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PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**



**AGENDA
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Game Commission

Agenda

The Commission Meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be held virtually on Saturday, April 10, 2021, beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners

Stanley I. Knick, Jr., President
Michael F. Mitrick, Vice President
Kristen Schnepf-Giger, Secretary
Scott H. Foradora
Charlie E. Fox
Dennis R. Fredericks
Timothy S. Layton

Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting held January 23, 2021.

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 143.1 and add § 143.5a

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended § 143.1 and added § 143.5a (relating to definitions; and digital licenses) to define and authorize the use of hunting and furtaking eLicenses. This authorization will also extend to certain permits similarly sold through the PALS system, such as mentored permits, bobcat permits, range permits, etc.

Action:

CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 143.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Agent--A person appointed under Chapter 27, Subchapter B of the act (relating to agents) who is authorized to issue the licenses provided for in the act and this part.

Customer ID number--The unique customer identifier permanently assigned to each customer of the Commission's PALS.

License--A physical or digital document issued by the Commission authorizing the holder to hunt for, take, kill and possess certain types of game or wildlife during a specified period.

PALS--Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System--The Commission's computer-based automated licensing system that facilitates the purchase and creation of license products at the agent location.

§ 143.5a. Digital hunting and furtaking licenses.

This section applies only to persons that have elected to conduct hunting and furtaking license transactions by electronic means as determined from the context and surrounding circumstances of the acquisition and production of these digital license documents. Upon the Commission establishing a system to distribute and make available digital license documents, holders of these issued digital documents may produce them as required under the act or this part in digital or printed physical form in the same manner as physical printed licenses issued directly by the Commission or any of its agents, subject to the following:

(1) *Digital documents.* Digital license documents issued by the Commission and stored on a personal electronic device must be capable of immediate retrieval and clear display of the digital document to ensure the readability of all license information contained on the digital document, including any bar codes or QR codes. Failure to retrieve and produce this digital document or its physical alternative to any landowner upon whose land that person may be occupying or to any officer whose duty it is to enforce this title shall constitute a violation under section 2711(a)(12) of the act (relating to unlawful acts concerning licenses).

(2) *Printed digital license documents.* Digital license documents issued by the Commission and subsequently reduced to physical form must be printed on paper or another substantially equivalent medium of such quality, color and contrast to clearly display and ensure the readability of all license information contained on the digital document, including any bar codes or QR codes. Failure to produce this printed digital document or its original physical alternative to any landowner upon whose land that person may be occupying or to any officer

whose duty it is to enforce this title shall constitute a violation under section 2711(a)(12) of the act.

(3) *Harvest tags.* The Commission will not issue any digital harvest tags with digital license documents. The Commission or any of its eligible issuing agents will issue harvest tags directly to the holder in physical form only. No further reproduction of these physical documents, digital or otherwise, is authorized to satisfy tagging or marking requirements under the act or this part, except as may be authorized by section 2710 of the act (relating to replacement of lost licenses). Section 2323(c) of the act (relating to tagging and reporting big game kills) regarding licenses issued without tags shall not be construed to apply to digitally issued license documents supplemented by the issuance of physical harvest tags.

(4) *Electronic Transaction Act.* The Electronic Transactions Act, (73 P.S. §§ 2260.101-2260.5101), as amended, shall apply to any automated transaction conducted under this section. It is specifically intended that any license acquired and used in a digital format under the authorizations of this section is deemed to be electronically signed and certified by the holder of the document. Digital license documents issued by the Commission and subsequently reduced to physical form shall be signed and certified by the holder in the same manner as physical printed licenses issued directly by the Commission or any of its agents.

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 143.45 and 143.52

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended §§ 143.45 and 143.52 (relating to completing and submitting applications and procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses) to authorize unlimited over-the-counter sales of antlerless licenses in any open (unexhausted) Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) on the second Monday in September until these quota(s) are exhausted.

Action:

CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

Subchapter C. ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES

§ 143.45. Completing and submitting applications.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in § 143.52 (relating to procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses) and for those applications submitted by qualified landowners, it is unlawful for a county treasurer to accept an application other than by regular first class mail delivered through and by the United States Postal Service. Applications for unsold antlerless deer licenses shall be accepted by county treasurers over the counter and may immediately be processed if any licenses remain available in any wildlife management unit beginning on the second Monday in September.

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§ 143.52. Procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses.

(a) Subject to the procedures and limitations of this section, applicants are eligible to make application to receive an unlimited number of antlerless licenses within each wildlife management unit that remains unexhausted beginning on the second Monday in September.

(b) Unexhausted antlerless licenses allocated to a wildlife management unit shall be made available to eligible applicants over the counter starting the second Monday in September, subject to the following limitations:

(1) An applicant is eligible to make application for an antlerless license under this section only when the Commission's PALS licensing system shows three or less active and unfulfilled antlerless licenses on their license profile.

(2) Once an applicant has been issued a fourth cumulative antlerless license, the applicant will not be eligible to make reapplication for additional antlerless licenses until one or more previously issued antlerless licenses have been exhausted by harvest and the harvest or harvests have resulted in a verified completed harvest report in PALS.

(3) At no time is an applicant authorized to exceed four cumulative active and unfulfilled antlerless licenses in their PALS license profile.

(c) The authorizations of this section will terminate automatically for each wildlife management unit once its antlerless license allocation quota is exhausted.

BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.62

Commentary:

Beaver and otter trappers are currently limited to using no more than five traps or snares, and no more than two devices may be body-gripping traps, in any Wildlife Management Unit during an open otter trapping season. This regulation was originally developed to minimize the chance of a trapper exceeding the season bag limit of one otter in a day. The limitation on the number of beaver traps extends for 5 additional consecutive days after the close of the otter season. The 5-day extension was put in place to allow for an otter trapping season extension if warranted. No otter trapping seasons have been extended since the first season was established during 2015. Longer trapping seasons, rather than year-specific season extensions, will be proposed by the Commission in areas where more otters can be trapped sustainably. The Commission is proposing to amend § 141.62 (relating to beaver and otter trapping) to eliminate the restriction on the number of traps that beaver trappers can set during the 5-day period after the closure of otter trapping seasons.

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter D. FURBEARERS

§ 141.62. Beaver and otter trapping.

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(b) Unlawful acts. It is unlawful to:

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(4) Set, tend or operate any number of traps or snares for beaver trapping in excess of the limits established by this paragraph.

(i) Beaver trappers are generally limited to a combined Statewide total of 20 traps or snares, no more than 10 of which may be traps. No more than 2 of the 10 traps may be body-gripping traps, except:

(A) In Wildlife Management Units where beaver bag limits are 40 per season, all 10 traps may be body-gripping traps.

(B) In Wildlife Management Units where beaver bag limits are 60 per season, all 20 traps or snares may be body-gripping traps.

(ii) Beaver trappers are limited to using no more than five traps or snares, no more than two of which may be body-gripping traps, in any Wildlife Management Unit with an open otter trapping season. This limitation is inclusive of any otter traps or snares set under paragraph (7). This limitation is applicable during periods when the open beaver trapping season overlaps by calendar date with the open otter trapping season [~~and shall extend for 5 additional consecutive days after the close of the otter season~~].

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Action:

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 139.4

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2021-2022 license year. The 2021-2022 seasons and bag limits have been amended to reflect current available scientific data, population and harvest records, field surveys and professional staff observations, as well as recommendations received from staff, organized sporting groups, members of the agricultural community and others interested in the management of the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

Action:

ANNEX "A"

§ 139.4 Seasons and bag limits for the license year.

2021-2022 OPEN HUNTING AND FUR TAKING SEASONS, DAILY LIMIT,
FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT AND SEASON LIMIT
OPEN SEASON INCLUDES FIRST AND LAST DATES LISTED

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ¹ <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required junior license	Sept. 11	Sept. 25	6	18
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ²	Sept. 11 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 and Dec. 27	Nov. 13 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 20 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 and Feb. 28, 2022	6	18
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> ²	Oct. 16 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 20 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 26 and Dec. 24	2	6
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> – ¹ <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required junior license	Oct. 2	Oct. 16	4	12
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> ²	Oct. 16 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 and Dec. 27	Nov. 13 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 20 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 and Feb. 28, 2022	4	12

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i> – There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in the Franklin County Wild Pheasant Recovery Area.				
Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area – <i>Male only</i> ¹	As authorized by the Executive Order			
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> ¹ <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required junior license	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	2	6
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> ²	Oct. 23 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 and Dec. 27	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Dec. 24 Feb. 28, 2022	2	6
<i>Bobwhite Quail</i> ²	Oct. 23 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 and Dec. 27	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Dec. 24 Feb. 28, 2022	8	24
<i>Hare (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hare</i> ¹	Dec. 27	Jan. 1, 2022	1	3
<i>Woodchuck (Groundhog)</i> ²	July 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 June 30, 2022	Unlimited	

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Turkey, Fall - Male or Female</i> ¹			1	1
WMU 2B (Shotgun, Bow & Arrow only)	Oct. 30 Nov. 24	and Nov. 26		
WMU 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, 4D, and 4E	Oct. 30	Nov. 6		
WMUs 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, and 4C	Oct. 30	Nov. 13		
WMU 2C, 2D, and 2E	Oct. 30 Nov. 24	and Nov. 26		
WMU 5B	Nov. 2	Nov. 4		
WMUs 5A, 5C, and 5D	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
<i>Turkey, Spring</i> ¹ <i>Bearded Bird only,</i> <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only,</i> with the required junior license	Apr. 23, 2022	Apr. 23, 2022	1	1
<i>Turkey, Spring</i> ^{1,4} <i>Bearded Bird only</i>	April 30, 2022 and May 16, 2022	May 14, 2022 and May 31, 2022	1	2
			May be hunted ½ hour before sunrise to 12 noon	
			May be hunted ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Except as further restricted by this chapter, the seasons, bag limits, hunting hours and hunting regulations for migratory game birds shall conform to regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C.A. §§ 703-712) as published in the *Federal Register* on or about February 28 of each year.

Exceptions:

- (a) Hunting hours in § 141.4 (relating to hunting hours).
- (b) Nontoxic shot as approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is required for use statewide in hunting and taking of migratory waterfowl.
- (c) Hunting on Sunday not authorized.¹

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Crow</i> ³ (Hunting permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	July 2	Apr. 10, 2022		Unlimited
<i>Starling and English Sparrow</i> ³	No closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons.			Unlimited

FALCONRY

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Mar. 31, 2022	6	18
<i>Quail</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Mar. 31, 2022	8	24
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Mar. 31, 2022	2	6

FALCONRY – (Continued)

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Cottontail Rabbits</i> ²	Sept. 1	Nov. 13	4	12
	and			
	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14		
	and			
	Nov. 15	Nov. 20		
	and			
Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21			
and				
Nov. 22	Nov. 26			
and				
Dec. 13	Mar. 31, 2022			
<i>Snowshoe or Varying Hare</i> ²	Sept. 1	Nov. 13	1	3
	and			
	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14		
	and			
	Nov. 15	Nov. 20		
	and			
Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21			
and				
Nov. 22	Nov. 26			
and				
Dec. 13	Mar. 31, 2022			
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male</i> ² <i>and Female</i> (Combined)	Sept. 1	Nov. 13	2	6
	and			
	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14		
	and			
	Nov. 15	Nov. 20		
	and			
Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21			
and				
Nov. 22	Nov. 26			
and				
Dec. 13	Mar. 31, 2022			

Migratory Game Bird ¹ - Seasons and bag limits shall be in accordance with Federal regulations.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
Deer, Archery (Antlered & Antlerless) ^{2,5} With the required archery license WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Sept. 18	Nov. 13	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	
	and Nov. 15	Nov. 20	
	and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	
	and Nov. 22	Nov. 26	
	and Dec. 27	Jan. 29, 2022	
Deer, Archery (Antlered & Antlerless) ^{2,5} With the required archery license WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B	Oct. 2	Nov. 13	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	
	and Nov. 15	Nov. 19	
	and Dec. 27	Jan. 17, 2022	
Deer, Muzzleloading (Antlerless only) ¹ With the required muzzleloading license	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only) Only Junior and Senior License Holders, ⁶ Commission Disabled Person Permit Holders (to use a vehicle as a blind), and Residents serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or U.S. Coast Guard	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Regular Firearms (Antlered & Antlerless) ^{2,5} Statewide	Nov. 27	Nov. 27	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	and Sun. ³ , Nov. 28	Sun. ³ , Nov. 28	
	and Nov. 29	Dec. 11	
Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless) ^{1,5} With the required muzzleloading license WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B	Dec. 27	Jan. 17, 2022	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless) ^{1,5} With the required muzzleloading license WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 27	Jan. 29, 2022	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

WHITE-TAILED DEER – (Continued)

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</i> ¹ WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D	Dec. 27	Jan. 29, 2022	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Antlerless</i> ¹ (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County)	Hunting is permitted on days established by the United States Department of the Army.		An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

BLACK BEAR

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Bear, Archery</i> ^{2,7} WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D	Sept. 18 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26	1
<i>Bear, Archery</i> ^{2,7} WMU 5B	Oct. 2 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 19	1
<i>Bear, Archery</i> ^{1,7} WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A	Oct. 16	Nov. 6	1
<i>Bear, Muzzleloader</i> ^{1,7} (Statewide)	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	1
<i>Bear, Special firearms</i> ⁷ Only Junior and Senior License Holders ⁶ , Commission Disabled Person Permit Holders (to use a vehicle as a blind), and Residents serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, or in the United States Coast Guard, with required antlerless license (Statewide)	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	1

BLACK BEAR – (Continued)

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Bear, Regular Firearms</i> ^{2,7} (Statewide)	Nov. 20 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22	Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 23	1
<i>Bear, Extended firearms</i> ^{1,7} WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C, and 5D	Nov. 29	Dec. 11	1
<i>Bear, Extended firearms</i> ^{1,7} WMUs 1B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A	Nov. 29	Dec. 4	1

ELK

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Elk, Special Conservation Tag</i> ^{1,8} <i>and Special-License Tag</i> ^{1,8} (Antlered and Antlerless)	Sept. 1	Nov. 6	1
<i>Elk, Archery</i> ^{1,8}	Sept. 11	Sept. 25	1
<i>Elk, Regular</i> ⁸ (Antlered and Antlerless)	Nov. 1	Nov. 6	1
<i>Elk, Late</i> ^{1,8}	Jan. 1, 2022	Jan. 8, 2022	1

FURTAKING – TRAPPING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Mink and Muskrat</i>	Nov. 20	Jan. 9, 2022		Unlimited
<i>Beaver</i>	Dec. 18	Mar. 31, 2022		
WMUs 1A and 1B (Combined)			20	60
WMUs 2A, 2B and 3C (Combined)			20	40
WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D, 5C and 5D (Combined)			20	20
WMUs 2G, 2H, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B (Combined)			5	5
<i>Coyote, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk and Weasel</i>	Oct. 23	Feb. 20, 2022		Unlimited
<i>Coyote and Fox</i> Use of cable restraint devices authorized with required certification	Dec. 26	Feb. 20, 2022		Unlimited

FUR TAKING – TRAPPING – (Continued)

<i>Bobcat, with required bobcat permit</i> WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Dec. 18	Jan. 9, 2022	1	1
<i>Fisher, with required fisher permit</i> WMUs 1B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Dec. 18	Jan. 2, 2022	1	1
<i>River Otter, with required otter permit</i> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2F, 3C and 3D	Feb. 12, 2022	Feb. 19, 2022	1	1

FUR TAKING - HUNTING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Coyote - (Outside of any big game season)</i> ³	May be taken with a hunting license or a furtaker's license.		Unlimited	
<i>Coyote - (During any big game season)</i>	May be taken while lawfully hunting big game or with a furtaker's license.		Unlimited	
<i>Opossum, Striped Skunk, Weasel</i> ²	July 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 June 30, 2022	Unlimited	
<i>Fox</i> ³	Oct. 23	Feb. 19, 2022	Unlimited	
<i>Raccoon</i> ²	Oct. 23 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 and Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 and Nov. 22 and Dec. 13	Nov. 13 Sun. ³ , Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Sun. ³ , Nov. 21 Nov. 26 Feb. 19, 2022	Unlimited	
<i>Bobcat, with required bobcat permit</i> ¹ WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Jan. 8, 2022	Feb. 2, 2022	1	1

FUR TAKING - HUNTING – (Continued)

Porcupine ²	Oct. 9	and	Nov. 13	3	10
	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14	and	Sun. ³ , Nov. 14		
	Nov. 15	and	Nov. 20		
	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21	and	Sun. ³ , Nov. 21		
	Nov. 22		Jan. 29, 2022		

No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.

¹ No hunting on Sunday authorized. *See* 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

² Hunting on Sunday authorized on separately delineated Sunday date(s) only. *See* 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

³ Hunting on Sunday is authorized. *See* 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

⁴ Only persons who possess a special wild turkey license as provided for in section 2709 of the act (relating to license costs and fees) may take a second spring gobbler during the hunting license year; all other persons, including mentored youth hunters, may take only one spring gobbler. A maximum of 2 spring gobblers per license year may be taken by any combination of licenses or exceptions for mentored youth.

⁵ Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during the hunting license year.

⁶ Includes resident and nonresident license holders who have reached or will reach their 65th birthday in the year of the application for the license and hold a valid adult license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

⁷ Only one bear may be taken during the hunting license year with the required bear license.

⁸ Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year with the required elk license.

C. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.673

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended § 147.673 (relating to eligibility and application for DMAP) to make July 1 the deadline for DMAP applications.

Action:

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter R. DEER CONTROL

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PERMITS

§ 147.673. Eligibility and application for DMAP.

(a) Owners or lessees of private land, hunting clubs or authorized officers or employees of political subdivisions or government agencies are eligible to make application for a DMAP.

(1) Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by the Commission to a regional office by July 1 immediately preceding the first fall deer season and include the name of the owner, lessee, political subdivision or government agency that is applying for the DMAP and the name and address of the contact person for the DMAP as well as other information required on the application.

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D. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.45

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended § 141.45 (relating to turkey) to eliminate the use of rifles during the fall turkey season.

Action:

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter C. BIG GAME

§ 141.45. Turkey seasons.

(a) *Fall turkey season.*

(1) *Permitted devices.* It is lawful to hunt turkey during the fall turkey season with any of the following devices:

(i) (Reserved)

(ii) A manually operated or semiautomatic, centerfire shotgun or muzzleloading shotgun that propels single-projectile ammunition or multiple projectile shotgun ammunition no larger than # 4 lead, # 2 steel, or # 4 of any other composition or alloy of nontoxic shot approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or an authorized representative under 50 CFR 20.134 (relating to approval of nontoxic shot types and shot coatings). A centerfire shotgun's magazine capacity may not exceed two rounds. The shotgun's total aggregate ammunition capacity may not exceed three rounds.

(iii) A muzzleloading rifle or handgun that propels single-projectile ammunition.

(iv) *A bow and arrow.* A bow must have a peak draw weight of at least 35 pounds. An arrow must be equipped with a broadhead that has an outside diameter or width of at least 7/8 inch and may not exceed 3.25 inches in length.

(v) *A crossbow and bolt.* A crossbow must have a peak draw weight of at least 125 pounds. A bolt must be equipped with a broadhead that has an outside diameter or width of at least 7/8 inch and may not exceed 3.25 inches in length.

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BUREAU OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 131.2 and 141.1

Commentary:

Section 141.1 (relating to special regulations areas) currently provides a general restriction prohibiting the use of single-projectile firearms and possession of single-projectile ammunition while hunting game or wildlife within areas designated as special regulations areas. The section thereafter provides a multitude of exceptions for various firearms and their associated ammunition. These firearm and ammunition restrictions are intended to address safety related concerns in the predominantly urban and developed areas of the Commonwealth. This general firearm restriction serves as an effective ban on the use of firearms that utilize straight-walled cartridges. The Commission has determined that these firearms afford no greater risk of safety in the special regulation areas than currently exempted shotguns and muzzleloading firearms. The Commission has also determined that a reorganization of section 141.1 is necessary to address its unwieldy and confusing structure. The Commission is proposing to amend §§ 131.2 and 141.1 to define and authorize the use firearms that utilize straight-walled cartridges within most areas designated as special regulations areas and also reorganize section 141.1 to provide a clearer and more seamless construction within the section itself and with related arms and ammunition provisions.

CHAPTER 131. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

§ 131.2. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions contained in section 102 of the act (relating to definitions), the following words and terms, when used in this part or in the act, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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Beekeeper's agent--A person who accepts the responsibility of bees, hives and related equipment in the absence of the owner, and who is willing and able to reset disrupted hives, maintain fencing where present and report damage done by bears to the nearest available Commission officer as soon as practical, but, in any event, within 10 days of the damage. The agent shall be domiciled within 300 yards of the beehives.

Bottle-necked cartridge--A cartridge having a main diameter and a distinct angular shoulder stepping down to a smaller diameter at the neck position of the case.

Bow--In addition to the definition in section 102 of the act, a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs. The energy used to propel the arrow may not be derived from another source. These limitations may not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous and direct pulling effort by the shooter. The bowstring shall be drawn, held and released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter. Release shall be accomplished by either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a manually held release aid.

Broadhead--A fixed or mechanical tip affixed to the fore end of an arrow or bolt having sharpened cutting edges consisting of metal or naturally occurring stone.

Cartridge--A type of pre-assembled firearm ammunition or bullet casing that packages a projectile (bullet, shot or slug), a propellant substance (usually either smokeless powder or black powder) and an ignition device (primer) within a metallic, paper or plastic case that is precisely made to fit within the barrel chamber of a breechloading firearm for the practical purpose of convenient transportation and handling during shooting. Although in popular usage the term "bullet" is often used to refer to a complete cartridge, it is intended only to refer to the projectile.

Closed season--Periods of the calendar year and hours during which it is unlawful to take game or wildlife.

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Special firearms deer season--Any firearms deer season, except muzzleloader season, that precedes the regular firearms deer season.

Straight-walled cartridge--A cartridge having straight or slightly tapered walls down to the projectile. This term is not intended to include bottle-necked cartridges.

Sustained yield--As used in section 546(b)(2) of the act (relating to limitation on expenditures for deterrent fencing), continuous and planned forest production through accepted forestry management practices.

Venison--For the purpose of section 2312 of the act (relating to buying and selling game), any meat derived from a white-tailed deer.

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 141.1. Special regulations areas.

- (a) *Name*. The areas shall be known and referred to as special regulations areas.
- (b) *Descriptions*.

(1) Southwest area. Includes the County of Allegheny.

(2) Southeast area. Includes the Counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia and also includes Tyler and Ridley Creek State Parks and other publicly-owned lands therein.

(c) *Prohibitions.*

(1) ~~[Except as provided in subsection (d), it is unlawful to take, kill or attempt to take or kill wildlife through the use of a firearm of any description which discharges single projectile ammunition, or, while hunting for wild birds or wild animals, to possess single projectile ammunition, except for employees of political subdivisions and other persons who have a valid deer control permit issued under the authority of Chapter 29 of the act (relating to special licenses and permits).]~~ *Restricted devices.* Notwithstanding the authorizations of §§ 141.22, 141.43, 141.44, 141.45, 141.47 and 141.67 (relating to small game seasons; deer seasons; bear seasons; turkey seasons; and elk seasons), it is unlawful to:

(A) Hunt, take, kill or to attempt, aid, abet, assist or conspire to hunt, take or kill any game or wildlife through the use of a firearm that discharges bottle-necked centerfire cartridges or to possess bottle-necked centerfire cartridges or any firearm that is designed to discharge bottle-necked centerfire cartridges while hunting any game or wildlife within any special regulations area.

(B) Hunt, take, kill or to attempt, aid, abet, assist or conspire to hunt, take or kill any game or wildlife through the use of a centerfire or muzzleloading firearm or to possess centerfire cartridges or muzzleloading ammunition or any firearm that is designed to discharge centerfire cartridges or muzzleloading ammunition while hunting any game or wildlife within the following parts of the southeast special regulations area: Philadelphia County, Ridley Creek State Park, Delaware County and Tyler State Park, Bucks County.

(2) ~~[It is unlawful to use buckshot in Allegheny or Philadelphia Counties without specific authorization of the Director.~~

~~(3)]~~ *Restricted feeding.* It is unlawful to, except for normal or accepted farming, habitat management practices, oil and gas drilling, mining, forest management activities, or other legitimate commercial or industrial practices, intentionally lay or place food, fruit, hay, grain, chemical, salt or other minerals anywhere in the southeast special regulations area for the purpose of feeding white-tailed deer, or to intentionally lay or place food, fruit, hay, grain, chemical, salt or other minerals that may cause white-tailed deer to congregate or habituate an area. If otherwise lawful feeding is attracting white-tailed deer, the Commission may provide written notice prohibiting this activity.

(d) *Permitted acts.* It is lawful to:

(1) ~~[Except in Philadelphia County, Ridley Creek State Park, Delaware County and Tyler State Park, Bucks County, hunt and kill deer and bear through the use of a~~

~~muzzleloading long gun or a shotgun, at least .410 gauge (rifled barrels permitted), including semiautomatics which, upon discharge, propel a single projectile.~~

~~(2) — Take deer with a shotgun 20 gauge or larger including semiautomatic using buckshot in the southeast area only.~~

~~(3) — Take small game, furbearing animals, crows or wildlife with the following devices:~~

~~(i) — A manually operated or semiautomatic rimfire rifle or manually operated rimfire handgun .22 caliber or less.~~

~~(ii) — A manually operated or semiautomatic air rifle or manually operated air handgun between .177 and .22 caliber, inclusive, that propels single projectile pellet or bullet ammunition. BB ammunition is not authorized.~~

~~(4) — Kill an animal legally caught in a trap with the following devices:~~

~~(i) — A manually operated or semiautomatic rimfire rifle or manually operated rimfire handgun .22 caliber or less.~~

~~(ii) — A manually operated or semiautomatic air rifle or manually operated air handgun between .177 and .22 caliber, inclusive, that propels single projectile pellet or bullet ammunition. BB ammunition is not authorized.~~

~~(5) — Harvest more than one deer at a time when multiple harvests of deer per day are authorized without first lawfully tagging previous harvests, provided all deer harvested are lawfully tagged immediately thereafter.~~

~~(6)]~~ Hunt or take deer during any deer season through the use of or by taking advantage of bait on private property currently operating under a valid deer control permit where approval for limited baiting activities has previously been obtained under § 147.552 (relating to application). This limited authorization is valid only to the extent that persons comply with the standards and conditions in § 147.556 (relating to lawful devices and methods).

~~[(7)]~~ (2) Hunt or take deer in the southeast special regulations area during regular open hunting seasons for white-tailed deer through the use of or by taking advantage of bait on private, township or municipal property only as set forth in this paragraph.

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Action:

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.804

Commentary: Since the mentored hunting program's initial inception in 2006, the program has gradually grown and expanded to allow the hunting of many additional species of game and wildlife. With each progressive expansion of species eligibility, the mentored hunting program has come into closer alignment to the Commission's traditional hunting license structures. The Commission is now proposing to amend § 147.804 (relating to general) to expand species eligibility for the mentored hunting program to include participation in waterfowl, bear and expanded spring (special) turkey seasons. Existing regulatory structures will authorize mentored youth over 7 years of age at the time of application and mentored adults to make application for bear licenses and special wild turkey licenses as a direct applicant. Mentored youth under the age of 7 years of age at the time of application will be authorized to receive the harvests tags from bear and special wild turkey licenses by transfer from a mentor in similar fashion to other big game harvest tags.

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter X. MENTORED HUNTING PROGRAM PERMIT

§ 147.804. General.

(a) *License required.* A mentor shall possess a valid Pennsylvania hunting license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) prior to engaging in any mentored hunting activities.

(b) *Permit required.* A mentored youth or mentored adult shall possess a valid applicable mentored hunting permit prior to engaging in any mentored hunting activities. Purchase of a hunting license by an eligible mentored youth or mentored adult shall automatically invalidate any mentored permit and associated harvest tags held by same.

(c) *Species limitation.* A mentored youth's or mentored adult's hunting eligibility is restricted to the following species: rabbit, hare, ruffed grouse, mourning dove, bobwhite quail, pheasant, crow, squirrel, porcupine, woodchuck, coyote, deer, waterfowl, bear, and wild turkey.

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(k) *Transfer of a spring turkey harvest tag or special wild turkey harvest tag.* Notwithstanding the prohibitions in section 2711(a)(3) and (5) of the act, mentors are authorized to transfer spring turkey harvest tags or special wild turkey harvest tags issued to them to a mentored youth who was under 7 years of age at the time of application. The spring turkey harvest tag or special wild turkey harvest tag shall be valid and in the possession of the mentor at all times while hunting spring turkey. The transfer of the spring turkey harvest tag or special wild turkey

harvest tag may not occur until after the mentored youth has harvested the spring turkey, but before tagging the carcass. A mentored youth may not receive by transfer more than one spring turkey harvest tag or special wild turkey harvest tag each license year. This provision shall not be construed to authorize the transfer of a spring turkey harvest tag or special wild turkey harvest tag to a mentored adult or a mentored youth that was 7 years of age or older at the time of application for the mentored permit.

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(l) *Application for and issuance of big game harvest tags.* Except as provided as follows, mentored youth and mentored adult hunting permits will be issued with an antlered deer, fall turkey and spring turkey harvest tag. No harvest tags will be issued with a mentored youth permit where the applicant is under 7 years of age at the time of application. Mentored youth over 7 years of age at the time of application and mentored adults are additionally eligible to make application for a bear license, one antlerless deer license and as many DMAP harvest permits that are within the eligibility standards and limitations of these programs.

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(n) *Transfer of a bear harvest tag.* Notwithstanding the prohibitions in section 2711(a)(3) and (5) of the act, mentors are authorized to transfer bear harvest tags issued to them to a mentored youth who was under 7 years of age at the time of application. The bear harvest tag shall be valid and in the possession of the mentor at all times while hunting bear. The transfer of the bear harvest tag may not occur until after the mentored youth has harvested the bear, but before tagging the carcass. A mentored youth may not receive by transfer more than bear harvest tag each license year. This provision shall not be construed to authorize the transfer of a bear harvest tag to a mentored adult or a mentored youth that was 7 years of age or older at the time of application for the mentored permit.

Action:

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

C. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 141.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended § 141.4 to replace the current hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting hours table to accurately reflect the dates and hours of legal hunting for the 2021-2022 hunting/trapping license year.

Action:

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter A. General

§ 141.4. Hunting hours.

Except as otherwise provided, wild birds and mammals may be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

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*(See Pennsylvania Meridian Map, Hunting Hours and
Migratory Game Bird Hunting Hours Tables)*

Appendix G. Hunting Hours

HUNTING HOURS TABLE FOR JUNE 27, 2021 THROUGH JULY 2, 2022					
Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
June 27 - July 3	5:07	9:03	Jan. 2 - 8	6:52	5:23
July 4 - 10	5:11	9:01	Jan. 9 - 15	6:50	5:24
July 11 - 17	5:16	8:57	Jan. 16 - 22	6:47	5:31
July 18 - 24	5:22	8:52	Jan. 23 - 29	6:46	5:39
July 25 - 31	5:28	8:45	Jan.30 - Feb. 5	6:41	5:48
Aug. 1 - 7	5:35	8:37	Feb. 6 - 12	6:34	5:56
Aug. 8 - 14	5:42	8:28	Feb. 13 - 19	6:26	6:04
Aug. 15 - 21	5:48	8:18	Feb. 20 - 26	6:17	6:12
Aug. 22 - 28	5:55	8:08	Feb. 27 - March 5	6:07	6:20
Aug. 29 -Sept. 4	6:02	7:57	March 6 - 12	5:56	6:28
Sept. 5 - 11	6:08	7:45	March 13 - 19* Begins	6:45	7:35
Sept. 12 - 18	6:15	7:34	March 20 - 26	6:34	7:43
Sept. 19 - 25	6:21	7:22	March 27 - Apr. 2	6:23	7:50
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	6:28	7:11	April 3 - 9	6:11	7:57
Oct. 3 - 9	6:35	7:00	April 10 - 16	6:00	8:04
Oct. 10 - 16	6:42	6:49	April 17 - 23	5:50	8:11
Oct. 17 - 23	6:50	6:39	April 24 - 30	5:40	8:24
Oct. 24 - 30	6:58	6:30	May 1 - 7	5:31	8:25
Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	7:06	6:22	May 8 - 14	5:23	8:32
Nov. 7 - 13 ** Ends	6:07	5:21	May 15 - 21	5:15	8:39
Nov. 14 - 20	6:22	5:11	May 22 - 28	5:10	8:45
Nov. 21 - 27	6:29	5:07	May 29 - June 4	5:05	8:51
Nov. 28 - Dec. 4	6:36	5:05	June 5 - 11	5:01	8:56
Dec. 5 - 11	6:42	5:05	June 12 - 18	5:02	9:00
Dec. 12 - 18	6:47	5:08	June 19 - 25	5:03	9:02
Dec. 19 - 25	6:51	5:08	June 26 - July 2	5:06	9:03
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	6:52	5:14	Daylight Saving Time Begins* - Ends**		

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING HOURS TABLE
2021-2022**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
June 27 - July 3	5:07	8:33	Jan. 2 - 8	6:52	4:53
July 4 - 10	5:11	8:31	Jan. 9 - 15	6:50	4:54
July 11 - 17	5:16	8:27	Jan. 16 - 22	6:47	5:01
July 18 - 24	5:22	8:22	Jan. 23 - 29	6:46	5:09
July 25 - 31	5:28	8:15	Jan. 30 - Feb. 5	6:41	5:18
Aug. 1 - 7	5:35	8:07	Feb. 6 - 12	6:34	5:26
Aug. 8 - 14	5:42	7:58	Feb. 13 - 19	6:26	5:34
Aug. 15 - 21	5:48	7:48	Feb. 20 - 26	6:17	5:42
Aug. 22 - 28	5:55	7:38	Feb. 27 - March 5	6:07	5:50
Aug. 29 - Sept. 4	6:02	7:27	March 6 - 12	5:56	5:58
Sept. 5 - 11	6:08	7:15	March 13 - 19 * Begins	6:45	7:05
Sept. 12 - 18	6:15	7:04	March 20 - 26	6:34	7:13
Sept. 19 - 25	6:21	6:52	March 27 - April 2	6:23	7:20
Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	6:28	6:41	April 3 - 9	6:11	7:27
Oct. 3 - 9	6:35	6:30	April 10 - 16	6:00	7:34
Oct. 10 - 16	6:42	6:19	April 17 - 23	5:50	7:41
Oct. 17 - 23	6:50	6:09	April 24 - 30	5:40	7:54
Oct. 24 - 30	6:58	6:00	May 1 - 7	5:31	7:56
Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	7:06	5:52	May 8 - 14	5:23	8:02
Nov. 7 - 13 ** Ends	6:07	4:51	May 15 - 21	5:15	8:09
Nov. 14 - 20	6:22	4:41	May 22 - 28	5:10	8:15
Nov. 21 - 27	6:29	4:37	May 29 - June 4	5:05	8:21
Nov. 28 - Dec. 4	6:36	4:35	June 5 - 11	5:01	8:26
Dec. 5 - 11	6:42	4:35	June 12 - 18	5:02	8:30
Dec. 12 - 18	6:47	4:38	June 19 - 25	5:03	8:32
Dec. 19 - 25	6:51	4:38	June 26 - July 2	5:06	8:33
Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	6:52	4:44	Daylight Saving Time Begins* Ends**		

D. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 143.203, 143.203a and 143.206 and add §§ 139.18 and 143.203b.

Commentary:

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) at its January 23, 2021 meeting amended §§ 143.203, 143.203a and 143.206 (relating to random drawing elk licenses; special elk conservation license auction elk license; and validity of elk licenses) and added §§ 139.18 and 143.203b (relating to elk management area and hunt zones; and special-license fundraiser elk license) to define the elk management area and elk hunt zones, better delineate and describe the three available elk licenses and, lastly, close all elk hunting in any elk hunt zone that does not receive an allocation for a given hunting license year.

Action:

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

Appendix C

§ 139.18. Elk management area and hunt zones.

(a) The elk management area is broad geographical range used for management of the Commonwealth's elk population.

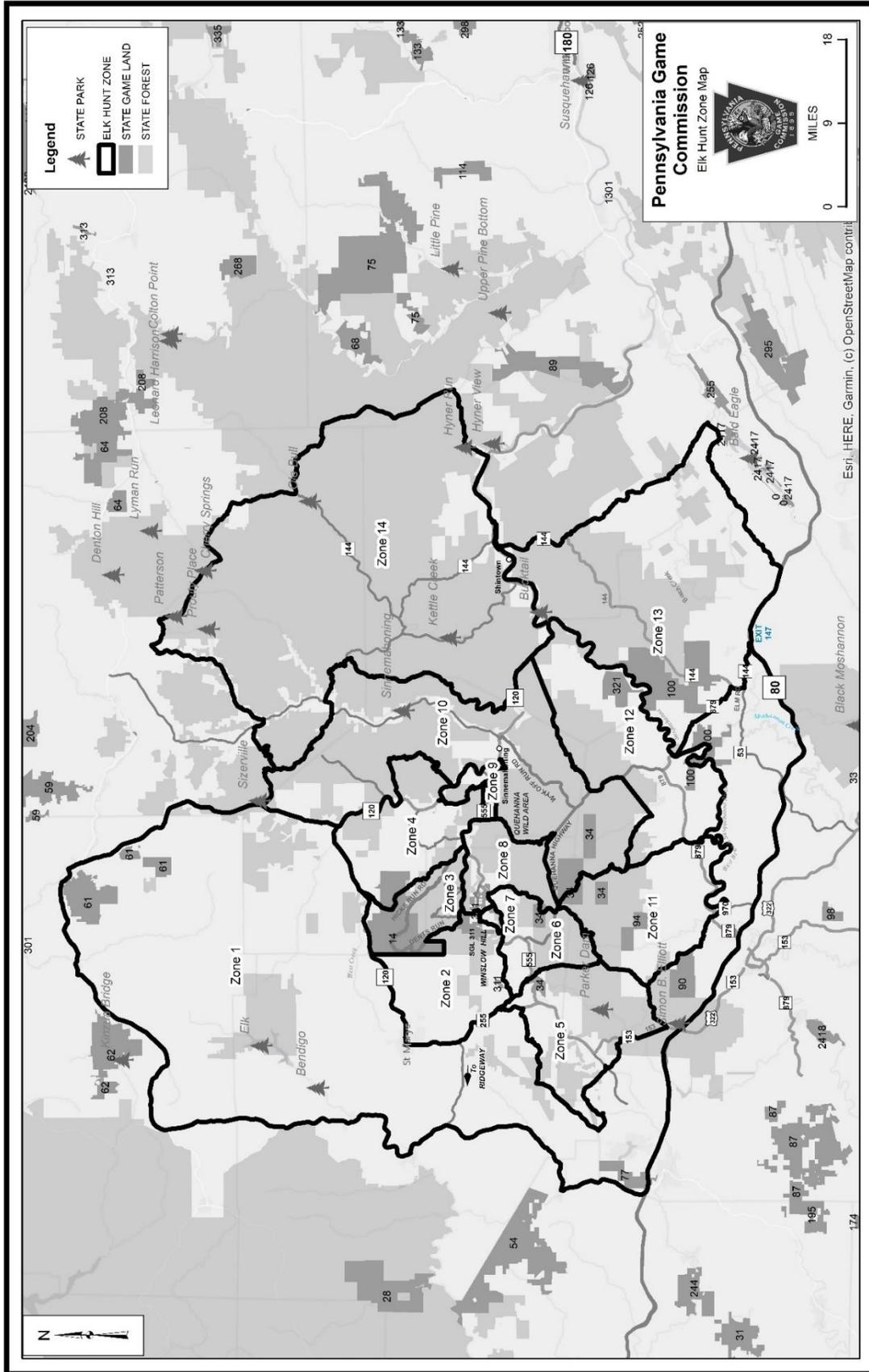
(b) Elk hunt zones are those individual and distinct areas within the elk management area in which elk may be hunted according to annual elk allocations.

(c) The division line between two or more hunt zones shall be the center of the highway, road, natural water course or other natural boundary.

(d) The outline map of the elk management area sets forth the elk hunt zones.

(See Elk Hunt Zone Map)

ANNEX "A"



CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

Subchapter K. ELK LICENSES

§ 143.203. Random drawing elk licenses.

(a) The Executive Director will set the date for the random drawing of applications for the issuance of random drawing elk licenses.

(b) Applications from current applicants who have applied in the 2003-2004 license year and subsequent years will be included in the random drawing until the applicant is successfully drawn and issued a license.

(c) Applicants issued a random drawing elk license entitling them to take an antlered elk are not permitted to apply for a random drawing elk license for 5 license years.

(d) Qualified applicants and alternates drawn for a random drawing elk license shall be required to obtain a regular hunting license and complete an orientation program as prescribed by the Director.

(e) Qualified applicants drawn for a random drawing elk license whose military obligation prevents them from hunting the current elk season shall be eligible to hunt in the next available elk season.

(f) The number of available random drawing elk licenses each year shall be limited to the allocations set by the Commission for each Elk Hunt Zone. Any Elk Hunt Zone that does not receive an allocation for a given hunting license year is closed to all elk hunting, unless the zone is designated as open to all elk license holders by the Commission.

§ 143.203a. Special elk conservation license auction.

(a) Each year the Commission may contract with an eligible wildlife conservation organization to conduct an auction sale of one special elk conservation license in accordance with section 2706.2(b) of the act (relating to elk hunting licenses).

(b) Upon conclusion of the auction, the wildlife conservation organization shall issue the winning bidder a license voucher which may be redeemed for a special elk conservation license under section 2712 of the act (relating to vouchers for licenses and permits).

(c) Except as authorized by § 143.206(c) (relating to validity of elk licenses), special conservation license auction elk licenses are limited to use within the Elk Hunt Zones receiving allocation(s) for a given hunting license year under section § 143.203(f)(relating to random drawing elk licenses). Any Elk Hunt Zone that does not receive an allocation for a given hunting license year under section § 143.203(f) is closed to all elk hunting, unless the zone is designated as open to all elk license holders by the Commission.

§ 143.203b. Special-license fundraiser elk license.

(a) Each year the Commission may contract with an eligible Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization to conduct an auction or raffle sale of one special -license fundraiser elk license in accordance with section 2706.2(c) of the act (relating to elk hunting licenses).

(b) Upon conclusion of the auction or raffle, the Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization shall issue the winning bidder a license voucher which may be redeemed for a special -license fundraiser elk license under section 2712 of the act (relating to vouchers for licenses and permits).

(c) Except as authorized by § 143.206(c)(relating to validity of elk licenses), special -license fundraiser elk license auction licenses are limited to use within the Elk Hunt Zones receiving allocations for a given hunting license year under section § 143.203(f)(relating to random drawing elk licenses). Any elk hunt zone that does not receive an allocation for a given hunting license year under section § 143.203(f) is closed to all elk hunting, unless the zone is designated as open to all elk license holders by the Commission.

§ 143.206. Validity of elk licenses.

(a) *Elk hunt zones.* Except as provided in subsection (c), an elk license is valid for taking elk only in the elk hunt zones designated on the elk license, unless the zone is designated as open to all elk license holders by the Commission.

(b) *Elk gender.* Except as provided in subsection (c), an elk license is valid for taking only an antlerless, antlered or either sex elk as designated on the elk license.

(c) *Exception.* Any unfilled antlered or antlerless elk license for any designated elk hunt zones are additionally valid for taking either an antlered or antlerless elk anywhere within this Commonwealth outside of the elk management area during any extended elk season established in § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) that follows the regular elk season.

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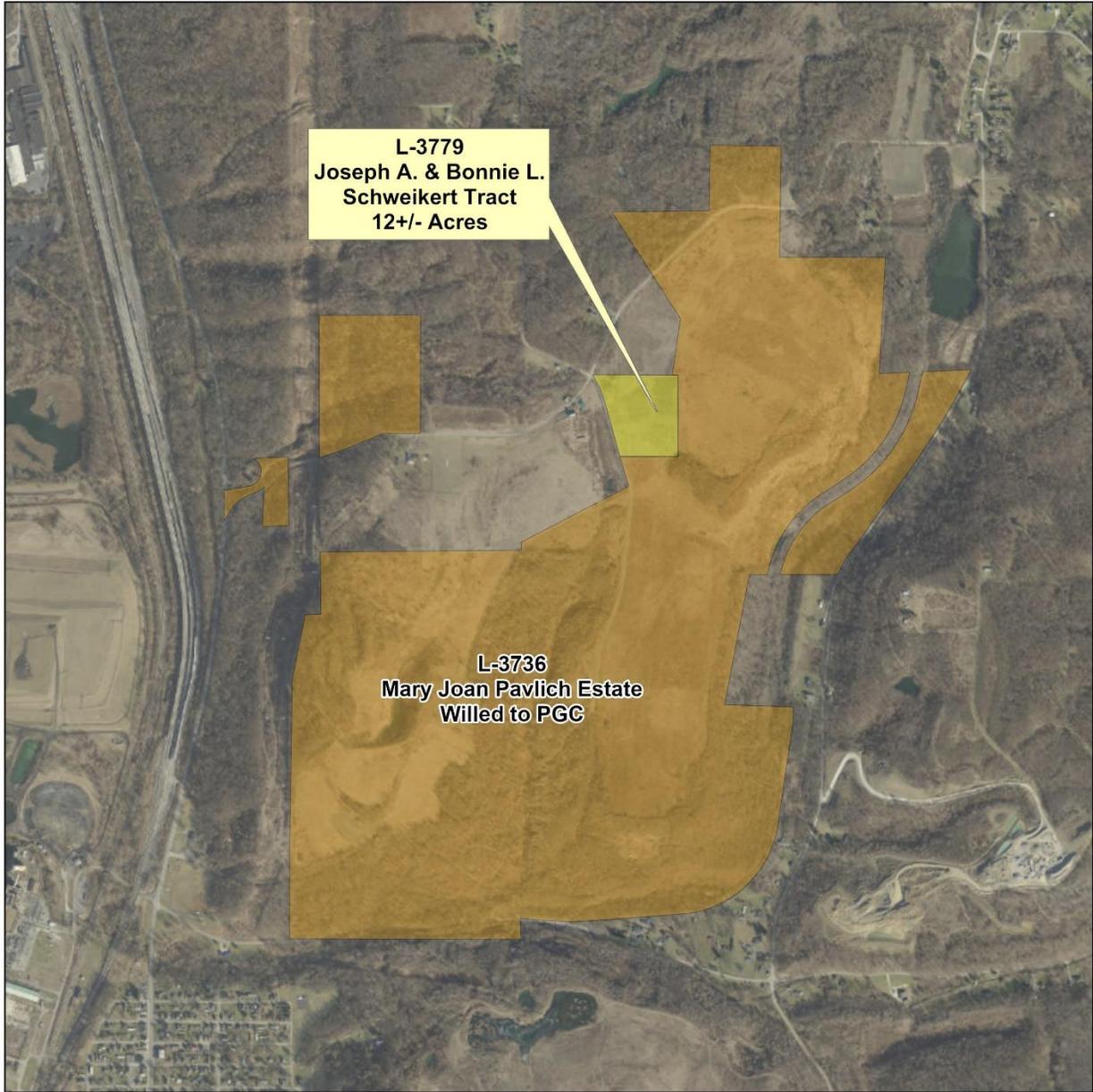
REAL ESTATE

A. Acquisition

Contract No. L-3779, State Game Land No. 148, Lawrence County

Commentary: Joseph A. Schweikert and Bonnie L. Schweikert are offering 12+/- acres of land in Shenango Township, Lawrence County, adjoining property donated from the Estate of Mary Joan Pavlich and approved by the Board of Game Commissioners at the January 29, 2019, Commission Meeting (Exhibit RED 1). The option price is \$30,000 lump sum to be paid with funds from the Game Fund's restricted account (other cost sharing funds). Access is from Denny Drive (T-429) and from Cochran Hill Road which is an abandoned township road.

Action:



**Exhibit RED 1
State Game Land No. 148**



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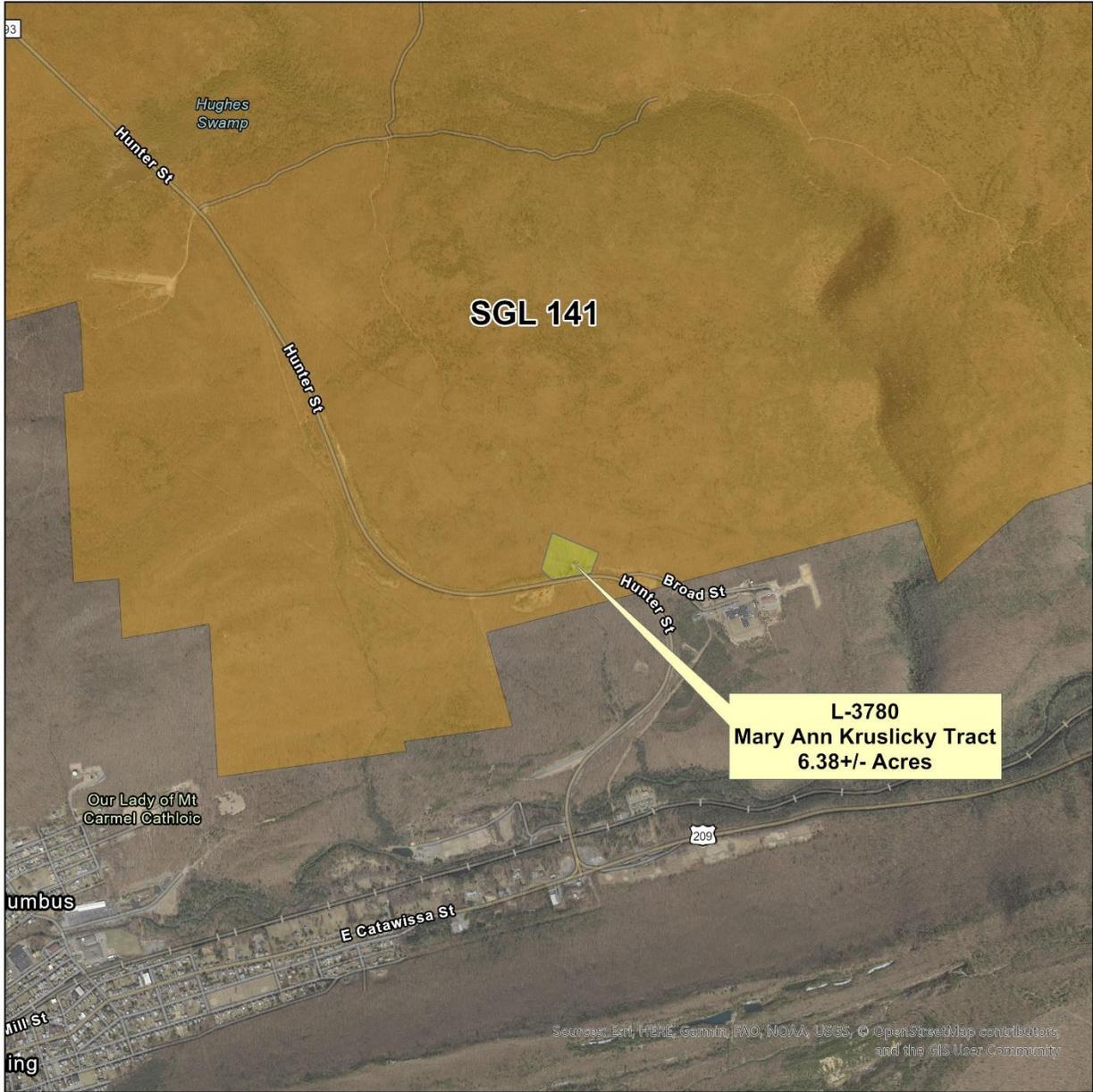
**L-3779
Joseph A. & Bonnie L. Schweikert Tract
12+/- Acres**

Shenango Township
Lawrence County
Northwest Region

Contract No. L-3780, State Game Land No. 141, Carbon County

Commentary: Mary Ann Kruslicky is offering 6.38+/- acres of land in Nesquehoning Borough, Carbon County, an interior in State Game Land No. 141 (Exhibit RED 2). The option price is \$30,000 lump sum to be paid with funds from the Game Fund. The parcel is located within an existing State Game Land and therefore the Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. Access is from SR 93, Hunter Street.

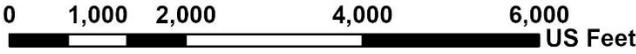
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**Exhibit RED 2
State Game Land No. 141**

**L-3780
Mary Ann Kruslicky Tract
6.38+/- Acres**

**Nesquehoning Borough
Carbon County
Northeast Region**



B. Exchange

Contract No. L-3781, State Game Land No. 44, Elk County

Commentary: Matthew J. Diemer is offering to exchange 1+/- acre of land in Spring Creek Township, Elk County, an interior within State Game Land No. 44 to the Commission in exchange for 0.29+/- acres of State Game Land No. 44 in Spring Creek Township, Elk County (Exhibit RED 3). This exchange will resolve an encroachment upon State Game Land No. 44 from Mr. Diemer's camp. Access to the one-acre parcel is from existing State Game Land No. 44. The proposed exchange is in the best interest of the Commission.

Action:

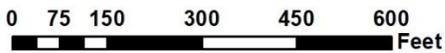


Exhibit RED 3
State Game Land No. 44

L-3781
Land Exchange
PGC to Matthew J. Diemer
0.29+/- Acres from SGL 44
Matthew J. Diemer to PGC
1+/- Acre to SGL 44

Spring Creek Township
Elk County
Northcentral Region

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Next Commission Meeting – July 23-24, in Harrisburg, PA

Executive Session, if necessary, will be held immediately following the close of the Commission Meeting.

Adjournment