



# Waterfowl Survey Results

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# Did you hunt waterfowl in Pennsylvania in the last 2 years?

	Total
I hunted both ducks and geese	512 (22%)
I only hunted ducks	144 (6%)
I only hunted geese	240 (10%)
I did not hunt waterfowl	1383 (60%)



# Non-Waterfowl Hunters



If you are not a waterfowl hunter, or simply haven't hunted waterfowl the past 2 years, please consider how the following factor likely would influence your interest to participate in waterfowl hunting (duck or goose).

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Important	Neither Important or Unimportant	Somewhat Important	Very Important
The hunting regulations were less complicated.	214 (17%)	116 (9%)	404 (32%)	289 (23%)	255 (20%)
I had more places to hunt waterfowl.	200 (16%)	90 (7%)	246 (19%)	278 (22%)	457 (36%)
Waterfowl hunting was less crowded.	210 (17%)	134 (11%)	479 (38%)	245 (19%)	190 (15%)
I had someone to hunt waterfowl with.	238 (19%)	123 (10%)	356 (28%)	285 (22%)	266 (21%)
Waterfowl season didn't overlap with other seasons.	233 (18%)	128 (10%)	459 (36%)	269 (21%)	173 (14%)
I had fewer obligations and more time to hunt.	213 (17%)	94 (7%)	306 (24%)	304 (24%)	351 (28%)
Duck season was earlier.	246 (20%)	116 (9%)	671 (53%)	130 (10%)	96 (8%)
Duck season was later.	256 (21%)	122 (10%)	674 (54%)	115 (9%)	80 (6%)
I knew more about how to hunt waterfowl.	273 (22%)	116 (9%)	417 (33%)	273 (22%)	183 (15%)
I could identify duck species.	271 (22%)	106 (8%)	365 (29%)	248 (20%)	266 (21%)
Waterfowl hunting was less expensive.	249 (20%)	123 (10%)	475 (38%)	238 (19%)	176 (14%)
I was physically able to hunt waterfowl.	436 (34%)	101 (8%)	481 (38%)	113 (9%)	147 (12%)



# Duck Hunters



# Estimate the number of years you have hunted ducks.

	Total
More than 25 years	169 (27%)
16-25 years	100 (16%)
5-15 years	166 (26%)
less than 5 years	202 (32%)



# I primarily hunt ducks on:

	Total
Private Lands	194 (30%)
Public Lands	239 (37%)
Public and Private Land Equally	192 (30%)
Middle Creek or Pymatuning	23 (4%)
Not Sure	2 (0%)



# In either of the past 2 seasons did you hunt ducks at the following Game Commission duck hunting permit areas

	Total
Pymatuning WMA	43 (7%)
Middle Creek WMA	32 (5%)

Total responses indicating they hunted each duck hunting permit area.





# In the past 2 seasons, which zones have you hunted in, and harvested a duck in?

N= 656	Hunted Ducks in this Zone	Harvested a duck in this zone
Lake Erie Zone	118	97
Northwest Zone	189	132
North Zone	172	115
South Zone	363	244



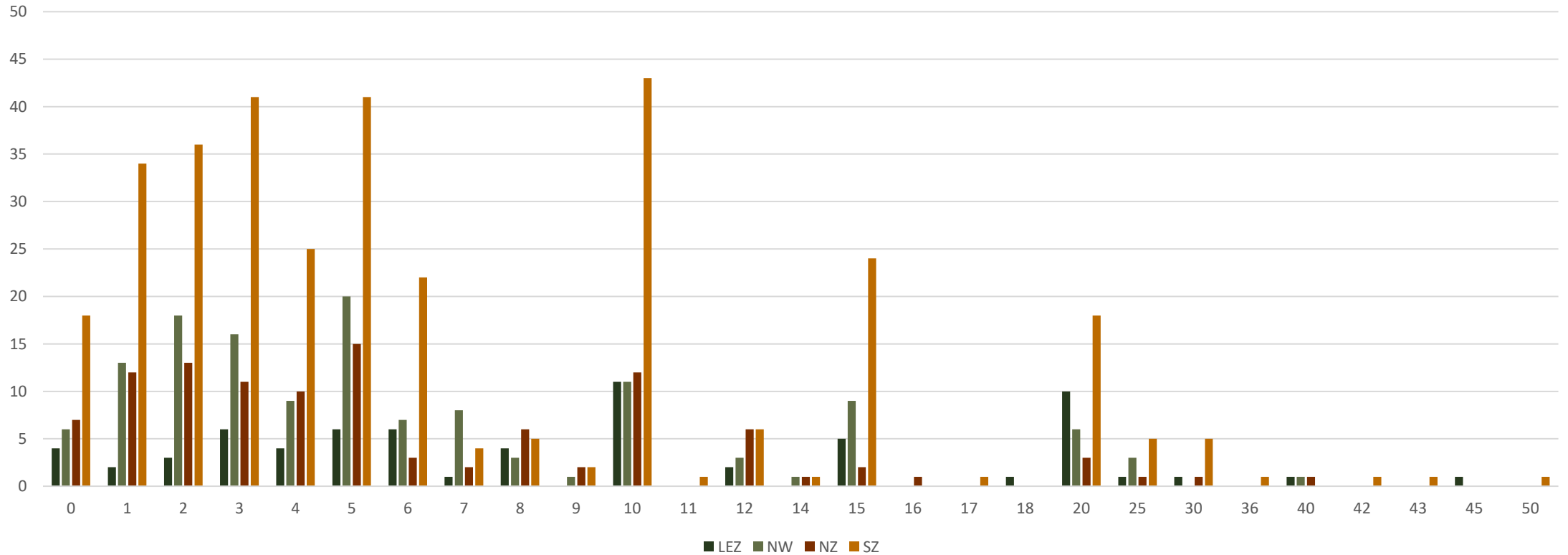
# Most Important Zone?

Zone	Total
Lake Erie Zone	70
Northwest Zone	138
North Zone	109
South Zone	329

Total responses indicated which zone is their most important zone.



# How many days hunted in most important Zone?





# Satisfaction with Season Dates in Most Important Zone?

	Lake Erie Zone (n=68)	Northwest Zone (n = 128)	North Zone (n = 105)	South Zone (n = 319)
Very Satisfied	6 (9%)	15 (12%)	20 (19%)	21 (7%)
Mostly Satisfied	33 (49%)	59 (46%)	42 (40%)	122 (38%)
Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied	17 (25%)	41 (32%)	27 (26%)	110 (34%)
Mostly Dissatisfied	10 (15%)	9 (7%)	11 (10%)	51 (16%)
Very Dissatisfied	2 (3%)	4 (3%)	5 (5%)	15 (5%)



# In your most important zone, please select the 3 most important time periods.

	Oct 1-10	Oct 11-20	Oct 21-31	Nov 1-10	Nov 11-20	Nov 21-30	Dec 1-10	Dec 11-20	Dec 21-31	Jan 1-10	Jan 11-20	Most Important Zone
Lake Erie Zone	14	7	13	17	22	22	12	16	29	23	22	70
Northwest Zone	57	62	54	43	40	41	18	16	31	20	14	138
North Zone	50	57	45	30	25	18	8	6	18	21	21	109
South Zone	86	126	111	53	59	95	27	46	116	108	122	329



# Split Preference

	SZ	NZ	NWZ	LEZ
I prefer duck season to have a split during the rifle deer season	46%	42%	40%	42%
I prefer duck season to have a split that is not during the rifle deer season	15%	18%	15%	13%
I prefer duck season to not have splits	39%	41%	45%	45%



# Which holidays would you prefer the season to be open?

	Columbus Day	Thanksgiving	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Years Eve	New Years Day
South Zone	61%	76%	59%	50%	77%	76%
North Zone	66%	71%	51%	43%	65%	68%
Northwest Zone	68%	75%	49%	43%	56%	59%
Lake Erie Zone	54%	70%	59%	56%	75%	81%

Total percentage of respondents indicating they prefer the season to be open on each holiday.



# Importance of overlapping duck and goose seasons

	Don't Know	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Very Important
South Zone	2%	2%	2%	18%	30%	46%
North Zone	3%	3%	20%	19%	20%	34%
Northwest Zone	1%	1%	1%	20%	34%	43%
Lake Erie Zone	1%	1%	4%	33%	24%	35%





# Goose Hunters



# Which species of geese did you pursue?

	Total
Canada geese only	559 (77%)
Snow geese only	10 (1%)
Both species about equally	28 (4%)
Both species, but primarily Canada geese	121 (17%)
Both species, but primarily snow geese	8 (1%)



# How many years have you hunted geese?

	Total
More than 25 years	177 (25%)
16-25 years	97 (13%)
5-15 years	217 (30%)
less than 5 years	231 (32%)



# I primarily hunt geese on:

	Total
Private Lands	344 (47%)
Public Lands	135 (19%)
Public and Private Land Equally	180 (25%)
Middle Creek or Pymatuning	68 (9%)
Not Sure	1 (0%)



# In either of the past 2 seasons did you hunt geese at the following Game Commission goose hunting permit areas

	Total
Pymatuning WMA	108 (14%)
Middle Creek WMA	47 (6%)

Total respondents indicating they hunted each goose hunting permit area.



# In the past 2 seasons, which zones have you hunted in, and harvested a goose in?

N= 656	Hunted Geese in September in this zone	Hunted geese during regular season in this zone	Harvested a goose in this zone
Southern James Bay Population	72	145	85
Resident Population	312	461	303
Atlantic Population	113	224	145



# Most Important Zone?

Zone	Total
SJBP	98
RP	410
AP	208

Total responses indicated which zone is their most important zone.



# Satisfaction with Season Dates in Most Important Zone?

	SJBP (n=90)	RP(n = 395)	AP (n = 193)
Very Satisfied	16 (18%)	81 (21%)	19 (10%)
Somewhat Satisfied	37 (41%)	151 (38%)	60 (31%)
Neutral	24 (27%)	123 (31%)	53 (27%)
Somewhat Dissatisfied	9 (10%)	26 (7%)	29 (15%)
Very Dissatisfied	4 (4%)	9 (2%)	30 (16%)
Don't Know	0 (0%)	5 (1%)	2 (1%)





# In your most important zone, please select the 3 most important time periods.

	Nov 1-15	Nov 16-30	Dec 1-15	Dec 16-31	Jan 1-15	Jan 16-31	Feb 1-15	Most Important Zone
Southern James Bay Population	43	45	33	34	50	29	26	98
Resident Population	190	186	130	166	185	142	121	410
Atlantic Population	48	96	44	91	110	107	67	208



# Which holidays would you prefer the season to be open?

	Thanksgiving	Black Friday	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Years Eve	New Years Day
SJBP	67%	75%	45%	36%	65%	70%
RP	72%	76%	56%	46%	70%	69%
AP	74%	72%	66%	52%	80%	80%

Total percentage of respondents indicating they prefer the season to be open on each holiday.



# Importance of overlapping duck and goose seasons

	Goose season should be open when duck season is open	Goose season should be open without regard for duck season
SJBP	48	42
RP	229	157
AP	109	84



# Waterfowl Season Setting

The following questions assess how waterfowl hunters feel about PGC waterfowl season setting



# The game commission sets waterfowl regulations without any input from the public.

	Total
Strongly Agree	71 (8%)
Agree	174 (20%)
No Opinion	330 (38%)
Disagree	242 (28%)
Strongly Disagree	60 (7%)



# I would like to provide more input into setting waterfowl regulations.

	Total
Strongly Agree	129 (15%)
Agree	309 (35%)
No Opinion	375 (43%)
Disagree	45 (5%)
Strongly Disagree	14 (2%)



# I understand how waterfowl regulation are set.

	Total
Strongly Agree	75 (9%)
Agree	360 (41%)
No Opinion	288 (33%)
Disagree	127 (15%)
Strongly Disagree	22 (3%)



# Pennsylvania Game Commission should do a better job of soliciting input on waterfowl seasons.

	Total
Strongly Agree	118 (14%)
Agree	288 (33%)
No Opinion	386 (44%)
Disagree	72 (8%)
Strongly Disagree	10 (1%)





# It is a hunter's responsibility to provide input on waterfowl hunting regulations.

	Total
Strongly Agree	171 (20%)
Agree	409 (47%)
No Opinion	251 (29%)
Disagree	36 (4%)
Strongly Disagree	7 (1%)



# What is your preferred method to provide input on waterfowl regulations?

	Total (Select all that apply)
Attend a public meeting	171
Email comments to the Pennsylvania Game Commission	623
Letter to Pennsylvania Game Commission	171



# Waterfowl Symposium

The following questions assess how waterfowl hunters feel about the waterfowl symposium and the future of the waterfowl symposium.



# Are you aware of the Game Commission annually held waterfowl symposium?

	Total
Yes	212 (24%)
No	661 (76%)



# Have you attended a waterfowl symposium?

	Total
Yes	37 (4%)
No	844 (96%)



# Would you be interested in attending a future waterfowl symposium?

	Total
Yes	545 (62%)
No	328 (38%)



If you are interested in attending future waterfowl symposiums, how many miles would you be willing to travel?

	Total
25 Miles	202 (37%)
50 Miles	228 (42%)
75 Miles	49 (9%)
100 Miles	47 (8%)
150 Miles	14 (3%)

# If you are interested in attending future waterfowl symposiums when would you prefer the meeting to occur?



	Total (Select all that apply)
Weekday Afternoon	82
Weeknight	202
Saturday Afternoon	335





# Would you watch the waterfowl symposium if it were live streamed or recorded and available to view later?

	Total
Yes	650 (76%)
No	206 (24%)



# Information about hunters

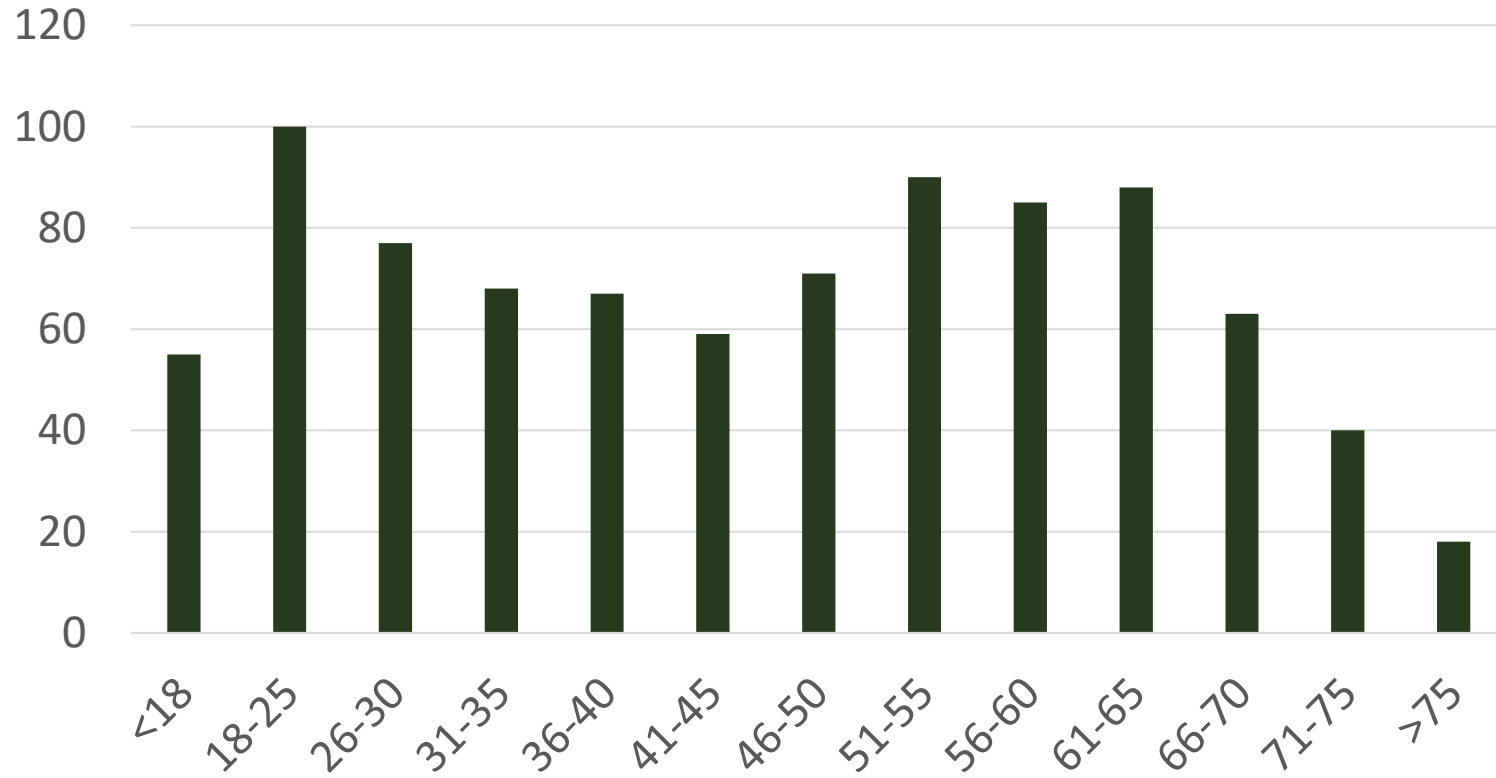


# Are you a Pennsylvania resident or nonresident hunter?

	Total
Resident	863 (97%)
Nonresident	25 (3%)



# How old are you?





# Please select your gender

	Total
Male	850 (95%)
Female	43 (5%)