Unbelievable.

6 I have to thank my family, too. Family
7 first. The folks that --- my family and my wife who
8 passed away, stuck with me all these years. So
9 anyway, enough with that, we have to move forward
10 here. I hate to give canned presentations.

11 I had a good friend who just said just
12 throw it away, talk from the heart. That's what I got
13 to keep in mind today. So my idea of moving forward,
14 there's been notes on here today. We as Commissioners
15 will strive to connect in a positive way with you, the
16 people we serve, and that is all the citizens of the
17 Commonwealth, including the licensed purchasing
18 sportsmen and sportswomen, to enable us to protect,
19 propagate, manage and preserve our wildlife, and our
20 hunting and our trapping heritage.

21 We will continue to have open transfer
22 and dialog with staff through our open meetings, and
23 they'll continue to be open to the public. And coming
24 up we're going to continue to update our Commissioner
25 policy manual, keeping in mind the oath that we were

1 --- took when we were sworn in as Commissioners.

2 That being said, there's several topics
3 I'd like to talk about. First thing on my agenda,
4 it's amazing how it came up. Again, in the open
5 commentary in the beginning about youth and seniors,
6 I'll always back the youth, and I think we should be
7 putting some backing into the seniors this year.
8 We've continued to work with staff and all
9 stakeholders on ways to encourage our youth in our
10 hunting and trapping traditions. And along these
11 lines we'd like to see what we can do for our senior
12 license holders. And we're all going to get there. I
13 guess I am.

14 But anyway, along these same lines, I
15 think we'd like --- they're a treasure trove for our
16 juniors, and we should explore all avenues, not
17 limited to small game and large game regulations, but
18 we should address handicap access concerns also. I
19 request that staff and Commissioners prepare to look
20 at our options at our next working group session.

21 Under planning, Commissioners also
22 review our policy manual and suggested issues and
23 adjustments for implementation as required, and to
24 maintain ideas that are working and establish new
25 direction to meet current needs of our mission, as

1 laid out in public law.

2 And finally, communications.
3 All-important. You've got to talk to people, continue
4 to communicate in outreach to our constituents,
5 through our traditional methods, as well as modern day
6 technology. Also be working with --- and communicate
7 with our elected officials on a local and statewide
8 basis. This will facilitate a better understanding of
9 our mission and address the concerns of these
10 legislators and their constituents.

11 In summary, we'll be addressing our
12 youth and seniors, policy planning and reviewing,
13 communications being the key item here. No item here
14 stands on its own. And I can relate that. I've said
15 this a couple of times to you guys about the watch.
16 And the hand said you can't tell time without me, and
17 then the case jumped in and said, well, you can't do
18 any good without being in a case. Then the main
19 spring said, can't do anything without me, and the
20 little gears jumped up and said, if the gear isn't
21 there it doesn't work. We all have to work together
22 to make things right. So each part depends on the
23 other.

24 And that's basically all I have to say
25 in my opening talk here. I thank you all for your

1 confidence. And I will have working group assignments
2 out and discuss them with you individually within 24
3 hours, e-mail. Okay?

4 So any other comments? Carl?

5 MR. ROE:

6 I'd just like to congratulate President
7 Schlemmer. I think he's going to do a fine job. And
8 I know what's ahead of him, so I'll send him a
9 sympathy card later.

10 MR. SCHLEMMER:

11 The problem is, I have to ride with him.
12 We're saving the State money. With that, the meeting
13 is adjourned. Thank you.

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15 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:33 A.M.

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