

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**



**AGENDA  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
April 15, 2023**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Game Commission

Agenda

The Commission Meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners

Kristen Schnepf-Giger, President  
Scott H. Foradora, Vice President  
Dennis R. Fredericks, Secretary  
Allen J. DiMarco  
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Approval of Minutes of Commission Meetings held January 28, 2023.

## **BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

### **ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 143.41-143.45 and remove §§ 143.48-143.56.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend §§ 143.41-143.45 and delete §§ 143.48-143.56 to eliminate the mail-in process and replace it with an online and over-the-counter process. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

## ANNEX “A”

### Chapter 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

#### Subchapter C. ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES

##### § 143.41. General.

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to implement a structure and process that provides for the fair and equitable distribution of the antlerless deer licenses allocated by the Commission to each wildlife management unit annually.

(b) The Commission will establish the annual allocation of antlerless deer licenses for each wildlife management unit after its review of available management data.

(c) The Commission will accept applications for antlerless deer licenses allocated to each wildlife management unit on a first-come-first-served basis through one or more sales rounds that will continue until the supply of licenses is exhausted for each unit.

(d) Reserved.

(e) Except as provided in subsection (f), notwithstanding the provisions of this subchapter limiting the total number of antlerless deer licenses allocated to each wildlife management unit, the Commission will establish a review process to authorize the issuance of licenses outside of the allocations established in each wildlife management unit to:

(1) A resident of this Commonwealth serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or in the United States Coast Guard or within 60 days of discharge from active duty under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard.

(2) A disabled veteran as defined in § 2706(b)(1) and (1.1) of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

(3) An applicant who is eligible for a landowner antlerless deer license as authorized under § 2706(c) of the act.

(4) An applicant whom the Commission has determined to have been erroneously denied an antlerless deer license.

(f) Except for antlerless licenses issued under subsection (e)(4), an eligible applicant may receive no more than one antlerless license each license year under any outside-of-allocation exception set forth in subsection (e). Should an applicant be eligible for two or more conditions, only one exception may be exercised each license year.

##### § 143.42. Antlerless deer license required.

(a) *General rule.* Except as provided in subsection (b), a person must acquire and possess a valid antlerless deer license for an applicable wildlife management unit to lawfully hunt and take each antlerless deer within that unit during any open antlerless deer season established in § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year). Each antlerless deer license is valid for taking only one antlerless deer only in the wildlife management unit designated on the license.

(b) *Exceptions.* The licensure requirements of subsection (a) do not apply to persons lawfully hunting antlerless deer in accordance with allowances and requirements of:

(1) The agricultural lands license exemption as set forth in section 2706(a) of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

(2) An applicable antlerless deer special permit issued by the Commission.

(3) The lawful cooperation and assistance authorizations or exceptions set forth in sections 2301(b) and 2325 of the act (relating to prima facie evidence of hunting; and cooperation after lawfully killing big game) and also § 141.43(e) (relating to deer seasons).

#### § 143.43. Antlerless deer license eligibility and application.

(a) The Commission will make antlerless deer licenses available to eligible applicants for purchase through PALS online and at each of its current issuing agent locations across this Commonwealth.

(b) The Commission will only accept an application for an antlerless deer license from a person who meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The person either currently possesses a valid base hunting license or is making a contemporaneous purchase of a valid base hunting license with the application for an antlerless deer license.

(2) At the time of application, the person has not exceeded application limits for antlerless deer licenses as set forth in § 143.45 (relating to antlerless deer license application limits).

(3) The person has paid the applicable cost of the antlerless deer license, plus any applicable transactional and issuing agent fees established in section 2709 of the act (relating to license cost and fees).

(4) At the time of application, the person is not subject to any active hunting or furtaking license suspension or revocation.

#### § 143.44. Antlerless deer license application schedule.

(a) *Application schedule.* The Commission will make antlerless deer licenses available for application through PALS online and at each of its current issuing agent locations across this Commonwealth according to the following distribution schedule:

- (1) Round 1.
  - (i) Beginning the fourth Monday in June for all resident applicants.
  - (ii) Beginning the second Monday in July for all nonresident applicants.
- (2) Round 2. Beginning the fourth Monday in July for all resident and nonresident applicants.
- (3) Round 3. Beginning the second Monday in August for all resident and nonresident applicants.
- (4) Round 4. Beginning the fourth Monday in August for all resident and nonresident applicants.

(b) *Application time.* The Commission will open sales on the date for each respective round of antlerless deer license sales beginning at 8 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and sales will remain open thereafter for that respective round until allocations for each applicable wildlife management unit are exhausted.

#### § 143.45. Antlerless deer license application limits.

(a) *Application limit.* Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b) and (c), an eligible applicant may submit only one antlerless deer license application for each open antlerless deer license sales round listed in § 143.44 (relating to antlerless deer license application schedule). The Commission will reject all applications in excess of these limits.

(b) *Catch-up allowance.* An eligible applicant may submit multiple antlerless deer license applications in a single transaction if the applicant has not previously applied for an antlerless deer license during one or more previous open rounds, and only then equal to the number of rounds currently open on the date of application.

(c) *Round 4 continuous sales.*

(1) Subject to the procedures and limitations of paragraph (2), an eligible applicant may submit multiple and continuous applications for antlerless deer licenses for each wildlife management unit whose antlerless deer license allocation remains unexhausted upon the opening of Round 4 of antlerless deer license sales on the date set forth in § 143.44. The authorizations of this subsection will terminate automatically for each wildlife management unit once its antlerless deer license allocation is exhausted.



(2) An eligible applicant may make one or more applications for antlerless deer licenses under this subsection only when the Commission's PALS licensing system shows five or less active and unfulfilled antlerless deer licenses on the applicant's license profile. Once an applicant has been issued a sixth cumulative active and unfulfilled antlerless deer 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. At no time is an applicant authorized to exceed six cumulative active and unfulfilled antlerless licenses in their PALS license profile.

(d) *Resident agricultural lands exception.* A person exercising the privileges of the license exemption provided under section 2706(a) of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) on eligible lands is not entitled or required to obtain antlerless deer license(s) under this subchapter, but is subject to the same antlerless deer season limits that would otherwise apply to a licensed person hunting the wildlife management unit(s) covering the eligible lands as follows:

(1) Rounds 1, 2 and 3. An eligible person is authorized to harvest one deer for every antlerless deer license sales round, up to round 3, that is opened for the applicable wildlife management unit as set forth in § 143.44. Authorization to harvest an antlerless deer may not be acquired for a round subsequent to round 1, 2 or 3 if the allocation for the applicable wildlife management unit is exhausted before the subsequent round opens.

(2) Round 4. An eligible person is authorized to harvest multiple and continuous antlerless deer up to the limits and subject to the reporting requirements and closure dates of subsection (c). The authorizations of this paragraph will terminate automatically for an eligible person hunting within an applicable wildlife management unit once the wildlife management unit's antlerless license allocation is exhausted.

§ 143.48. Reserved.

§ 143.49. Reserved.

§ 143.50. Reserved.

§ 143.51. Reserved.

§ 143.52. Reserved.

§ 143.53. Reserved.

§ 143.54. Reserved.

§ 143.55. Reserved.

§ 143.56. Reserved.

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 139.17.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 139.17 (relating to wildlife management units) to eliminate wildlife management unit (WMU) 2H and return WMU 2G to its original boundary. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

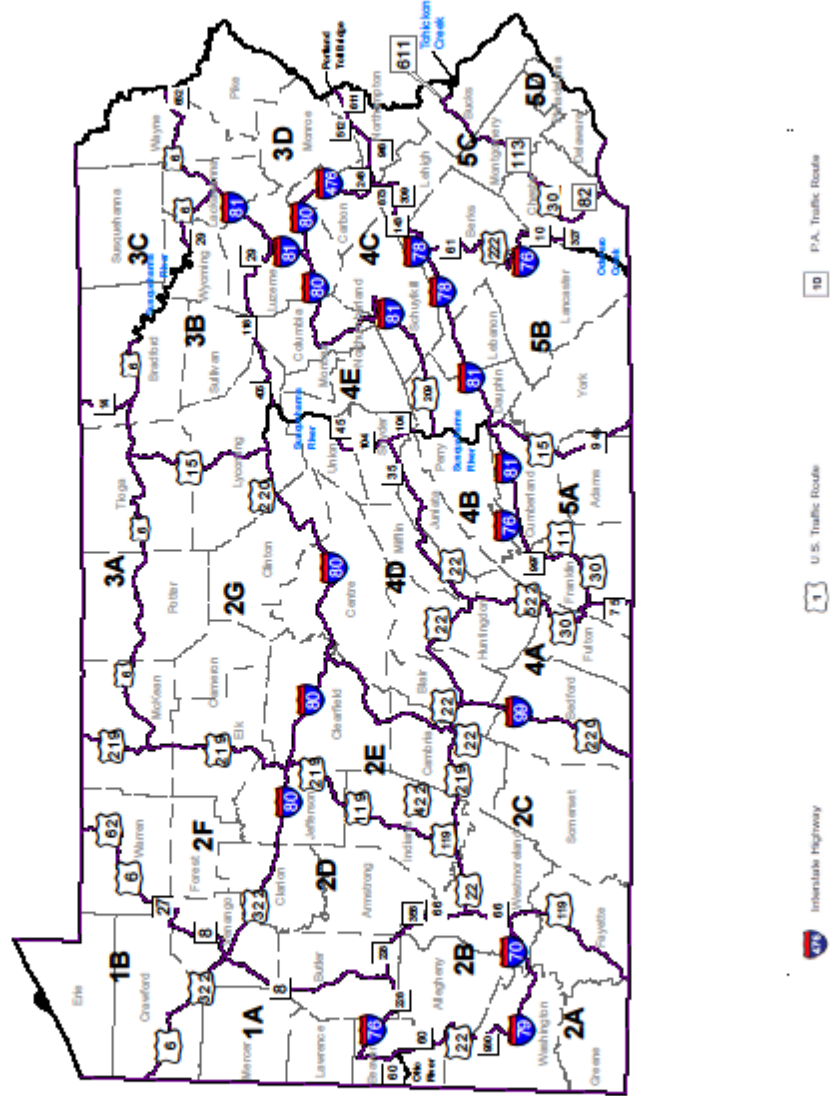
ANNEX "A"

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

§ 139.17. Wildlife management units.

- (a) The divisional line between two or more wildlife management units shall be the center of the highway, natural water course or other natural boundary.
- (b) The outline map of Pennsylvania sets forth wildlife management units.

# Wildlife Management Units



C. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 139.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2023-2024 license year. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

ANNEX "A"

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

§ 139.4 Seasons and bag limits for the license year.

**2023-2024 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) <sup>1</sup> Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required junior license	Sept. 9	Sept. 23	6	18
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 9 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 and Dec. 26	Nov. 11 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 Nov. 18 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 Nov. 24 Dec. 23 Feb. 29, 2024	6	18
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 14 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 and Dec. 11	Nov. 11 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 Nov. 18 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 Nov. 24 Dec. 23	2	6
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> <sup>1</sup> Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required junior license	Sept. 30	Oct. 14	4	12
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 14 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 and Dec. 26	Nov. 11 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 Nov. 18 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 Nov. 24 Dec. 23 Feb. 29, 2024	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> <sup>1</sup>	As authorized by the Executive Order			
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> <sup>1</sup> Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required junior license	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	2	6
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 21 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 and Dec. 26	Nov. 11 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 Nov. 18 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 Nov. 24 Dec. 23 Feb. 29, 2024	2	6
<i>Bobwhite Quail</i> – There is no open season for the taking of bobwhite quail in the area surrounding the Letterkenny Bobwhite Quail Focus Area, as designated in §141.30 (relating to bobwhite quail recovery area).				
<i>Bobwhite Quail</i> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 and Nov. 13 and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 and Dec. 26	Nov. 11 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12 Nov. 18 Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 Nov. 24 Dec. 23 Mar. 30, 2024	Unlimited	
<i>Hare (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hare</i> <sup>1</sup>	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 2024	1	3



<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b>Woodchuck (Groundhog)</b> <sup>2</sup>	July 1	Nov. 11	Unlimited	
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 24		
	and Dec. 11	June 29, 2024		
<b>Crow</b> <sup>3</sup> (Hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	Aug. 24	Mar. 24, 2024	Unlimited	
<b>Starling and English Sparrow</b> <sup>3</sup>	No closed season, except season closed during the regular firearms deer season(s).		Unlimited	

***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.<sup>1</sup>

**WILD TURKEY**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b><i>Turkey, Fall - Male or Female</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			1	1
WMU 2B	Oct. 28	Nov. 17		
	Nov. 22	Nov. 24		
	and			
WMU 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B, 4D, and 4E	Oct. 28	Nov. 4		
WMUs 2A, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, and 4C	Oct. 28	Nov. 11		
WMU 2C, 2D, and 2E	Oct. 28	Nov. 11		
	Nov. 22	Nov. 24		
	and			
WMU 5B	Oct. 31	Nov. 2		
WMUs 5A, 5C, and 5D	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
<b><i>Turkey, Spring</i></b> <sup>1</sup> Bearded Bird only, Eligible Junior Hunters only, with the required junior license	Apr. 27, 2024	Apr. 27, 2024	1	1
<b><i>Turkey, Spring</i></b> <sup>1,4</sup> Bearded Bird only	May 4, 2024	May 18, 2024	1	2
			May be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon	
			and	
	May 20, 2024	May 31, 2024	May be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	

*FALCONRY*

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Field Possession Limit After Second Day</b>
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	6	18
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		
<i>Quail</i> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	Unlimited	
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	2	6
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		
<i>Cottontail Rabbits</i> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	4	12
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Field Possession Limit After Second Day</b>
<b><i>Snowshoe or Varying Hare</i></b> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	1	3
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		
<b><i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male and Female</i></b> (Combined) <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	2	6
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		
<b><i>Mink, Muskrat, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, and Weasel</i></b> <sup>2</sup>	Sept. 1	Nov. 11	Unlimited	
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Mar. 30, 2024		

***Migratory Game Bird***<sup>1</sup> - Seasons and bag limits shall be in accordance with Federal regulations.

**WHITE-TAILED DEER**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b>Deer, Archery (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</b> <sup>2,5</sup> With the required archery license WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Sept. 16	Nov. 11	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	
	Nov. 13	Nov. 18	
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	
	Nov. 20	Nov. 24	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 27, 2024	
<b>Deer, Archery (Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</b> <sup>2,5</sup> 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	Sept. 30	Nov. 11	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	
	Nov. 13	Nov. 17	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 15, 2024	
<b>Deer, Muzzleloading (Antlerless only)</b> <sup>1</sup> With the required muzzleloading license	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only)</b> Only Junior and Senior License Holders <sup>6</sup> Mentored Permit Holders <sup>9</sup> , 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. 19	Oct. 21	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Regular Firearms</b> <b>(Antlered &amp; Antlerless)</b> <sup>2,5</sup> Statewide	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	
	Nov. 27	Dec. 9	
<b>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</b> <sup>1,5</sup> 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. 26	Jan. 15, 2024	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</b> <sup>1,5</sup> With the required muzzleloading license WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 27, 2024	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</i> <sup>1</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 27, 2024	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Antlerless</i> <sup>1</sup> (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> <sup>2,7</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D	Sept. 16	Nov. 11	1
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	
	Nov. 13	Nov. 18	
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	
	Nov. 20	Nov. 24	
<i>Bear, Archery</i> <sup>2,7</sup> WMU 5B	Sept. 30	Nov. 11	1
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	
	Nov. 13	Nov. 17	
<i>Bear, Archery</i> <sup>1,7</sup> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A	Oct. 14	Nov. 4	1
<i>Bear, Muzzleloader</i> <sup>1,7</sup> (Statewide)	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	1
<i>Bear, Special firearms</i> <sup>7</sup> Only Junior and Senior License Holders <sup>6</sup> , Mentored Permit Holders <sup>9</sup> , 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 in the United States Coast Guard (Statewide)	Oct. 19	Oct. 21	1

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b><i>Bear, Regular Firearms</i></b> <sup>2,7</sup> (Statewide)	Nov. 18	Nov. 18	1
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19 and	
	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	
<b><i>Bear, Extended firearms</i></b> <sup>2,7</sup> WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C, and 5D	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	1
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26 and	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26 and	
	Nov. 27	Dec. 9	
<b><i>Bear, Extended firearms</i></b> <sup>2,7</sup> WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E and 5A	Nov. 25	Nov. 25	1
	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26 and	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26 and	
	Nov. 27	Dec. 2	

**ELK**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b><i>Elk, Special Conservation Tag</i></b> <sup>1,8</sup> <b><i>and Special-License Tag</i></b> <sup>1,8</sup> (Antlered and Antlerless)	Sept. 1	Nov. 4	1
<b><i>Elk, Archery</i></b> <sup>1,8</sup>	Sept. 16	Sept. 30	1
<b><i>Elk, Regular</i></b> <sup>1,8</sup> (Antlered and Antlerless)	Oct. 30	Nov. 4	1
<b><i>Elk, Late</i></b> <sup>1,8</sup>	Dec. 30	Jan. 6, 2024	1

**FUR TAKING – TRAPPING**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<b><i>Mink and Muskrat</i></b>	Nov. 18	Jan. 7, 2024		Unlimited
<b><i>Beaver</i></b>	Dec. 16	Mar. 31, 2024		
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

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Coyote, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk and Weasel</i>	Oct. 21	Feb. 18, 2024	Unlimited
<i>Coyote and Fox</i> Use of cable restraint devices authorized with required certification	Dec. 26	Feb. 18, 2024	Unlimited
<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. 16	Jan. 7, 2024	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. 16	Dec. 31	1
<i>River Otter, with required otter permit</i> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2F, 3B, 3C, 3D and 4E	Feb. 10, 2024	Feb. 17, 2024	1

**FUR TAKING – HUNTING**

<b>Species</b>	<b>First Day</b>	<b>Last Day</b>	<b>Daily Limit</b>	<b>Season Limit</b>
<i>Coyote – (Outside of any big game season)</i> <sup>3</sup>	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> <sup>2</sup>	July 1	Nov. 11	Unlimited	
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	May be hunted any hour, day or night, on open dates from July 1 – Nov. 24 and Dec. 10- June 29, 2024. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 25 – Dec. 9.	
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	And Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	June 29, 2024		
<i>Fox</i> <sup>3</sup>	Oct. 21	Feb. 17, 2024	Unlimited	May be hunted any hour, day or night, from Oct. 21 – Nov. 24 and Dec. 10 – Feb. 17, 2024. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 25 – Dec. 9.



Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<b>Raccoon</b> <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 21	Nov. 11		Unlimited
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		May be hunted any hour, day or night, on open dates from Oct. 21 – Nov. 24 and Dec. 10 – Feb. 17, 2024. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 25 – Dec. 9.
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 25		
	And Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 26		
	and Nov. 27	Feb. 17, 2024		
<b>Bobcat, with required bobcat permit</b> <sup>1</sup> WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Jan. 6, 2024	Jan. 31, 2024	1	1
<b>Porcupine</b> <sup>2</sup>	Oct. 7	Nov. 11	3	10
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 12		
	and Nov. 13	Nov. 18		
	and Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19	Sun. <sup>3</sup> , Nov. 19		
	and Nov. 20	Nov. 24		
	and Dec. 11	Dec. 23		
	and Dec. 26	Jan. 27, 2024		

**No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.**

<sup>1</sup> No hunting on Sunday authorized. See 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

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

<sup>3</sup> Hunting on Sunday is authorized. See 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> Includes resident and nonresident license holders who have reached or will reach their 65<sup>th</sup> 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).

<sup>7</sup> Only one bear may be taken during the hunting license year with the required bear license.

<sup>8</sup> Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year with the required elk license.

<sup>9</sup> Includes mentored youth and mentored adults with a valid mentored hunter permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter X (relating to Special Permits; Mentored Hunting Program Permit).

D. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 133.21.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 133.21 (relating to classification of birds) to update the scientific names of the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Sedge Wren and Northern Harrier on the Commonwealth's lists of threatened and endangered birds with current accepted taxonomic nomenclature. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 133. WILDLIFE CLASSIFICATION

Subchapter B. BIRDS

§ 133.21. Classification of birds.

The following birds are classified:

(1) Endangered.

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(viii) Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

(ix) Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)

(x) Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

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(xiii) Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)

(xiv) Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*)

(xv) Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flavi-ventris*)

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(2) Threatened.

(i) Northern Harrier (*Circus hudsonius*)

(ii) Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)

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E. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 137.35.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 135.37 (relating to Chronic Wasting Disease restrictions) to: 1) authorize a Statewide Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) cooperator program; 2) authorize any Statewide cooperator the ability to accept high-risk cervid parts imported into this Commonwealth from other states, Canadian provinces or other locations or exported from a disease management area (DMA); and 3) prohibit the placement of high-risk cervid parts on the landscape anywhere within this Commonwealth that are derived from any cervid harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth or within any DMA or Established Area (EA). This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

## ANNEX “A”

### CHAPTER 137. WILDLIFE; CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE RESTRICTIONS

#### § 137.35. Chronic Wasting Disease restrictions.

##### (a) Importation.

(1) *General rule.* It is unlawful to import any high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth.

(2) *Exceptions:* This subsection may not be construed to:

(i) Limit the importation of non-high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth.

(ii) Limit the importation of high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth if the parts or materials are transported directly to any location or facility designated and approved in advance by the Commission to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, or butchering purposes. Locations or facilities designated and approved to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, or butchering purposes will be made known through public announcement, web site and other means reasonably intended to reach the widest audience. The following apply:

(A) *Application.* A location or facility seeking approval to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, or butchering purposes shall submit a completed application on a form and in the manner established by the Commission. Applications must include the applicant's name, business address, phone number, name of current commercial refuse pickup service or other approved disposal method, and any other information required by the Commission.

(B) *Approved locations and facilities.* A location or facility approved by the Commission to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, or butchering purposes shall dispose of all high-risk cervid parts through a commercial refuse pickup service or other method approved by the Commission. An approved location or facility shall keep and maintain records of their use of an approved disposal method and provide access to these records upon request of the Commission. An approved location or facility shall also provide the Commission access to its location or facility during normal business hours to collect biological data and samples from harvested cervids.

##### (b) Exportation.

(1) *General rule.* It is unlawful to remove or export any high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed, including by vehicular accident, within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth.

(2) *Exceptions.* This subsection may not be construed to:

(i) Limit the removal or exportation of non-high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth.

(ii) Limit the removal or exportation of high-risk parts or materials from cervids harvested, taken or killed in any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth if the parts or materials are transported directly to any location or facility designated and approved in advance by the Commission to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, butchering or harvest reporting purposes. Locations or facilities designated and approved to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, butchering or harvest reporting purposes will be made known through public announcement, web site and other means reasonably intended to reach the widest audience. The following apply:

(A) *Application.* A location or facility seeking approval to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, butchering or harvest reporting purposes shall submit a completed application on a form and in the manner established by the Commission. Applications must include the applicant's name, business address, phone number, name of current commercial refuse pickup service or other approved disposal method, and any other information required by the Commission.

(B) *Approved locations and facilities.* A location or facility approved by the Commission to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, butchering or harvest reporting purposes shall dispose of high-risk cervid parts only through a commercial refuse pickup service or other method approved by the Commission. An approved location or facility shall keep and maintain records of their use of an approved disposal method and provide access to these records upon request of Commission. An approved location facility shall also provide the Commission access to their location or facility during normal business hours to collect biological data and samples from harvested cervids.

(3) All cervids harvested, taken or killed within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth or imported into this Commonwealth are subject to disease testing. This testing may require hunters to present cervids, or cervid parts, for checking and sampling at prescribed locations under conditions in a forthcoming notice. The submission process, if any, will be made known through public announcement, web site and other means reasonably intended to reach the widest audience. The cost of testing, sampling and analysis will be borne by the Commission.

(4) It is unlawful to rehabilitate wild, free-ranging cervids within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth.

(5) It is unlawful to use or possess cervid urine-based attractants in any outdoor setting within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth.

(6) It is unlawful to directly or indirectly feed wild, free-ranging cervids within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth. This prohibition may not be construed to apply to normal or accepted agricultural, habitat management, oil and gas drilling, mining, forest management, or other legitimate commercial or industrial

practices. If otherwise lawful feeding is attracting cervids, the Commission may provide written notice prohibiting this activity. Failure to discontinue this activity is a violation of this section.

(7) The Commission will not issue any new permit to possess or transport live cervids within any Disease Management or Established Area established within this Commonwealth.

(8) It is unlawful to transport or move a cervid harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth or within any Disease Management or Established Area from the location of harvest or kill and thereafter place or dispose of any high-risk cervid parts on the landscape anywhere within the Commonwealth. High-risk cervid parts shall be disposed of only through a commercial refuse pickup service or other method approved by the Commission.

(e) *Nonapplicability.*

(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to extend to the regulation of Captive cervids held under 3 Pa.C.S. Chapter 23 (relating to Domestic Animal Law) or the requirements of a lawful quarantine order issued by the Department of Agriculture.

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(f) *Violations.* A person violating a requirement or restriction in this section may be prosecuted under section 2102 or 2307 of the act (relating to regulations; and unlawful taking or possession of game or wildlife) and, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act. The Commission may deny, revoke or suspend a location or facility's authorization to receive high-risk cervid parts for waste disposal, taxidermy, butchering, or harvest reporting purposes from any cervid harvested, taken or killed outside of this Commonwealth or within any Disease Management or Established Area.

## **BUREAU OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

### **ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.282.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 147.282 (relating to safety) to classify wildlife into categories that match an associated level of exposure and public contact appropriate for that category of wildlife. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:



ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter O. MENAGERIES

§ 147.282. Safety.

(a) Cage construction shall be sufficiently strong to contain the wildlife and to protect the animal from injury from other specimens on exhibit. Caging determined unsafe by Commission personnel shall be reconstructed as directed. Reconstruction shall be completed and approved within 30 days after official notification from the Commission.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), wildlife may not be removed from cages or directly exposed to the public. Safety barriers shall be present to adequately prevent the wildlife from touching, grasping or biting visitors. Barriers, such as walls, fences, moats, retaining rails and other necessary devices shall be present to prevent the public from approaching cages, pens, enclosures or areas near enough to contact the wildlife.

(c) Removal of wildlife from cages and public human contact with the following categories of wildlife is authorized only as follows:

(1) *Category 1 wildlife.* Ruminant animals may be moved from cages or confinement and directly exposed to the public, specifically to include public human contact, without restriction.

(2) *Category 2 wildlife.* Other wildlife not defined as Category 3 wildlife in paragraph (3), may be removed from cages or confinement and directly exposed to the public, specifically to include public human contact, only if the wildlife is under the immediate control of the handler to preclude danger to the public.

(3) *Category 3 wildlife.* Members of the families Ursidae, Felidae and Canidae may not be removed from cages or confinement or directly exposed to the public. Public human contact is not authorized for this wildlife.

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 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 2023-2024 hunting/trapping license year. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

ANNEX "A"

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Appendix G. Hunting Hours

§ 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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**HUNTING HOURS TABLE  
FOR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1	5:05	9:03	Dec. 31 – Jan. 6	6:53	5:16
July 2 – 8	5:09	9:02	Jan. 7 – 13	6:53	5:21
July 9 – 15	5:14	8:59	Jan. 14 – 20	6:51	5:28
July 16 – 22	5:20	8:54	Jan. 21 – 27	6:48	5:36
July 23 – 29	5:26	8:47	Jan.28 - Feb.3	6:43	5:44
July 30 – Aug. 5	5:33	8:40	Feb. 4 – 10	6:37	5:53
Aug. 6 - 12	5:39	8:31	Feb. 11 – 17	6:29	6:01
Aug. 13 – 19	5:46	8:21	Feb. 18 – 24	6:20	6:09
Aug. 20 – 26	5:53	8:11	Feb. 25 - March 2	6:10	6:18
Aug. 27 -Sept. 2	6:00	8:00	March 3 – 9	6:00	6:25
Sept. 3 – 9	6:06	7:49	March 10 - 16* Begins	6:49	7:33
Sept. 10 – 16	6:12	7:38	March 17 - 23	6:38	7:40
Sept. 17 – 23	6:19	7:26	March 24 - 30	6:27	7:47
Sept. 24 – Sept. 30	6:26	7:15	March 31 – Apr. 6	6:15	7:54
Oct. 1 – 7	6:33	7:04	April 7 – 13	6:04	8:02
Oct. 8 – 14	6:40	6:53	April 14 – 20	5:53	8:09
Oct. 15 – 21	6:47	6:43	April 21 – 27	5:43	8:16
Oct. 22 – 28	6:55	6:33	April 28 – May 4	5:35	8:23
Oct. 29 – Nov. 4	7:03	6:25	May 5 – 11	5:25	8:30
Nov. 5 – 11** Ends	6:11	5:18	May 12 – 18	5:18	8:37
Nov. 12 – 18	6:19	5:12	May 19 – 25	5:11	8:43
Nov. 19 – 25	6:27	5:08	May 26 – June 1	5:07	8:49
Nov. 26 - Dec. 2	6:34	5:06	June 2 – 8	5:03	8:54
Dec. 3 – 9	6:40	5:05	June 9 – 15	5:02	8:59
Dec. 10 – 16	6:46	5:06	June 16 – 22	5:02	9:02
Dec. 17 – 23	6:50	5:10	June 23 – June 30	5:05	9:03
Dec. 24 – 30	6:52	5:14	Daylight Saving Time Begins* - Ends**		

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING HOURS TABLE  
FOR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1	5:05	8:33	Dec. 31 - Jan. 6	6:53	4:46
July 2 – 8	5:09	8:32	Jan. 7 – 13	6:53	4:51
July 9 – 15	5:14	8:29	Jan. 14 – 20	6:51	4:58
July 16 – 22	5:20	8:24	Jan. 21 – 27	6:48	5:06
July 23 – 29	5:27	8:16	Jan. 28 - Feb. 3	6:43	5:14
July 30 – Aug. 5	5:33	8:10	Feb. 4 – 10	6:37	5:23
Aug. 6 - 12	5:39	8:01	Feb. 11 – 17	6:29	5:31
Aug. 13 – 19	5:46	7:51	Feb. 18 – 24	6:20	5:39
Aug. 20 – 26	5:53	7:41	Feb. 25 - March 2	6:10	5:48
Aug. 27 -Sept. 2	6:00	7:30	March 3 – 9	6:00	5:55
Sept. 3 – 9	6:06	7:19	March 10 - 16* Begins	6:49	7:03
Sept. 10 – 16	6:12	7:08	March 17 - 23	6:38	7:10
Sept. 17 – 23	6:19	6:56	March 24 – 30	6:27	7:17
Sept. 24 – 30	6:26	6:45	March 31 – Apr. 6	6:15	7:24
Oct. 1 – 7	6:33	6:34	April 7 – 13	6:04	7:32
Oct. 8 – 14	6:40	6:23	April 14 – 20	5:53	7:39
Oct. 15 – 21	6:47	6:13	April 21 – 27	5:43	7:46
Oct. 22 – 28	6:55	6:03	April 28 – May 4	5:35	7:53
Oct. 29 – Nov. 4	7:03	5:55	May 5 – 11	5:25	8:00
Nov. 5 – 11 ** Ends	6:11	4:48	May 12 – 18	5:18	8:07
Nov. 12 – 18	6:19	4:42	May 19 – 25	5:11	8:13
Nov. 19 – 25	6:27	4:38	May 26 – June 1	5:07	8:19
Nov. 26 - Dec. 2	6:34	4:36	June 2 – 8	5:03	8:24
Dec. 3 – 9	6:40	4:35	June 9 – 15	5:02	8:29
Dec. 10 – 16	6:46	4:36	June 16 – 22	5:02	8:32
Dec. 17 – 23	6:50	4:40	June 23 – June 30	5:05	8:33
Dec. 24 – 30	6:52	4:44	Daylight Saving Time Begins* Ends**		

C. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.67.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend § 141.67 (relating to furbearer seasons) to expand the list of devices that are permitted to be used to hunt and take furbearers having an open falconry season. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:

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CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter D. FURBEARERS

§ 141.67. Furbearer seasons.

(a) Permitted devices. It is lawful to hunt or take furbearers during any furtaking season with the following devices:

(1) A manually operated or semiautomatic rifle or manually operated handgun that propels single-projectile ammunition.

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(11) A cage or box trap, except as prohibited under section 2361(a)(17) of the act.

(12) A raptor. The raptor shall be lawfully possessed under a falconry permit under section 2925 of the act (relating to falconry permits).

(c) Prohibitions. While hunting furbearers during any furbearer hunting or trapping season, it is unlawful to:

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## **BUREAU OF WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT**

### **ADOPTED RULEMAKING**

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 135.101-135.107.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission at its January 28, 2023 meeting proposed to amend §§ 135.101-135.107 (relating to scope; controlled goose and controlled duck hunting areas; registration for controlled goose hunting areas; restrictions on controlled goose hunting areas; public hunting areas; Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area; and Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area) to simplify, reorganize, and modernize these special wildlife management area regulations. This rulemaking is now before this board for final approval.

Action:



## ANNEX “A”

### CHAPTER 135. LANDS AND BUILDINGS

#### Subchapter F. SPECIAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

##### § 135.101. Designation of special wildlife management areas.

(a) *Authority to designate special wildlife management areas.* The Commission may designate any lands and waters it owns, leases or otherwise controls as a special wildlife management area. The Commission will mark any area designated as a special wildlife management area with conspicuous signage designating its boundaries.

(b) *Authority to designate areas within special wildlife management areas.* The Commission may designate any lands or waters within an established special wildlife management area as a public recreation area, propagation area, open public hunting or trapping area, controlled hunting or trapping area, or any other designation consistent with the intended use of the lands and waters. The Commission will mark any internally designated area within a special wildlife management area with conspicuous signage designating its boundaries and stating the intended purpose of the area.

(c) *Designated special wildlife management areas.* The following areas of this Commonwealth are designated as a special wildlife management area:

(1) *Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area.* The area otherwise known as State Game Land No. 46, that is located in Clay, Elizabeth and West Cocalico Townships, Lancaster County and Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County.

(2) *Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area.* The area otherwise known as State Game Land No. 214, that is located in North Shenango, Pine, Sadsbury and West Fallowfield Townships, Crawford County.

(d) *Scope.* In addition to the requirements and limitations of §§ 135.2, 135.41 and 135.161 (relating to unlawful actions; State game lands; and Commission-owned or leased), the provisions of this subchapter shall govern public use and access to any area designated as a special wildlife management area.

##### § 135.102. Designation of areas within an established special wildlife management area.

(a) *Public recreation areas.* An area designated by the Director as a public recreation area within an established special wildlife management area is open to public access for recreation purposes. Hunting and trapping opportunities are closed within any area designated as a public recreation area. The Director may also impose further travel or use restrictions within a public recreation area with appropriate signage or postings.

(b) *Propagation areas.* An area designated by the Director as a propagation area within an established special wildlife management area is generally closed to public access. Entry into and hunting and trapping within a propagation area is controlled by an access permit

authorization under §§ 135.103 (relating to controlled hunting and trapping area access permit procedures) and 135.161 (relating to Commission-owned or leased).

(c) *Open public hunting and trapping areas.* An area designated by the Director as an open hunting and trapping area within an established special wildlife management area is open to public access for general hunting and trapping activities. The Director may impose further travel or use restrictions within an open hunting and trapping area with appropriate signage or postings.

(d) *Controlled hunting and trapping areas.* An area designated by the Director as a controlled hunting or trapping area within an established special wildlife management area is limited to hunting or trapping of designated game and wildlife by access permit only. The Director may impose further travel or use restrictions within a controlled hunting or trapping area with appropriate signage or postings.

### § 135.103. Controlled hunting and trapping area access permit procedures.

(a) *Authority to establish and cancel dates and quotas.* The Director will establish the dates and number of available access permits each year for any authorized hunting or trapping activities approved for an established controlled hunting or trapping area. The Director may treat any area designated as a propagation area within a special wildlife management area in the same manner as a controlled hunting or trapping area as it relates to the authorization of hunting and trapping by access permit. The Director may cancel or suspend any authorized hunting or trapping dates for an established controlled hunting or trapping area when the Commission determines that an adequate number of the respective game or wildlife has been taken, a game or wildlife health or disease concern has been identified, or some other circumstance warrants suspension or closure.

(b) *Notice.* The Commission will provide notice of the opening or closure of limited hunting or trapping opportunities for designated game and wildlife within an established controlled hunting or trapping area through a public announcement, website, or other means reasonably intended to reach the widest audience. Notice of the opening of limited hunting or trapping opportunities within an established controlled hunting or trapping area will also include information concerning the application process.

(c) *Application.*

(1) *Eligibility.* An applicant must possess a valid and current hunting or trapping license, whichever is applicable, plus any other license, stamp or permit that is required for the designated game or wildlife, to be eligible to make application for an access permit. An applicant is eligible to submit only one application per drawing for an access permit to participate in a controlled hunting or trapping activity on any established special wildlife management area.

(2) *Timeliness, form and content.* Applications for a controlled hunting or trapping permit shall be submitted on a form, in the manner and by the deadline established by the Commission. Applications must include the applicant's name, Commission-issued Customer Identification Number and any other information required by the Commission. Incomplete, illegible, duplicate or late applications will be rejected.

(d) *Drawing.* The Commission will conduct a random drawing of applications to select participants for each authorized hunting or trapping activity approved for an established controlled hunting or trapping area. Successful applicants will be issued an access permit specifying the date(s) and the authorized species for the applicable hunting or trapping activity. Access permits are not transferable. The Commission may conduct special random drawings prior to scheduled regular drawings for controlled hunting or trapping area access permits that are reserved for:

(i) Junior license holders and persons in possession of a valid mentored youth permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter X (relating to Mentored Hunting Program Permit). An adult who accompanies a junior license holder or mentored youth permit holder on an established special youth day may participate in the hunt by calling, but may not harvest any game or wildlife.

(ii) Persons in possession of a disabled person permit issued under section 2923(a) of the act (relating to disabled person permits).

(iii) Persons in possession of a resident disabled veteran license, a reduced fee resident disabled veteran license or persons who possess a senior lifetime resident license or senior lifetime resident combination hunting license who can provide documentation evidencing their eligibility for the resident disabled veteran license or a reduced fee resident disabled veteran license.

(iv) Persons in possession of a resident general hunting license, senior lifetime resident license or senior lifetime resident combination hunting license who can provide documentation evidencing their veteran status.

The Commission will include all unsuccessful applications from special random drawings with all other standard applications awaiting the regular drawings.

(e) *Unclaimed permits.* If one or more successful applicants cancels or fails to appear for check-in by 1/2 hour prior to open hunting hours on the scheduled date and time for their hunting or trapping opportunity for any controlled hunt that requires in-person check-in, the Commission may void the issued access permits and conduct a random drawing to reassign unclaimed access permits.

#### § 135.104. Controlled hunting and trapping area access requirements and limitations.

(a) *Check-in.* A person issued an access permit shall check-in upon arrival at the special wildlife management area in the manner set forth in the instructions provided with their permit, which may include physical presentation of their permit to Commission staff at a designated registration area. A person issued a 1-day access permit must check-in on the scheduled date within 1/2 hour before open hunting hours for that day, otherwise the Commission may void the access permit and conduct a random drawing to reassign the unclaimed access permit as set forth in § 135.103(e) (relating to controlled hunting and trapping area access permit, procedures).

(b) *Check-out.* A person issued a controlled hunting or trapping area access permit shall check-out upon departure from the assigned controlled hunting or trapping area in the

manner set forth in the instructions provided with their permit, which may include physical presentation of the permit and any game or wildlife harvested to Commission staff at a designated registration area or the mailing of a harvest report card supplied with the permit by the deadline specified on the permit. A person issued a controlled hunting area access permit shall check-out of the controlled hunting area no later than 1 hour after the close of hunting hours for the day as set forth in §141.4 (relating to hunting hours) or within 1 hour of the closing time specified on their access permit.

(c) *Access restricted.*

(1) Except as provided in this subsection, entry into a controlled hunting or trapping area without a valid controlled hunting or trapping area access permit is prohibited.

(2) A person in possession of a valid access permit may enter only the controlled hunting or trapping area or hunting blind designated on their access permit.

(3) A person may recover wounded or harvested game or wildlife from a controlled hunting or trapping area that is not designated on their access permit only after receipt of specific advance permission from the Commission.

(4) A person with a valid controlled hunting or trapping area access permit is prohibited from entering or remaining in a controlled hunting or trapping area at any time outside of 1 hour before or 1 hour after legal hunting hours as set forth in §141.4 or as specified on their access permit without specific advance permission from the Commission.

§ 135.105. Hunting hours in a controlled hunting area.

A person hunting game or wildlife within a controlled hunting area shall comply with the hunting hours provisions set forth in §141.4 (relating to hunting hours) or as specified on their access permit.

§ 135.106. Controlled hunting and trapping area harvest limitations.

(a) *Species restriction.* A person with a valid controlled hunting or trapping area access permit is authorized to hunt, trap, or harvest, whichever is applicable, only the game or wildlife species designated on their access permit. All other hunting, trapping, or harvesting is prohibited.

(b) *Nontoxic shot restrictions.*

(1) *Small game other than waterfowl.* Notwithstanding the authorizations under § 141.22(a)(2) and (c)(1)(ii) (relating to small game seasons), a person hunting small game, other than waterfowl, in a small game controlled hunting area is prohibited from using multiple-projectile ammunition containing any lead shot. Multiple-projectile ammunition is authorized only if it contains nontoxic shot of such sizes and compositions as are otherwise authorized in § 141.22(a)(2) or (c)(1)(ii), whichever is applicable.

(2) *Waterfowl.* A person hunting waterfowl in a waterfowl controlled hunting area is prohibited from using multiple-projectile ammunition containing any lead shot. Multiple-projectile ammunition is authorized only if it contains nontoxic shot of such sizes and compositions as are otherwise authorized in § 141.23 (relating to nontoxic shot).

(c) *Controlled hunting or trapping area restrictions.*

(1) *Parking.* If the Commission assigns a parking placard to an access permit holder for any controlled hunting or trapping activity, the permit holder shall park only in assigned parking areas and shall display the parking placard on the dashboard of their vehicle in a manner that allows it to be visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

(2) *Restriction on dogs.* A person hunting or trapping game or wildlife within a controlled hunting or trapping area is prohibited from allowing a dog to run unaccompanied or without direction and control.

(3) *Shooting on, along or from a road or parking area.* A person hunting or trapping game or wildlife within a controlled hunting or trapping area is prohibited from shooting on, along, or from parking areas.

(d) *Controlled waterfowl hunting area specific restrictions.*

(1) A person hunting waterfowl in a controlled waterfowl hunting area or blind is authorized to begin the hunt and thereafter possess or discharge no more than ten rounds of ammunition. This paragraph does not prohibit one member of a party in a controlled waterfowl hunting area or blind from giving part of their original ten-round allotment to another member of the same hunting party. The Director may waive the limitations of this paragraph for any designated youth waterfowl hunting day.

(2) A person hunting waterfowl in a controlled waterfowl hunting area is prohibited from removing any waterfowl from the person's assigned waterfowl hunting area or blind prior to final check-out for that day.

(3) A person hunting waterfowl in a controlled waterfowl hunting area is prohibited from harvesting more than one Canada goose per person per day. Seasons and daily limits for all other waterfowl shall conform with Chapter 139 (relating to seasons and bag limits) and 50 CFR Part 20 (relating to migratory bird hunting).

§ 135.107. Unlawful acts.

A person violating any provision of this subchapter may be prosecuted under section 721 of the act (relating to control of property) or other applicable provision of the act and, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act. Furthermore, the Director may deny, revoke or suspend a permit for any violation of this subchapter upon written notice to the permittee.

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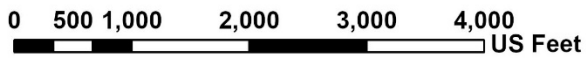
## **REAL ESTATE**

### **B. Acquisition**

Contract No. L-3819, State Game Land No. 330, Clarion County.

Commentary: Daniel F. and Johannah A. Stover are offering 148+/- acres of land in Piney Township, Clarion County, adjoining State Game Land No. 330 (Exhibit RED 1). The option price is \$369,900 lump sum to be paid from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture to the State Game Land and therefore the Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. The Stovers are excepting and reserving the oil and natural gas. Access is through existing State Game Land No. 330.

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**Exhibit RED 1**

**State Game Land No. 330**

**L-3819  
Daniel F. & Johannah A. Stover Tracts  
148+/- Acres**

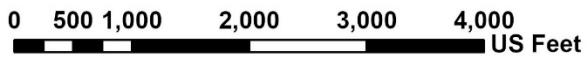
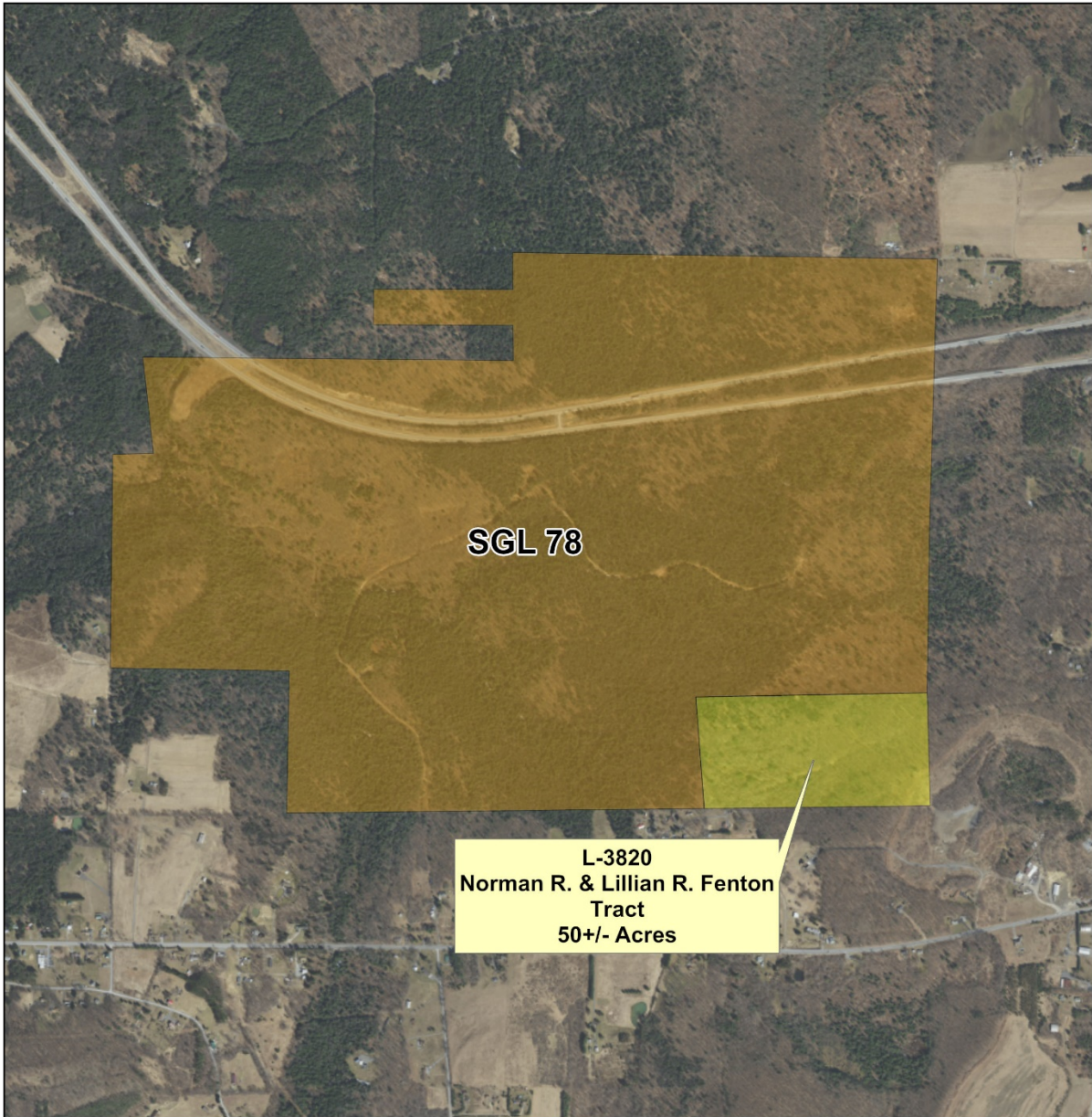
**Piney Township  
Clarion County  
Northwest Region**



Contract No. L-3820, State Game Land No. 78, Clearfield County.

Commentary: Norman R. and Lillian R. Fenton are offering 50+/- acres of land in Graham Township, Clearfield County, adjoining State Game Land No. 78 (Exhibit RED 2). The option price is \$100,000 lump sum to be paid from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture to the State Game Land and therefore the Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. The oil and gas rights have been excepted and reserved by prior owners. Access is through existing State Game Land No. 78.

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**Exhibit RED 2**  
**State Game Land No. 78**

**L-3820**  
**Norman R. & Lillian R. Fenton Tract**  
**50+/- Acres**

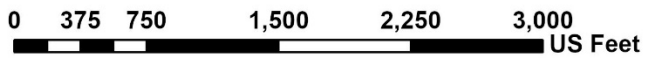
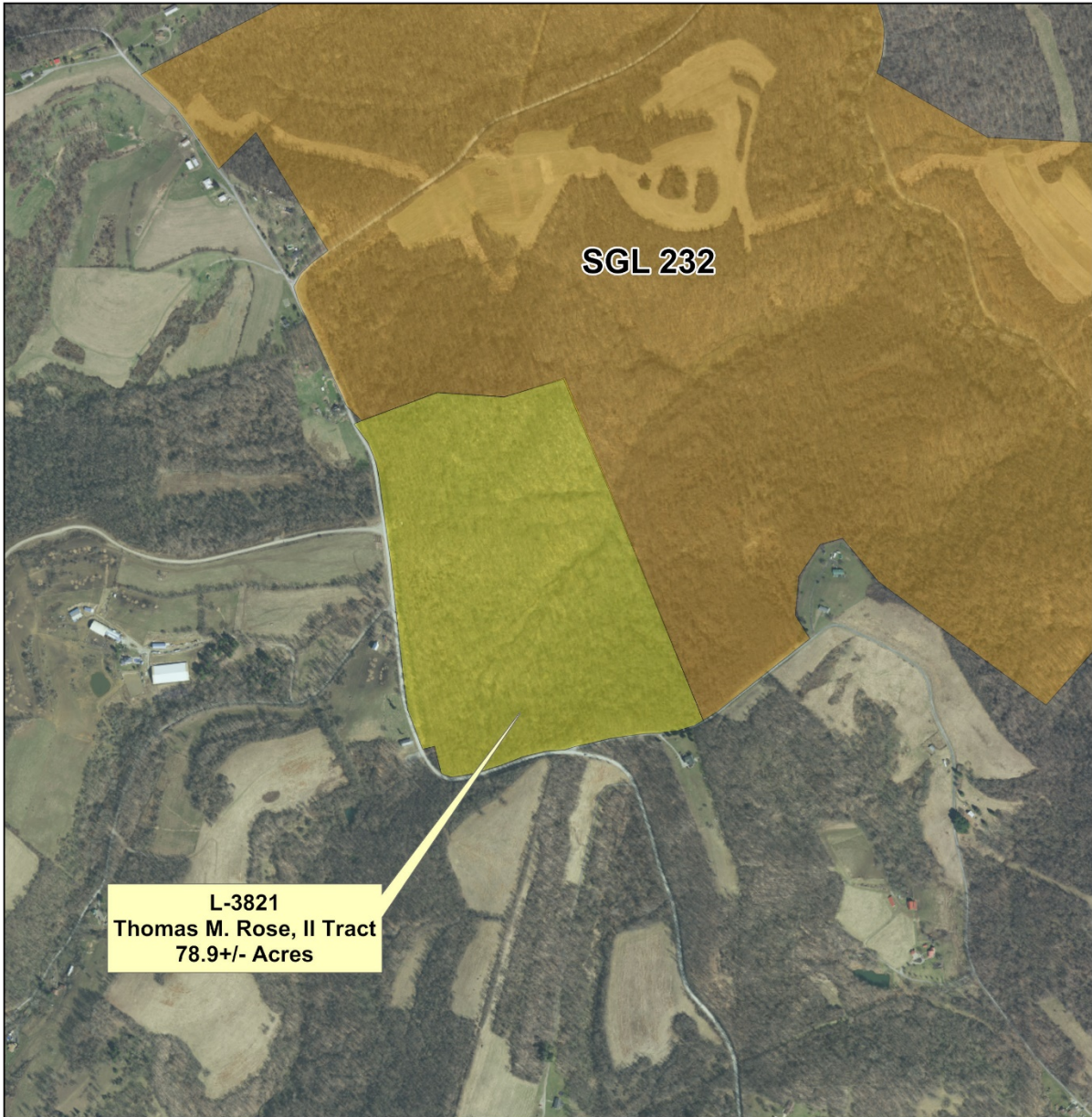
**Graham Township**  
**Clearfield County**  
**Northcentral Region**

Contract No. L-3821, State Game Land No. 232, Washington County

Commentary: Thomas M. Rose, II is offering 78.9+/- acres of land in Donegal Township, Washington County, adjoining State Game Land No. 232 (Exhibit RED 3). The option price is \$250,000 lump sum to be paid from the Game Fund. The parcel is an indenture to the State Game Land and therefore the Commission may exceed \$400 per acre under Section 705(b) of the Game and Wildlife Code. The oil, gas and mineral rights have been excepted and reserved by prior owners. Access is from State Route 231.

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**Exhibit RED 3**  
**State Game Land No. 232**

**L-3821**  
**Thomas M. Rose, II Tract**  
**78.9+/- Acres**

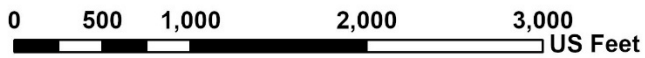
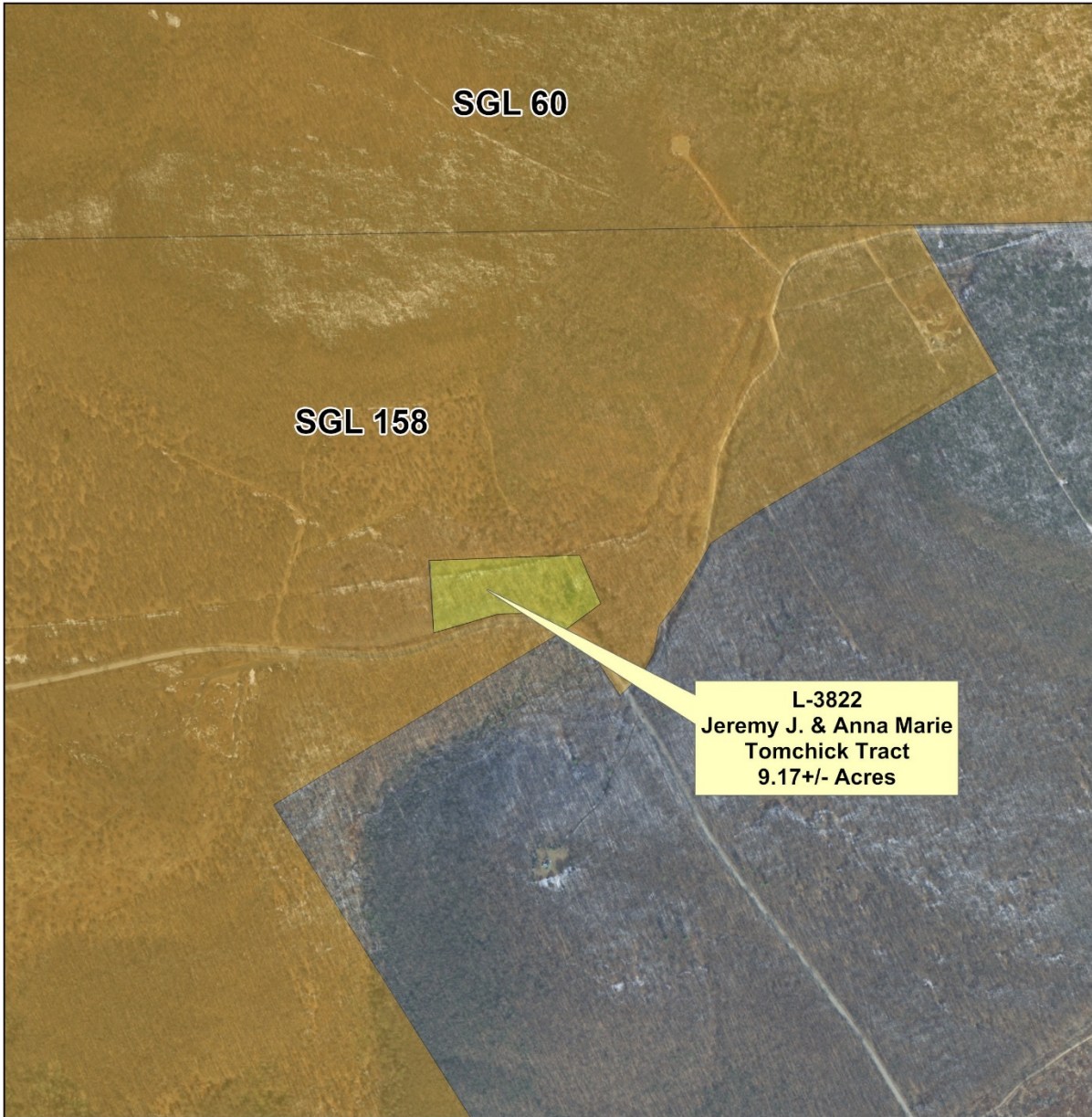
**Donegal Township**  
**Washington County**  
**Southwest Region**

Contract No. L-3822, State Game Land No. 158, Blair County

Commentary: Jeremy J. and Anna Marie Tomchick are offering 9.17+/- acres of land in Snyder Township, Blair County, an interior to State Game Land No. 158 (Exhibit RED 4). The option price is \$90,000 lump sum to be paid from funds held by The Conservation Fund for a prior commitment under a timber-for-land exchange agreement. Access is from State Route 453.

Action:





**Exhibit RED 4**  
**State Game Land No. 158**  
**L-3822**  
**Jeremy J. & Anna Marie Tomchick Tract**  
**9.17+/- Acres**  
**Snyder Township**  
**Blair County**  
**Southcentral Region**

## OIL/GAS & MINERALS

### C. Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement

Tract 66A-23, State Game Lands No. 66, Sullivan County.

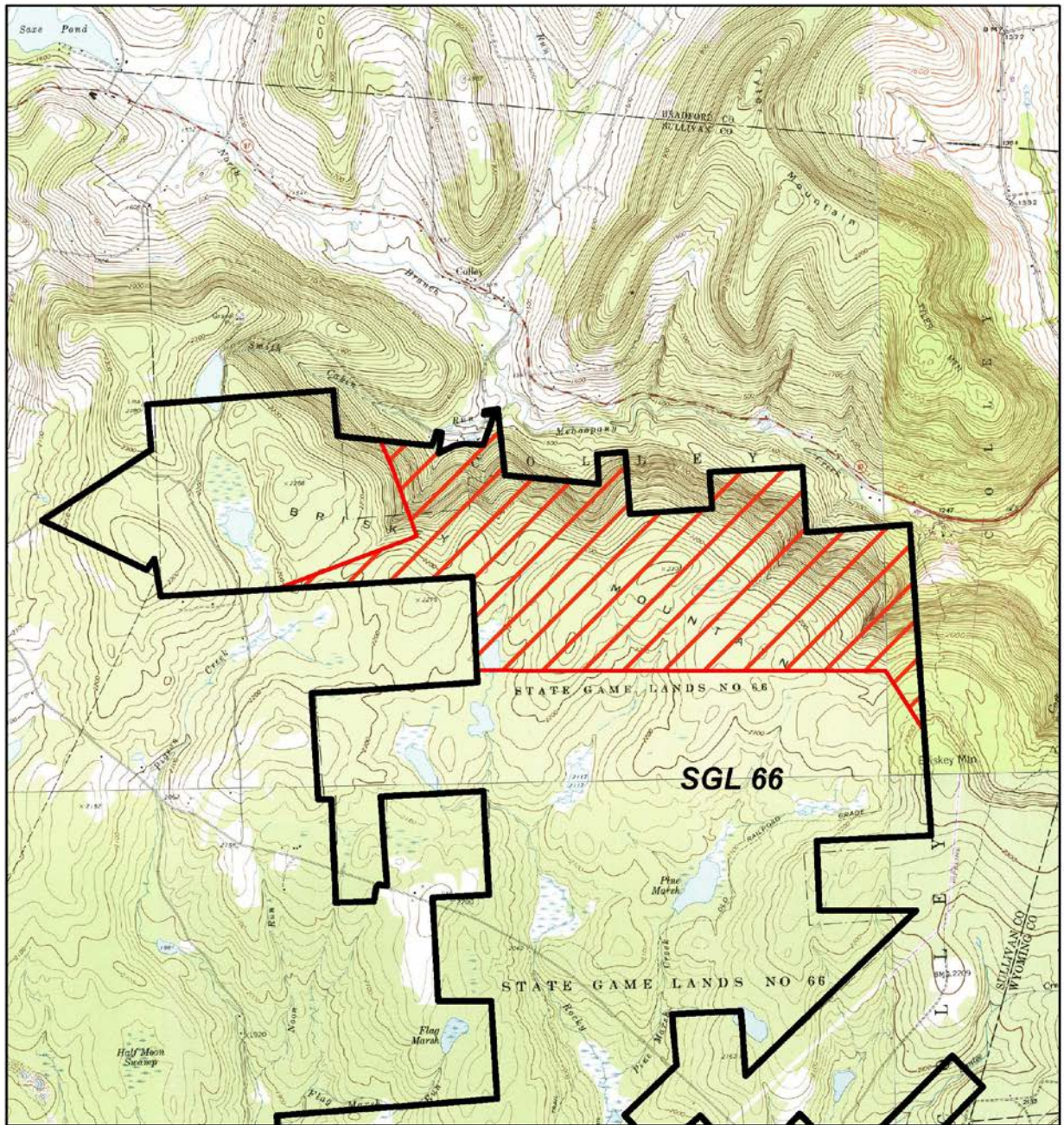
Commentary: Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. of Oklahoma City, OK requested the Commission offer its oil and gas ownership under a portion of State Game Land No. 66. The proposed tract, containing approximately 1,350+/- acres, is located in Colley Township, Sullivan County (Exhibit OGM-1).

The terms of the agreement are a paid up, five-year, non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a \$1,500 per acre bonus payment and a 18% royalty. Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. has a strong lease position surrounding this portion of State Game Land No. 66 and has initiated well drilling and development programs on adjacent private lands. Chesapeake Appalachia can utilize the Commission's oil and gas reserve by horizontal drilling with no disturbance to the Game Lands surface. PGC staff has negotiated with Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C. to ensure the prudent development of the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 66.

The bonus payment of \$2,025,000 and any rental payments will be deposited into the Game Commission's restricted account for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife resource management. Future royalties owed the Commission will be deposited into the Game Fund. Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations and the Commission's standard Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Development Agreement.

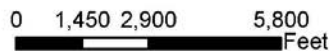
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-  Non-Surface Use Agreement Area 1,350 +/- Acres
-  State Game Land No. 66



**EXHIBIT OGM 1**  
**State Game Land No. 66**  
**Non-Surface Use**  
**Oil & Gas Cooperative Agreement**  
**Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC**  
**Tract 66A-23**  
**1,350+/- Acres**  
 Colley Twp., Sullivan County  
 Northeast Region



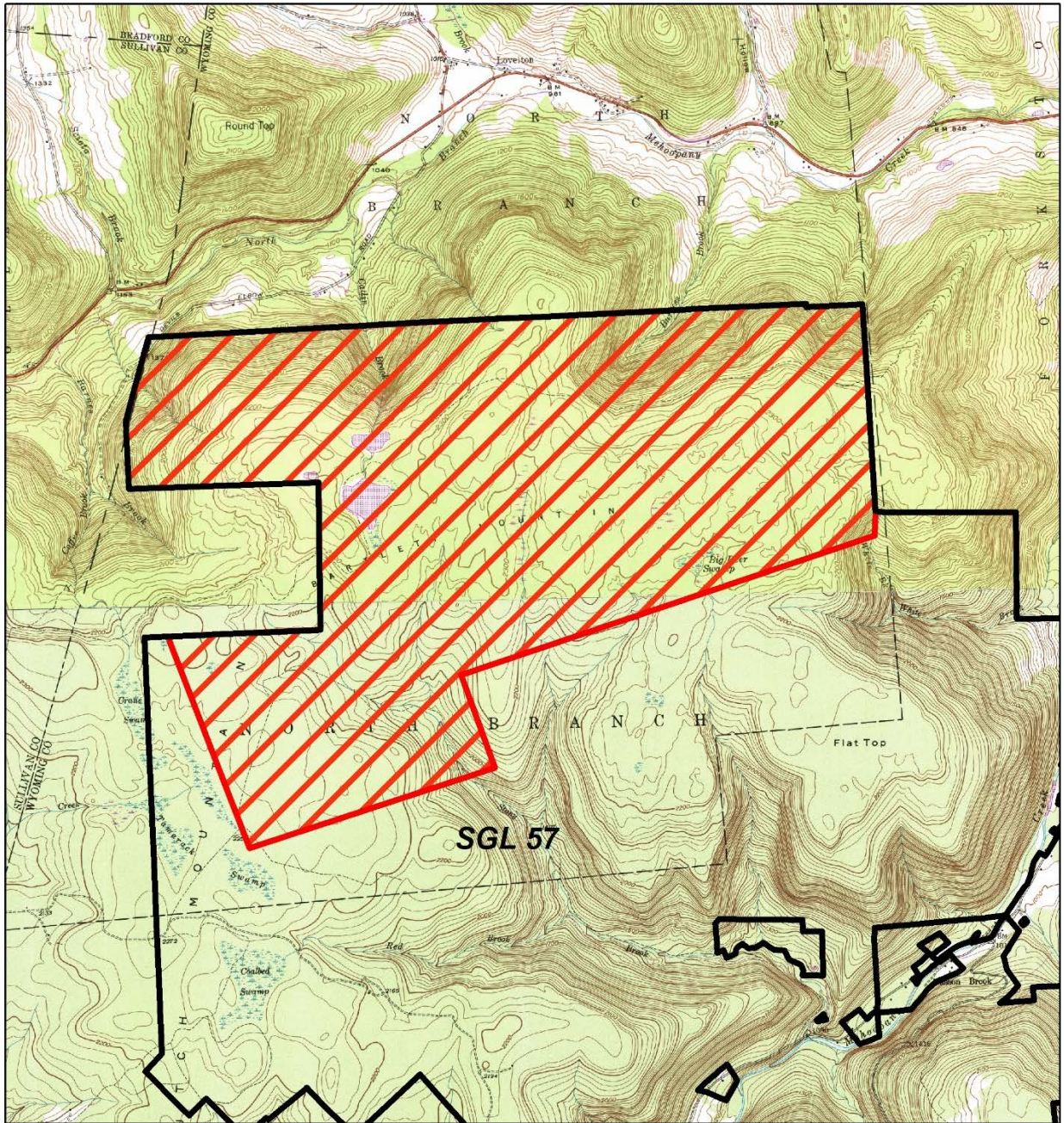
Tract 57A-23, State Game Land No. 57, Wyoming County.

Commentary: Chesapeake Appalachia LLC (Chesapeake) of Oklahoma City, OK has requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under portions of State Game Land No 57 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract, containing approximately 3,800 +/- gross acres, is located in North Branch Township, Wyoming County (Exhibit OGM 2).



Chesapeake will access the 3,800-acre reserves from its current and planned drilling operations on adjacent areas off SGL 57 by horizontal drilling with no additional surface use or disturbance to the Game Lands. OGM staff has negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with Chesapeake to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 57. The terms of the Agreement are a five (5) year paid up non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a \$1,500 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment and 18% royalty for all oil/gas and other liquids or condensates produced and sold from the proposed tract.

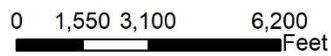
The bonus payment of \$5,700,000 and any rental payments will be deposited into the Game Commission's restricted account for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife resource management. The bonus payments will be made in two installments of \$2,850,000 each. The first payment will be due within 90 days of the execution of the agreement and the second will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the agreement. Future royalties owed the Commission will be directly deposited into the Game Fund. Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations and the Commission's standard restricted surface use oil and gas cooperative agreement.

Action:



**Legend**

-  Non-Surface Use Agreement Area 3,800 +/- Acres
-  State Game Land No. 57



**EXHIBIT OGM 2**  
**State Game Land No. 57**  
**Non-Surface Use**  
**Oil & Gas Cooperative Agreement**  
**Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC**  
**Tract 57A-23**  
**3,800+/- Acres**  
 North Branch Twp., Wyoming County  
 Northeast Region



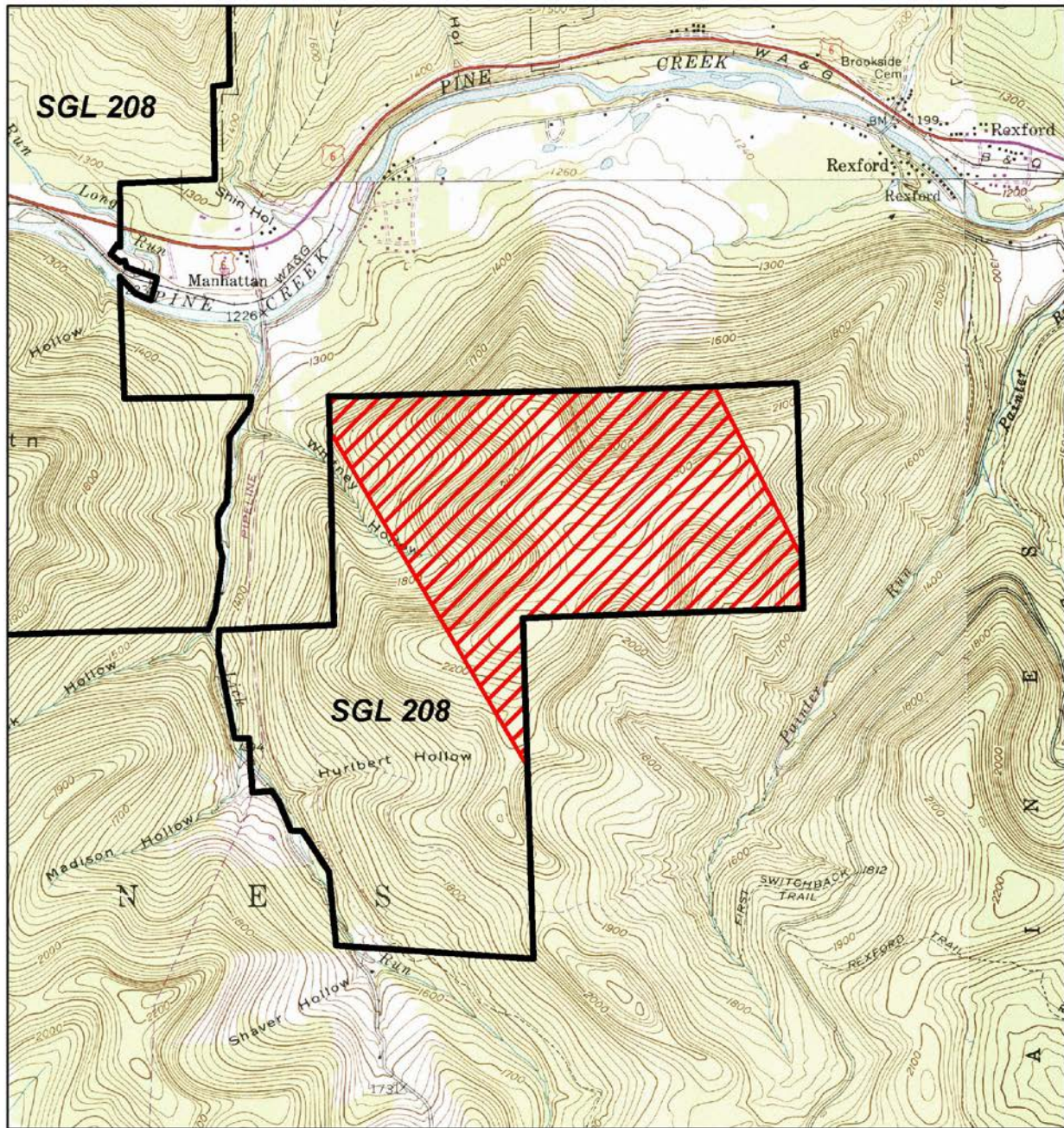
Tract 208A-23, State Game Land No. 208, Tioga County.



Commentary: S.T.L. Resources, LLC (STL) of Westfield, PA has requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under portions of State Game Land No 208 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract, containing approximately 458.9 +/- gross acres, is located in Gaines Township, Tioga County (Exhibit OGM 3).

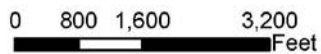
STL will access the 458.9-acre reserves from its current and planned drilling operations on adjacent areas off SGL 208 by horizontal drilling with no surface use or disturbance to the Game Lands. OGM staff has negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with STL to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 208. Under the proposed terms of this Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Production Cooperative Agreement, STL will pay the Commission a bonus totaling \$1,000.00 per net mineral acre, paid incrementally over a ten (10)-year primary term, and a royalty rate of 16% for all oil, gas and liquid hydrocarbons produced and sold from the premises.

The bonus payments will be made in annual installments at a rate of 10% per year during the entire length of the primary term. The total bonus to be paid will be \$458,900 over the 10-year primary term. The first payment of \$45,890 will be due within 60 days of the execution of the agreement. The second and subsequent installments will be due annually on the anniversary date(s) of the agreement. All bonus and rental payments will be deposited into the Game Commission's restricted account for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife resource management. Future royalties paid to the Commission will be deposited into the Game Fund. STL's oil and gas development under this Agreement will be regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations and the Commission's standard restricted surface use oil and gas cooperative agreement.

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-  Non-Surface Use Agreement Area 458.9 +/- Acres
-  State Game Land No. 208



**EXHIBIT OGM 3**  
**State Game Land No. 208**  
**Non-Surface Use**  
**Oil & Gas Cooperative Agreement**  
**S.T.L. Resources, LLC.**  
**Tract 208A-23**  
**458.9 +/- Acres**  
 Gaines Twp., Tioga County  
 Northcentral Region

Tract 232A-23, State Game Land No. 232, Washington County.

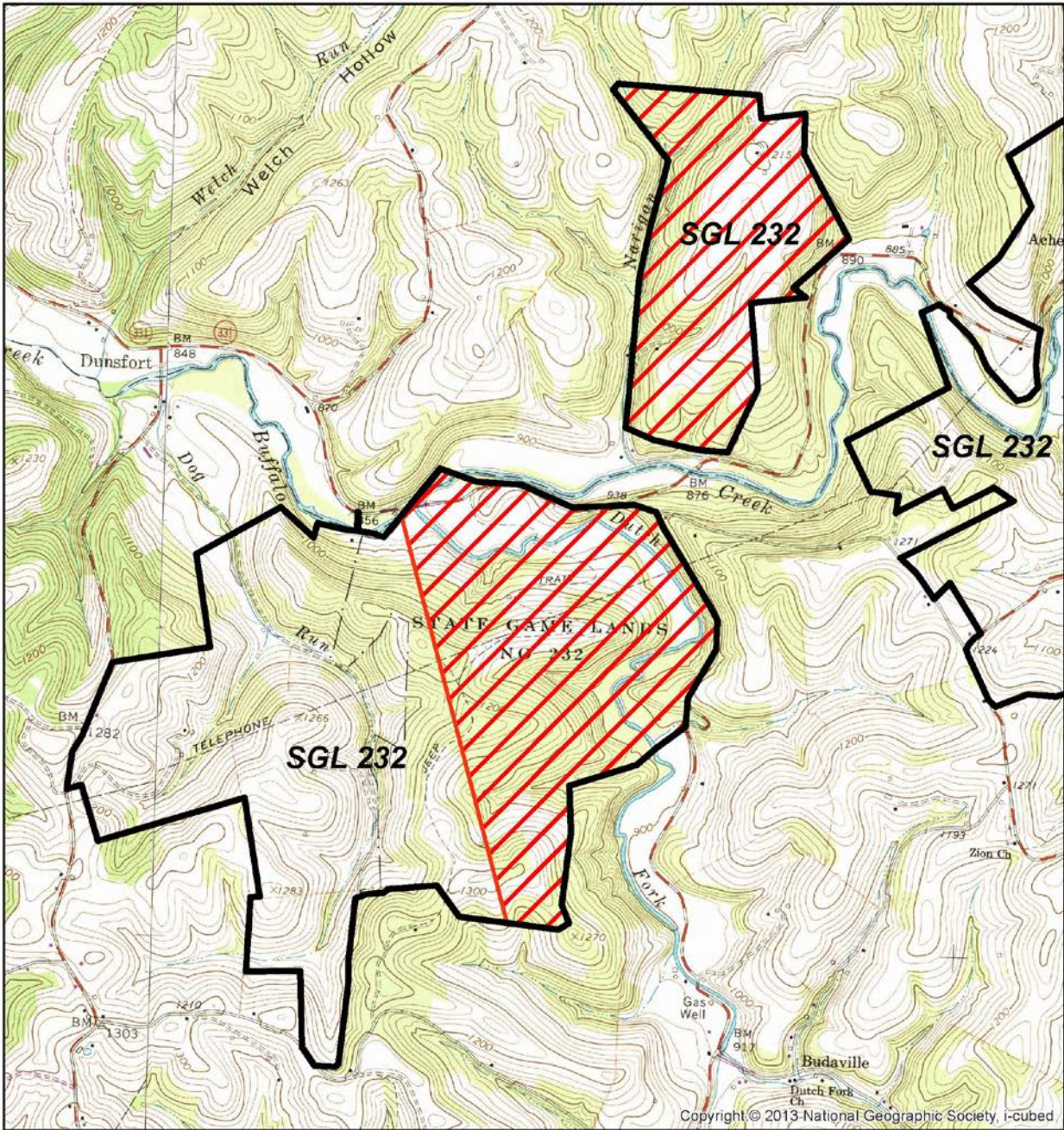
Commentary: Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC (Range) of Canonsburg, PA has requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under portions of State Game Land No 232 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract, containing approximately 644.3 +/- gross acres, is located in Independence and Donegal Townships, Washington County (Exhibit OGM 4).

Range will access the 644.3-acre reserves from its current and planned drilling operations from areas adjacent to SGL 232 by horizontal drilling with no surface use or disturbance to the Game Lands. OGM staff has negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with Range to prudently develop the Commission's oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 232. Under the proposed terms of this Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Production Cooperative Agreement, Range will pay the Commission a bonus totaling \$3,000.00 per net mineral acre, and a royalty rate of 19% for all oil, gas and liquid hydrocarbons produced and sold from the premises.



The bonus payment of \$1,932,900 will be deposited into the Game Commission's restricted account for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife resource management. Future royalties owed the Commission will be directly deposited into the Game Fund. Range's oil and gas development under this Agreement will be regulated by the Commonwealth's oil and gas regulations and the Commission's standard restricted surface use oil and gas cooperative agreement.

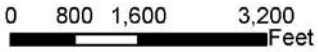
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-  Non-Surface Use Agreement Area 644.3 +/- Acres
-  State Game Land No. 232



**EXHIBIT OGM 4**

**State Game Land No. 232**

**Non-Surface Use**

**Oil & Gas Cooperative Agreement  
Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC**

**Tract 232A-23**

**644.3 +/- Acres**

Donegal & Independence Twp., Wahington County  
Southwest Region

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Next Commission Meeting – July 7-8, 2023

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

Adjournment