# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION



AGENDA HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA April 24, 2012

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### Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Game Commission

### Agenda

The Commission Meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners

Ralph A. Martone, President Robert W. Schlemmer, Vice President David J. Putnam, Secretary David W. Schreffler James J. Delaney, Jr. Ronald A. Weaner

Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting held January 24, 2012.

## BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

### **ADOPTED RULE MAKING**

- A. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 139.4.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2012-2013 hunting license year.

### EXHIBIT "A"

### (SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS TABLE)

#### 2012-2013 OPEN HUNTING AND FURTAKING 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 First Day
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 6		Oct. 12	6	12
Squirrel – (Combined species)	Oct. 13	and	Nov. 24	6	12
	Dec. 10	and	Dec. 24		
	Dec. 26	and	Feb. 23, 2013		
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 13	and	Nov. 24	2	4
	Dec. 10	and	Dec. 24		
	Dec. 26		Jan. 26, 2013		
<b>Rabbit, Cottontail</b> – <b>Eligible Junior Hunters only</b> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 6		Oct. 13	4	8
Rabbit, Cottontail	Oct. 20		Nov. 24	4	8
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		and	Dec. 24		
	Dec. 26		Feb. 23, 2013		

**Ring-necked Pheasant** – There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any area designated as a wild pheasant recovery area within any wildlife management unit.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male only</i> in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	2	4
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male or female</i> combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D <i>Eligible Junior Hunters only</i> , with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	2	4
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male only</i> in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A & 5B	Oct. 20	Nov. 24	2	4
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male or female</i> combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C & 5D	Oct. 20 and Dec. 10 and Dec. 26	Nov. 24 Dec. 24 Feb. 2, 2013	2	4
<b>Bobwhite Quail</b> - The hunting and taking of bobwhite quail is permitted in all WMUs except in WMUs 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D where the season is closed.	Oct. 20	Nov. 24	4	8
Hare (Snowshoe Rabbit) or Varying Hare	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 2013	1	2
Woodchuck (Groundhog)	No closed season regular firearms d		Un	limited

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Porcupine	Sep. 1 Season closed duri the regular firearm	Mar. 31, 2013 ng the overlap with s deer seasons.	3	10
	WILD TUR	KEY		
Turkey - Male or Female			1	1
WMU 2B	Oct. 27	Nov. 16		
(Shotgun, Bow & Arrow only)	and Nov. 22	Nov. 24		
WMUs	Oct. 27 and	Nov. 10		
1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A, 4B & 4D	Nov. 22	Nov. 24		
WMUs 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C & 4E	Oct. 27 and	Nov. 16		
	Nov. 22	Nov. 24		
WMU 5A	Oct. 30	Nov. 1		
WMUs 5B, 5C & 5D	Closed to fall turke	ey hunting		
Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide <sup>1</sup> Bearded Bird only			1	2
Deuraca Data oniy	Apr. 27, 2013	May 11, 2013	May be hunted 1/ sunrise to 12 noor	
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	May 13, 2013	May 31, 2013	May be hunted 1/ sunrise to 1/2 hou	
Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide Youth Hunt <sup>1</sup> Bearded Bird only Eligible junior hunters only with the required license and when properly accompanied	April 20, 2013	April 20, 2013	1	1

#### MIGRATORY GAME BIRD

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. §§703-711) as published in the Federal Register on or about August 27 and September 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.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
<i>Crow</i> (Hunting permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	July 1	April 7, 2013	Unl	imited
Starling and English Sparrow	No closed seaso regular firearms	on except during the s deer season.	Unl	imited

#### FALCONRY

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
Squirrel – (Combined species)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	6	12
Quail	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	4	8
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	2	4
Cottontail Rabbit	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	4	8
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	1	2
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male</i> <i>and Female</i> - (Combined)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2013	2	4

Migratory Game Bird - 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) <sup>2</sup> (Statewide)	Sep. 29 and Dec. 26	Nov. 10 Jan. 12, 2013	One antlered and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlerless only)</i> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Sep. 15 and Nov. 12	Sep. 28 Nov. 24	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Archery (Antlered & Antlerless) <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Jan. 14, 2013	Jan. 26, 2013	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Regular firearms</i> ( <i>Antlered &amp; Antlerless</i> ) <sup>2</sup> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2B, 3A, 3D, 4A, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C & 5D	Nov. 26	Dec. 8	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered only)</b> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4D & 4E	Nov. 26	Nov. 30	One antlered deer.
Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered & Antlerless) <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4D & 4E	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only)</i> <i>(Statewide)</i> Only Junior and Senior License Holders, <sup>3</sup> 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 U.S. Coast Guard, with required antlerless license	Oct. 18	Oct. 20	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Muzzleloading (Antlerless only) (Statewide)	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless) <sup>2</sup> (Statewide)	Dec. 26	Jan. 12, 2013	One antlered, or one antlerless-plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

#### WHITE-TAILED DEER – (Continued)

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<b>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</b> <sup>2</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 26, 2013	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<b>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</b> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 26, 2013	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Antlerless</i> (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County)	Hunting is permitte established by the U Department of the J	United States	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

#### BLACK BEAR

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Bear, Archery</i> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D	Sep. 15	Sep. 28	1	1
<i>Bear, Archery</i> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 1A, 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D	Sep. 29	Nov. 10	1	1
Bear, Archery <sup>4</sup> Statewide	Nov. 12	Nov. 16	1	1
<i>Bear, Muzzleloading</i> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 1A, 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	1	1
Bear, Regular firearms <sup>4</sup> Statewide	Nov. 17	Nov. 21	1	1
Bear, Extended firearms <sup>4</sup>	Nov. 26	Dec. 1	1	1

WMUs 3A, 3C, and

Portions of WMU 3B, East of Rt. 14 from Troy to Canton, East of Rt. 154 from Canton to Rt. 220 at Laporte and East of Rt. 42 from Laporte to Rt. 118 and that portion of 4E, East of Rt. 42.

Portions of WMUs 2G in Lycoming and Clinton counties and 3B in Lycoming County that lie North of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from the Rt. 405 Bridge, West to Rt. 15 at Williamsport, Rt. 15 to Rt. 220, and North of Rt. 220 to the Mill Hall exit, North of SR 2015 to Rt. 150; East of Rt. 150 to Lusk Run Rd. and South of Lusk Run Rd. to Rt. 120, Rt. 120 to Veterans Street Bridge to SR 1001; East of SR 1001 to Croak Hollow Rd., South of Croak Hollow Rd. to Rt. 664 (at Swissdale), South of Rt. 664 to Little Plum Rd. (the intersection of SR 1003), South of SR 1003 to SR 1006, South of SR 1006 to Sulphur Run Rd., South of Sulphur Run Rd. to Rt. 44, East of Rt. 44 to Rt. 973, South of Rt. 973 to Rt. 87, West of Rt. 87 to Rt. 864, South of Rt. 864 to Rt. 220 and West of Rt. 220 to Rt. 405 and West of Rt. 405 to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

<i>Bear, Extended firearms</i> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 1A, 2B, 5B, 5C & 5D	Nov. 26	Dec. 8	1	1
<i>Bear, Extended firearms</i> <sup>4</sup> WMUs 3D, 4C, 4D & 4E	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	1	1

#### ELK

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Elk, Regular firearms <sup>5</sup> (Antlered & Antlerless)	Nov. 5	Nov. 10	1	One e1k with required license
Elk, Special Conservation <sup>5</sup> (Antlered & Antlerless)	Sep. 1	Nov. 10	1	One e1k with required license
Elk, Extended firearms <sup>5</sup> (Antlered & Antlerless)	Nov. 12	Nov. 17	1	One e1k with required license

#### FURTAKING - TRAPPING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Mink and Muskrat (Statewide)	Nov. 17	Jan. 6, 2013	τ	Jnlimited
Beaver (Statewide)	Dec. 26	Mar. 31, 2013		
WMUs 1A, 1B & 3C (Combined)			20	40
WMUs 2A, 2B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D & 5D (Combin	ned)		20	20
WMUs 2C, 2G, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, & 5C (Combined)			5	5
Coyote, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk, Weasel - (Statewide)	Oct. 21	Feb. 17, 2013	τ	Jnlimited
<b>Coyote &amp; Fox - (Statewide)</b> (Cable restraint devices may be used)	Dec. 26	Feb. 17, 2013	τ	Jnlimited
<i>Bobcat (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D & 4E	Dec. 15	Jan. 6, 2013	1	1
<i>Fisher (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G & 4D	Dec. 15	Dec. 20	1	1

#### FURTAKING - HUNTING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Coyote - (Statewide)	taken with a hunti	g game season may be ng license or a furtaker ut wearing orange.	_	nlimited
Coyote - (During any big game season)	May be taken whit or with a furtaker	le lawfully hunting big s license.	game	
Opossum, Skunk, Weasel (Statewide)	No closed season			
Raccoon and Fox - (Statewide)	Oct. 20	Feb. 16, 2013	U	nlimited
<i>Bobcat (with appropriate permit)</i> WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D & 4E	Jan. 15, 2013	Feb. 5, 2013	1	1

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

<sup>1</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 gobblers per license year may be taken by any combination of licenses or exceptions for mentored youth.

<sup>2</sup> Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during the hunting license year.

<sup>3</sup> Includes persons 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).

<sup>4</sup>Only one bear may be taken during the hunting license year.

<sup>5</sup> Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year.

- B. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 141.28.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 141.28 (relating to wild pheasant recovery areas) to eliminate the Pike Run wildlife pheasant recovery area (WPRA) and include crows to the list of species that can be hunted within WPRAs starting the first Sunday in February.

#### EXHIBIT "B"

#### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

#### Subchapter B. SMALL GAME

#### § 141.28. Wild pheasant recovery areas.

(a) *Definition.* For the purpose of this section, the phrase "wild pheasant recovery area" (WPRA) includes and is limited to the following geographic locations.

(1) Somerset WPRA. That portion of Somerset County, WMU 2C, bounded on the western side starting at the intersection of Coleman Station Rd. and Stutzmantown Rd. proceeding south on Coleman Station Rd., crossing SR 31, to Brotherton Rd., continuing south to Round Hill Rd., then east onto Wills Church Rd., then to Archery Rd. The boundary then follows Berlin Plank Rd. (US Rt. 219) south into the town of Berlin where it joins the Mason Dixon Hwy. (US Rt. 219) proceeding south to Pine Hill Rd. to Walker School Rd. then east on Maple Valley Rd., to Sawmill Rd. to the Cumberland Hwy. (SR 160). The boundary then follows the Cumberland Hwy. (SR 160) south to Salco Rd. and then proceeds north on Salco Rd. to Huckleberry Hwy. (SR 160) in the town of Berlin. The boundary follows Huckleberry Hwy. (SR 160) north, crossing SR 31, to the intersection of Roxbury Rd., then north to Shanksville Rd. The boundary then proceeds north to Stutzmantown Rd., then west to the beginning at the intersection of Coleman Station Rd.

Portions of WMU 4E in (2)Central Susquehanna WPRA. Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Lycoming counties from the West Branch of the Susquehanna River south to the intersection with PA Rt. 642 and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Milton. The southern boundary is defined by PA Rt. 642 east from Milton to Mausdale, then north on PA Rt. 642 to just south of Jerseytown, proceeding east on Eversgrove Rd. to Evers Grove at PA Rt.42. Proceeding south on PA Rt. 42 to Mordansville, northeast of Mordansville along Robbins Rd. (Rt. 600) to Mordansville Rd. (Rt. 541), south on Millertown Rd. (Rt. 4011), then continuing east to follow Mount Pleasant Rd. (Rt. 4020) and Mount Pleasant St. (PA Rt. 4034) to Orangeville at the southeast corner of the WPRA. PA Rt. 487 lines the eastern boundary from Orangeville north to Maple Grove/intersection with PA Rt. 254. The northern boundary begins with PA Rt. 254 west of Maple Grove to the intersection with Winters Rd. (Rt. 459) proceeding west to the intersection with Austin Trail (PA Rt. 4039). Continuing west on Owl Rd. (Rt. 599), north and west on Reese Rd. (Rt. 578), and north and west on Trivelpiece Rd. (Rt. 576). Eagle Rd. (PA Rt. 4037) then continues northwest to the intersection with Whitehorse Rd./Whitehorse Pike (Rt. 661) heading west to just south of Sereno, and then south on PA Rt. 42 to Millville. From Millville, proceeding southwest on PA Rt. 254 to Jerseytown. Then northwest on PA Rt. 44, north on Swartz Rd., west on Shultz Rd., north on Ants Hill Rd., west on Wolf Hollow Rd., then north on Katy's Church Rd. Crossing into Lycoming County and proceeding northwest on G Wagner Rd., west on Ridge Rd., crossing into Montour County, southwest on County Line Rd., south on Muncy Exchange Rd. (PA Rt. 1003), west on Hickory Rd. (PA Rt. 1008), west on Mingle Rd. (Rt. 433), west on Hickory Rd. (PA Rt. 1008) for the second time, and proceeding north on Gearhart Hollow Rd. (Rt. 441). Continuing west on Showers Rd. (PA Rt. 1010), crossing into Northumberland County, proceeding north and west on Pugmore Lane, north on Hockley Hill Rd. (PA Rt. 1011), west on Miller Rd. (Rt.

653), continuing southwest on Balliet Rd. (Rt. 664). Proceeding northwest and west on Schmidt Rd. (Rt. 564). continuing north on Susquehanna Trail (PA Rt. 1007), continuing west on Hughes Rd. (Rt. 655), crossing under I-180, proceeding south on Crawford Rd. (Rt. 507) to PA Rt. 54. Proceeding northwest on PA Rt. 54 to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Hegins-Gratz Valley WPRA. That portion of WMU 4E in (3) Schuylkill and Dauphin Counties from Matterstown Road (Rt. 1007) to PA Rt. 901 at Taylorsville. The WPRA is bounded on the north by the Mahantango Creek. Beginning at the town of Pillow in Dauphin County, proceeding east on Market Street (Rt. 1026) to the Mahantango Creek, which is the Northumberland and Dauphin County border until entering Schuylkill County at Klingerstown. Continuing northeast along the Mahantango Creek in Schuylkill County to Taylorsville Road (Rt. 4039) at Haas, to Taylorsville and then proceeding south on PA Rt. 901. Proceeding south and southeast on PA Rt. 901 to I-81. Proceeding southwest on I-81 and then west on PA Rt. 25, then from PA Rt. 25, proceeding south and west on Dell Road and then northwest and west on Pine Drive (State Hwy. 4009), continuing west on Pine Drive, T593 and north on T592 to Pine Creek. The southern boundary then follows Pine Creek west along the northern side of Broad Mountain to Spring Glen. From Spring Glen, continuing west on PA Rt. 25, crossing into Dauphin County to Gratz, then proceeding southwest from Gratz on Specktown Road (State Hwy. 1014) to South Crossroads Road (PA Rt. 1009). Proceeding south on South Crossroads Road (PA Rt. 1009) to PA Rt. 209 and southwest to Elizabethville. From Elizabethville continue west on Main Street (PA Rt. 209), then turn north onto Botts Road (T462). At the first intersection, turn north onto Feidt Road (T461), then turn east onto West Matterstown Road (Rt. 4008), turn north onto Matterstown Road (Rt. 1007). Turn right or east onto Berrysburg Road (PA Rt. 25) which turns into Market St. Turn left or north onto Lykens St. Turn right or east onto Mountain Road (T639). Turn left or north on PA Rt. 225 into Pillow on PA Rt. 225, ending at Market St. (Rt. 1026).

Franklin County WPRA. That Portion of Wildlife Management (4) Units 4A and 5A in Franklin County from PA Rt. 30 on the northern border to the Pennsylvania/Maryland state border on the southern border, and from Cove Mountain on the western border to the towns of Laurich and Williamson and the Conococheague Creek on the eastern border. The WPRA is bounded on the north by PA Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway). Beginning at the town of Fort Loudon at the intersection of PA Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway) and PA Rt. 75, proceed east on PA Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway), through St. Thomas, and continue east to Laurich. Just east of Laurich, proceed south along Back Creek to SR 3012 (Jack Road). Proceed west along SR 3012 (Jack Road), then south along Weber Road. Continue south and southwest along Weber Road to the intersection of Weber, Grapevine and Jacks Mill Roads. Proceed southwest along Grapevine Road and then northwest to intersection with SR 3013. Turn south onto SR 3013 (St Thomas Williamson Road) and then west onto State Rt. 995. Proceed west and then south on State Rt. 995 through Williamson to the West Branch of the Conococheague Creek (northeast of Welsh Run). Proceed along the West Branch of the Conococheague Creek to the confluence with Conococheague Creek. Follow the Conococheague Creek south to the Pennsylvania/Maryland state border. Proceed west along the Pennsylvania/Maryland state border to State Rt. 456. Proceed northeast along State Rt. 456 to State Route 16. Proceed east on State Route 16 to Mountain Road. Proceed northeast on Mountain Road to State Rt. 75. Proceed northwest on State Rt. 75 to the intersection of State Rt. 75 and State Rt. 30 at Fort Loudon.

## (b) *Prohibitions*. It is unlawful to:

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(2) Train dogs in any manner or hunt small game except crows, woodchucks and waterfowl from the first Sunday in February through July 31 within any area designated as a WPRA.

- C. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 141.62.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 141.62 (relating to beaver trapping) to extend the 15-foot trap placement restriction near beaver dams and lodges Statewide and extend the body-gripping trap limit of 10 to wildlife management units (WMU) where beaver bag limits are 40 or more per season.

#### EXHIBIT "C"

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

#### Subchapter D. FURBEARERS

§ 141.62. Beaver trapping.

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(b) Unlawful Acts. It is unlawful to:

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(2) Place, check, reset or tend a trap or snare on an established beaver dam or beaver house, or within 15 feet of either a dam, or a house. Measurement shall be from directly above the trap or snare, across the water, ice or land to the nearest point of the structure.

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(4) Set, tend or operate more than a combined Statewide total of 20 traps or snares no more than 10 of which may be traps. No more than 2 of the traps may be body griping traps except in Wildlife Management Units where beaver bag limits are 40 or more per season.

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- D. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 147.804.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 147.804 (relating to general) to allow a mentor to transfer a valid fall turkey license to an eligible mentored youth upon the harvest of a fall turkey.

#### EXHIBIT "D"

#### CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

#### Subchapter X. MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM PERMIT

§ 147.804. General.

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(c) A mentored youth's hunting eligibility is restricted to the following species: squirrel, woodchuck, coyote, deer and wild turkey.

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(h) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in section 2711 (a) (3) and (5) of the act, mentors are authorized to transfer fall turkey tags issued to them to eligible mentored youth. The fall turkey tag shall be valid and in the possession of the mentor at all times while hunting fall turkey. The transfer of the fall turkey tag may not occur until after the mentored youth has harvested the fall turkey, but before tagging the carcass. A mentored youth may not receive by transfer more than one fall turkey tag each license year.

### BUREAU OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION

### ADOPTED RULE MAKING

- A. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 135.50.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 135.50 (relating to definitions) to delete references to 75 Pa.C.S. § 7702(3) (relating to definitions), which no longer exists, and replace them with a generic exclusory reference.

#### EXHIBIT "A"

### CHAPTER 135. LANDS AND BUILDINGS

#### Subchapter C. STATE GAME LANDS

§ 135.50. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this section and §§ 135.49 and 135.51—135.55, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

ATV—All-terrain vehicle—

(i) A Class I ATV as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 7702(1) (relating to definitions), or a motorized off-highway vehicle 58 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 900 pounds or less traveling on four or more low-pressure tires and having a bench seat.

(ii) The term does not include a motorized off-highway vehicle excluded from the definition of the term "all-terrain vehicle or ATV" under 75 Pa.C.S. § 7702.

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- B. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 141.1.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend § 141.1, (relating to special regulations areas) to permit hunters to legally harvest deer during any deer season through the use of bait on properties authorized under a valid deer control permit (red tag farms) in wildlife management units (WMU) 5C and 5D in the southeastern Pennsylvania special regulations areas.

### EXHIBIT "B"

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

### Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 141.1. Special regulations areas.

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

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(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 when approval for limited baiting activities has previously been obtained under § 147.552 (relating to application).

- C. Adoption of proposed amendments to § 141.4.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend Chapter 141, Appendix G (relating to hunting hours) by updating the current hunting hours table and migratory bird hunting hours table to accurately reflect the dates and hours of legal hunting for the 2012-2013 hunting license year.

### EXHIBIT "C"

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 141.4. Hunting hours.

Except as otherwise provided, wild birds and animals 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)

### HUNTING HOURS TABLE FOR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1 – 7	5:09	9:02	Jan. 6 – 12	6:52	5:21
July 8 – 14	5:14	8:59	Jan. 13 – 19	6:51	5:28
July 15 – 21	5:20	8:54	Jan. 20 – 26	6:48	5:36
July 22 – 28	5:26	8:48	Jan. 27 – Feb. 2	6:43	5:44
July 29 – Aug. 4	5:32	8:40	Feb. 3 – 9	6:37	5:53
Aug. 5 – 11	5:39	8:32	Feb. 10 – 16	6:29	6:01
Aug. 12 – 18	5:46	8:22	Feb. 17 – 23	6:21	6:09
Aug. 19 – 25	5:52	8:12	Feb. 24 – Mar. 2	6:11	6:17
Aug. 26 – Sept. 1	5:59	8:01	Mar. 3 – 9	6:01	6:25
Sept 2 – 8	6:05	8:00	Mar. 10 – 16*begins	6:50	7:32
Sept. 9 – 15	6:12	7:39	Mar. 17 – 23	6:39	7:40
Sept. 16 – 22	6:19	7:27	Mar. 24 – 30	6:27	7:47
Sept. 23 – 29	6:25	7:15	Mar. 31 – Apr. 6	6:16	7:54
Sept. 30 – Oct. 6	6:32	7:04	Apr. 7 – 13	6:05	8:01
Oct. 7 – 13	6:39	6:53	Apr. 14 – 20	5:54	8:08
Oct. 14 – 20	6:47	6:43	Apr. 21 – 27	5:44	8:15
Oct. 21 – 27	6:54	6:34	Apr. 28 – May 4	5:34	8:22
Oct. 28 – Nov. 3	7:02	6:25	May 5 – 11	5:26	8:29
Nov. 4 – Nov. 10 *ends	6:10	5:18	May 12 – 18	5:18	8:36
Nov. 11 – 17	6:18	5:12	May 19 – 25	5:12	8:43
Nov. 18 – 24	6:26	5:08	May 26 – June 1	5:07	8:49
Nov. 25 – Dec. 1	6:34	5:06	June 2 – 8	5:04	8:54
Dec. 2 – 8	6:40	5:05	June 9 – 15	5:02	8:58
Dec. 9 – 15	6:45	5:05	June 16 – 22	5:02	9:01
Dec. 16 – 22	6:49	5:07	June 23 – 30	5:05	9:03
Dec. 23 – 29	6:52	5:10			
Dec. 30 – Jan. 5	6:53	5:09	*Daylight Saving Tim	e	

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
Aug. 26 – Sept. 1	5:59	7:31	Dec. 23 – 29	6:52	4:40
Sept. 2 – 8	6:05	7:30	Dec. 30 – Jan. 5	6:53	4:39
Sept. 9 – 15	6:12	7:09	Jan. 6 – 12	6:52	4:51
Sept. 16 – 22	6:19	6:57	Jan. 13 – 19	6:51	4:58
Sept. 23 – 29	6:25	6:45	Jan. 20 – 26	6:48	5:06
Sept. 30 – Oct. 6	6:32	6:34	Jan. 27 – Feb. 2	6:43	5:14
Oct. 7 – 13	6:39	6:23	Feb. 3 – 9	6:37	5:23
Oct. 14 – 20	6:47	6:13	Feb. 10 – 16	6:29	5:31
Oct. 21 – 27	6:54	6:04	Feb. 17 – 23	6:21	5:39
Oct. 28 – Nov. 3	7:02	5:55	Feb. 24 – Mar. 2	6:11	5:47
Nov. $4 - 10^{\text{*ends}}$	6:10	4:48	Mar. 3 – 9	6:01	5:55
Nov. 11 – 17	6:18	4:42	Mar. 10 – 16*begins	6:50	7:02
Nov. 18 – 24	6:26	4:38	Mar. 17 – 23	6:39	7:10
Nov. 25 – Dec. 1	6:34	4:36	Mar. 24 – 30	6:27	7:17
Dec. 2 – 8	6:40	4:35	Mar. 31 – Apr. 6	6:16	7:24
Dec. 9 – 15	6:45	4:35	Apr. 7 – 13	6:05	7:31
Dec. 16 – 22	6:49	4:37	*Daylight Saving Time	e	

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING HOURS TABLE

- D. Adoption of proposed amendments to §§ 141.43 and 141.44.
- <u>Commentary</u>: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission proposed at its January 24, 2012, meeting to amend §§ 141.43 and 141.44 (relating to deer; and bear) to delete the sunset language to effectively make permanent the authorized general use of crossbows during the archery deer and bear seasons.

#### EXHIBIT "D"

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

#### Subchapter C. BIG GAME

§ 141.43. Deer.

(a) Archery deer season.

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

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(ii) *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 with at least two cutting edges located on the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface, and may not exceed 3 inches in length.

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§ 141.44. Bear.

(a) *Archery bear season.* 

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

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(ii) *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 with at least two cutting edges located on the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface, and may not exceed 3 inches in length.

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#### **PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

#### E. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 131.2.

<u>Commentary</u>: The Commission is proposing to amend § 131.2 by creating, amending and deleting certain definitions. The first amendment involves the removal of two sentences from the definition of a bow. The contents of the first sentence concern the prohibition of devices commonly known as draw-locks on bows. The Commission determined that the prohibition of this drawing aid was no longer necessary given the recent expansion to permit crossbows during archery season. The contents of the second sentence were deemed redundant to similar language recently created in § 141.43 (relating to deer) and are therefore no longer necessary.

The second amendment involves the addition of the definition of decoy.

The third amendment involves the addition of the definition of meat or animal products.

#### 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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*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. The limitations may not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams so long as the available energy in the bent limbs of the bow are the sole result of a single, continuous and direct pulling effort by the shooter. [A track, trough, channel or other device capable of mechanical holding the bow at full or partial draw may not be attached to the bow.] 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 held release aid. [A bow shall have a peak draw weight not less than 35 pounds.]

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<u>Decoy</u>—For the purposes of section 2308(b)(6) of the act (relating to unlawful devices and methods), any artificial representation or facsimile of a bird or animal used to attract other birds or animals. This term shall not be construed to include living birds or animals.

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<u>Meat or animal products</u>—For the purpose of section 2361(a)(13) of the act (relating to unlawful acts concerning taking of furbearers), meat or animal products shall include artificial representations or facsimiles thereof.

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#### F. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.20.

<u>Commentary</u>: On April 24, 2012, the Commission finally adopted amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to, *inter alia*, expand fall turkey hunting opportunities in WMUs 1A, 1B and 2A by removing the "shotgun, bow and arrow only" limitation. This amendment will effectively allow hunters within WMUs 1A, 1B and 2A to hunt fall turkey with rifles. As a result of this change, the Commission is proposing to amend § 141.20 to apply the more restrictive fluorescent orange requirements to WMUs 1A, 1B and 2A that apply to all other WMUs where use of rifles to hunt turkey is authorized.

### CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

#### Subchapter A. GENERAL

§141.20. Protective material required.

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(3) Move about or relocate while wearing a hat containing a minimum of 100 square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange-colored material on the head only and be stationary without wearing the required orange-colored material when hunting for applicable game or wildlife during the following seasons:

(1) All 1 1B, 2A, 2B, 5B, 5C and 5D.

(i) All fall turkey seasons in wildlife management units [1A,

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(4) Move about or relocate while in compliance with subsection (a) and while stationary place a minimum of 100 square inches of daylight fluorescent orangecolored material within 15 feet of the hunter's location so it is visible in a 360 degree arc when hunting for applicable game or wildlife during the following seasons:

(i) All fall turkey seasons in wildlife management units <u>1A</u>, <u>1B</u>, <u>2A</u>, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A.

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### G. Amend 58 Pa. Code Chapter 143 by adding § 143.13.

The Commission has recently reviewed its policy concerning what it Commentary: requires from licensed hunters and trappers who change their residency from resident to nonresident and vice versa. Currently, if a Pennsylvania resident becomes a nonresident after having previously purchased a hunting or furtaking license, that license is deemed invalid and the person is required to repurchase a nonresident hunting or furtaking license at full cost in order to continue engaging in hunting or trapping activities within this Commonwealth during that license year. The result is quite the opposite for nonresidents who become residents after having previously a hunting or furtaking license, whom are not required to repurchase a new license or even report the change in residency. In both cases, the Commission has identified a value in obtaining updates from its license holders when a change in residency occurs. The Commission is proposing to create § 143.13 (relating to change of residency registration) to harmonize the approach that it takes concerning both types of residency change. Pursuant to this amendment, changes in residency will require the license holder to acquire a change of residency registration within 30 days of the change in residency, otherwise their license will automatically Once a change of residency registration has been become invalid. submitted, no further repurchase of license will be required for residents or nonresidents that have changed their residency status.

### CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTAKER LICENSES

Subchapter A. GENERAL

<u>§ 143.13.</u> Change of residency registration.

(a) General rule. A change in residency status from resident to nonresident or vice versa, as defined in sections 102, 2702 and 2703 of the act, automatically invalidates a person's hunting or furtaking license 30 days after the change in status unless the licensee completes and submits a change in residency registration to the Commission on the form provided.

(b) Possession and production. A change in residency registration shall be maintained with and as a part of the person's license materials until the close of the current license year and shall be produced as a part of the person's license materials upon request or demand of a landowner or officer whose duty it is to enforce the act.

(c) Fee. A fee of \$6 will be assessed for a change of residency registration.

#### H. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.552.

Commentary: On March 31, 2010, the Commission's three year evaluation of the effectiveness of a broad scale and widely accessible authorization permitting the baiting of white-tailed deer across the southeast special regulations areas expired. The Commission's final review of the baiting authorization generally concluded that broad scale and widely accessible baiting did not establish viable increases in harvest rates to justify an extension of the experimental program. On February 1, 2011, the Commission amended §§ 147.552 and 147.556 (relating to application; and lawful devices) to create a focused, limited authorization permitting the baiting of white-tailed deer in WMUs 5C and 5D on approved properties enrolled in the "Red Tag" program. The Commission's reference to WMUs 5C and 5D was in error as this geographical reference is not compatible with the term "special regulations areas" as referenced in section 2308(B)(2)(iii) of the act (relating to unlawful devices and methods) and described in § 141.1(b) (relating to special regulations areas). The Commission is proposing to amend § 147.552 (relating to application) to replace the reference to "WMUs 5C and 5C" with the more appropriate reference to the "southeast special regulations areas."

#### CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter R. DEER CONTROL

#### AGRICULTURE

#### §147.552. Application.

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(d) Applicants from [wildlife management units 5C and 5D] the southeast special regulations areas only may be eligible to obtain approval to engage in limited baiting activities to enhance deer control activities on their properties. Approval will be based solely upon an applicant's demonstrable need for a baiting authorization as evidenced by written justifications or other evidence submitted on or in addition to the application at the time of application or renewal.

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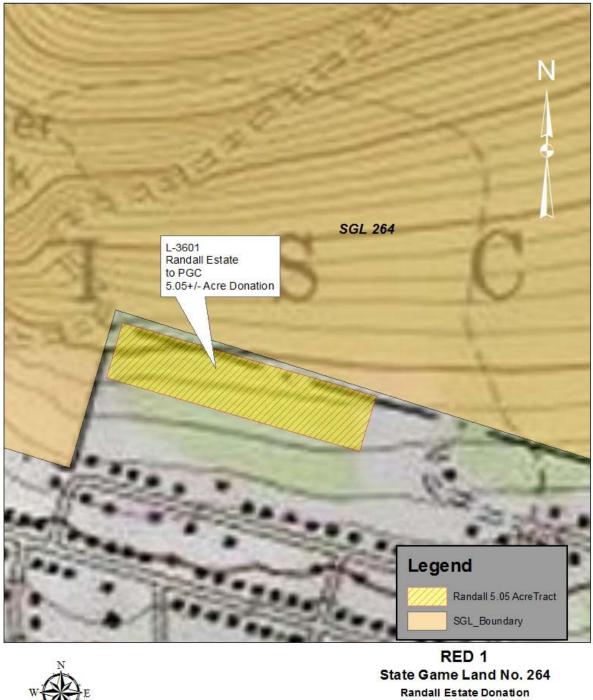
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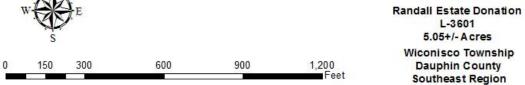
A. Donation

Contract No. 3601, State Game Land No. 264, Dauphin County

<u>Commentary</u>: Executors of the Estate of David V. Randall have offered a donation to the Game Commission of 5.05 +/- acres in Wiconisco Township, Dauphin County located on the south facing slope of Big Lick Mountain (Exhibit RED 1). The property is forested with oak, maple and birch and will act as a buffer between backyards of existing residences and State Game Land No. 264.

Action:





## B. Acquisition

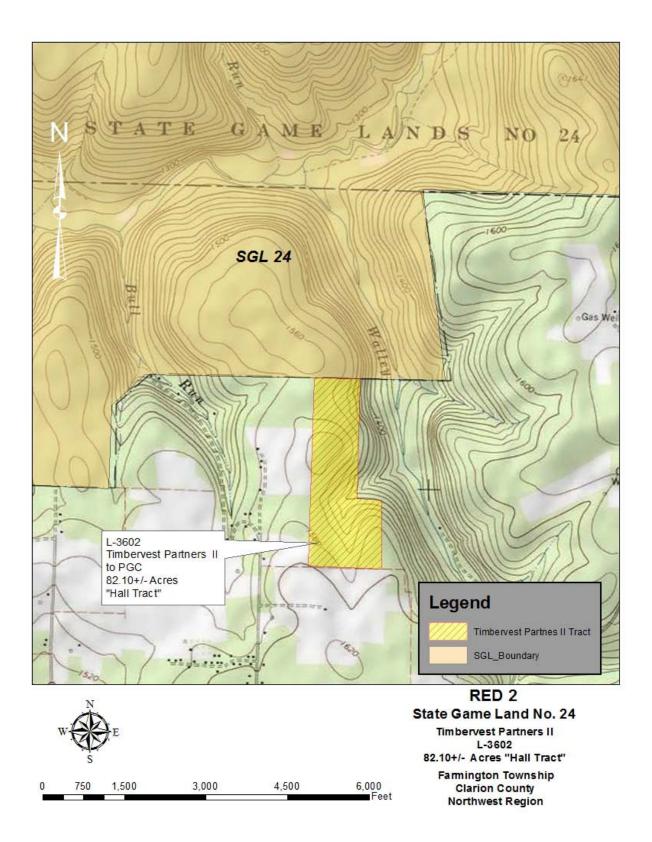
Contract No. 3602, State Game Land Nos. 24 and 45, Clarion and Venango Counties

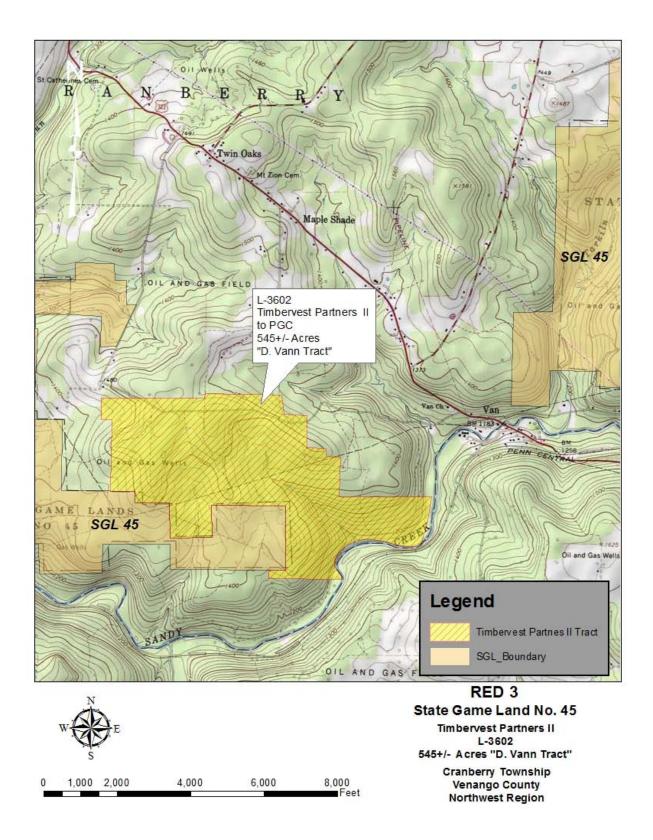
Timbervest Partners II Pennsylvania, LLC is offering for sale two tracts of Commentary: land located in Clarion and Venango Counties. The first tract being offered is 82.10 +/- acres located in Farmington Township, Clarion County adjoining State Game Land No. 24 (Exhibit RED 2) and is referred to as the "Hall Tract." The cost of the Hall Tract is \$82,100 lump sum. The second tract is 545 +/- acres located in Cranberry Township, Venango County adjoining State Game Land No. 45 (Exhibit RED 3) and is referred to as the "D. Vann Tract." The cost of the D. Vann Tract is \$473,000 lump sum. Acquiring this property will provide vital legal access into a portion of State Game Land No. 45, which is currently inaccessible. The D. Vann Tract contains an unnamed tributary to Sandy Creek which borders the property to the east. Both properties have regenerating mixed northern hardwoods and shall be paid for with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects.

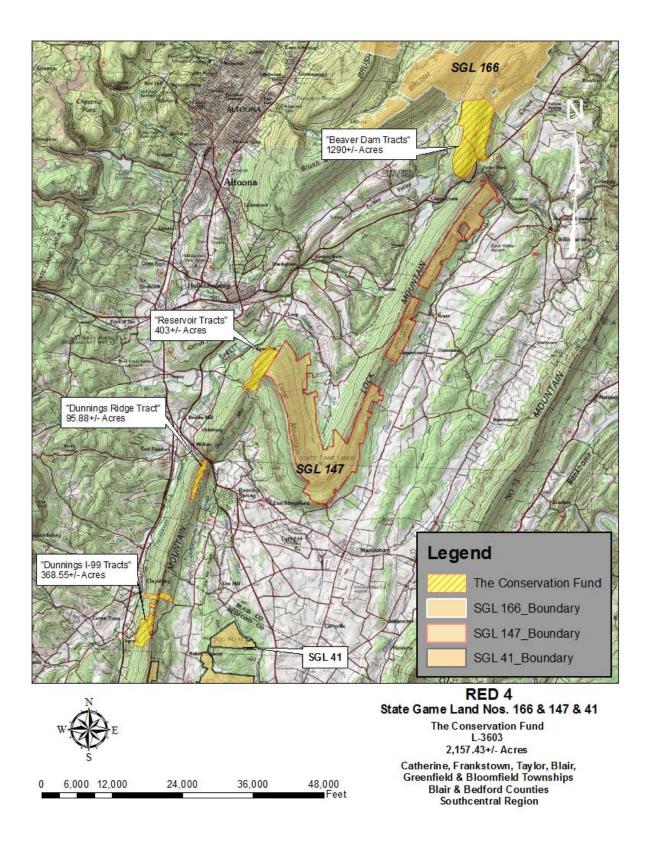
Contract No. 3603, State Game Lands Nos. 166, 147 and 41, Blair and Bedford Counties

Commentary: The Conservation Fund is offering for sale 2,157.43 +/- acres of land in multiple tracts located in Frankstown, Blair, Taylor and Catherine Townships, Blair County and Bloomfield and Greenfield Townships, Bedford County adjoining or near State Game Land Nos. 166, 147 and 41 (Exhibit RED 4). The Conservation Fund is willing to sell the properties as a two-phase acquisition project. Phase One of the project shall include the acquisition of three separate tracts. The first being 403 + - acres in Frankstown, Blair and Taylor Townships, Blair County adjoining State Game Land No. 147, referred to as the "Reservoir Tract." The second tract being 95.88 +/- acres located northwest of Roaring Spring in Taylor Township, Blair County and is referred to as "Dunnings Ridge Tract." The third tract being 368.55 +/- acres located southeast of Claysburg in Bloomfield and Greenfield Townships, Bedford County near State Game Land No. 41 and is referred to as the "Dunnings I-99 Tracts." The tracts are forested with mixed northern hardwoods in various age classes with mountain laurel understory at the higher elevations and greenbrier, witch hazel and grape vine thickets present at lower elevations. Rock outcropping are also present, especially at higher elevations on the Reservoir Tract. Settlement shall be held no later than June 21, 2012. The cost for the three tracts will be \$625,000 to be paid with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects. Phase Two of the project shall be the acquisition of  $1,290 \pm -$  acres in Frankstown and Catherine Townships, Blair County adjoining State Game Land No. 166 and is referred to as the "Beaver Dam Tracts." The Beaver Dam Tracts are forested with mixed northern hardwoods and lie within both an Important Mammal Area and Important Bird Area, which support the existence of both state and federally listed species. The cost of the property shall be \$2,458,000, minus any funds raised by The Conservation Fund. The property shall be purchased with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects and may also be partially funded by habitat mitigation commitments for impacts to state and federally listed species. Settlement shall be held no later than June 2013.

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## C. Land Exchange

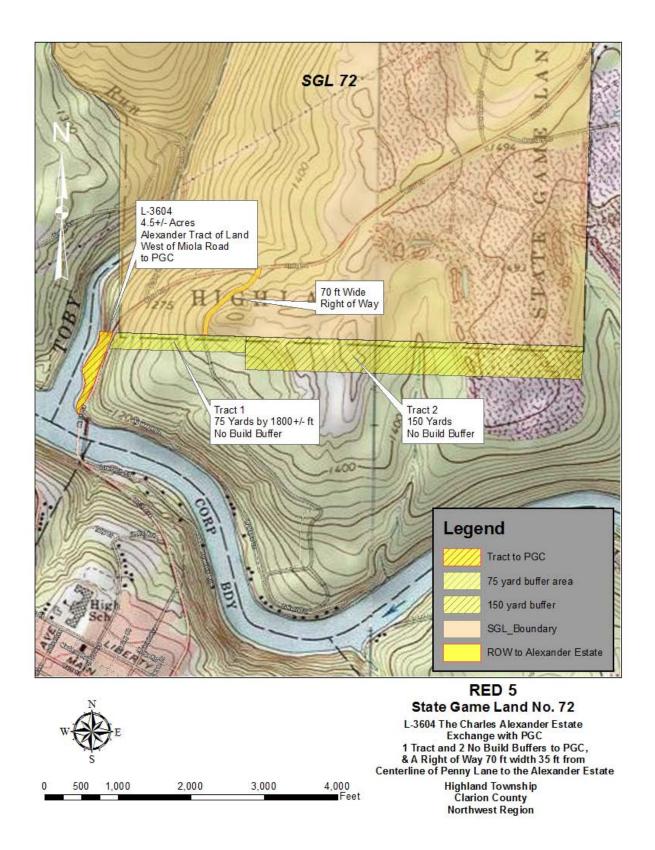
Contract No. 3604, State Game Land No. 72, Clarion County

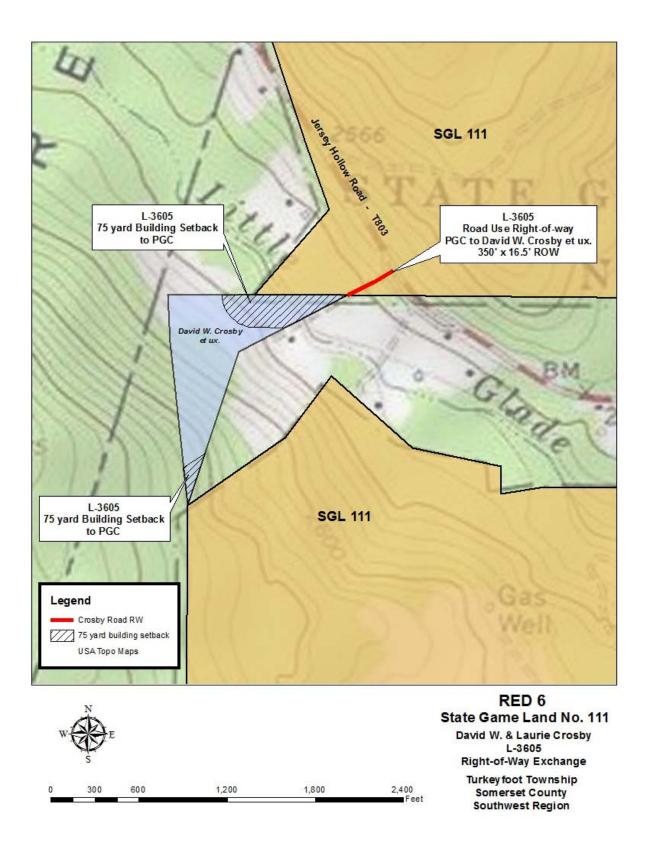
<u>Commentary</u>: Executors of the Estate of Charles R. Alexander are offering 4.5 +/- acres of land in Highland Township, Clarion County in exchange for a right-of-way through State Game Land No. 72, Highland Township, Clarion County (Exhibit RED 5). The 70 foot wide right-of-way shall run from Miola Road through State Game Land No. 72 to the northern boundary of the Alexander property along an existing private road referred to as "Penny Lane." In addition to conveying the 4.5 +/- acres the Alexanders have also agreed to place certain restrictions, including "no build" buffers on the Alexander property. A "no build" setback of 75 yards shall extend along the boundary between State Game Land No. 72 and the Alexander property from Miola Road east approximately 1,800 feet. From this point to the eastern terminus of the Alexander property the "no build" setback buffer shall increase to 150 yards. The 4.5 +/- acres is forested and is accessed from Miola Road.

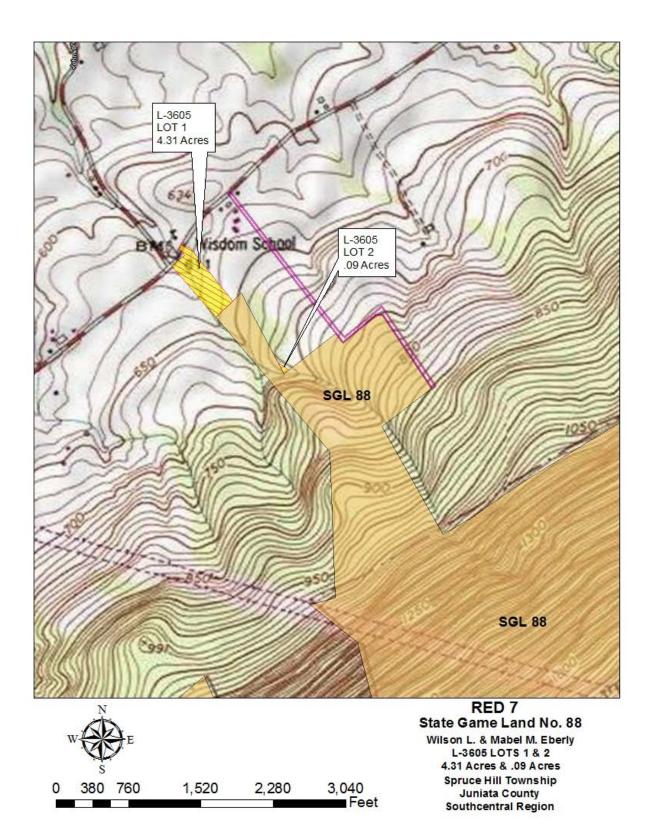
Contract No. 3605, State Game Land Nos. 111 and 88, Somerset and Juniata Counties

<u>Commentary</u>: David W. and Laurie Crosby desire a 350 feet x 16.5 feet permanent rightof-way into their existing residence (Exhibit RED 6). The non-exclusive right-of-way shall be across State Game Land No. 111 in Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset County and is for one single family dwelling, with associated outbuildings. No new buildings shall be constructed within 75 yards of the State Game Land boundary. Maintenance of the right-of-way shall be at each party's sole discretion to meet their particular needs. In exchange, the Crosbys will provide \$1,062.50 toward costs associated with the acquisition of the Wilson L. and Mabel Eberly property.

Wilson L. and Mabel Eberly are offering for sale two tracts of land totaling 4.4 acres in Spring Hill Township, Juniata County adjacent to State Game Land No. 88 (Exhibit RED 7). Currently the Game Commission and the Eberlys share a common right-of-way. Acquiring these tracts will provide improved access into State Game Land No. 88. The first tract is 4.31 acres and will provide access from State Road 3006, Mountain Road. The second tract is 0.09 acres and will allow for the use of an existing timber road located on State Game Land No. 88. The cost of the two tracts is \$18,953.84 lump sum and will be paid with funds from the Crosby right-of-way with the remainder being paid from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects.



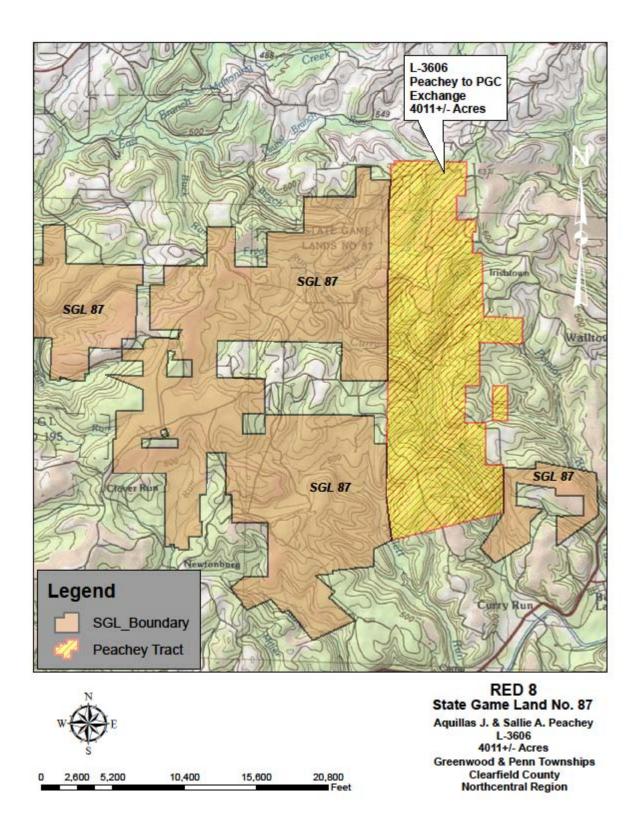


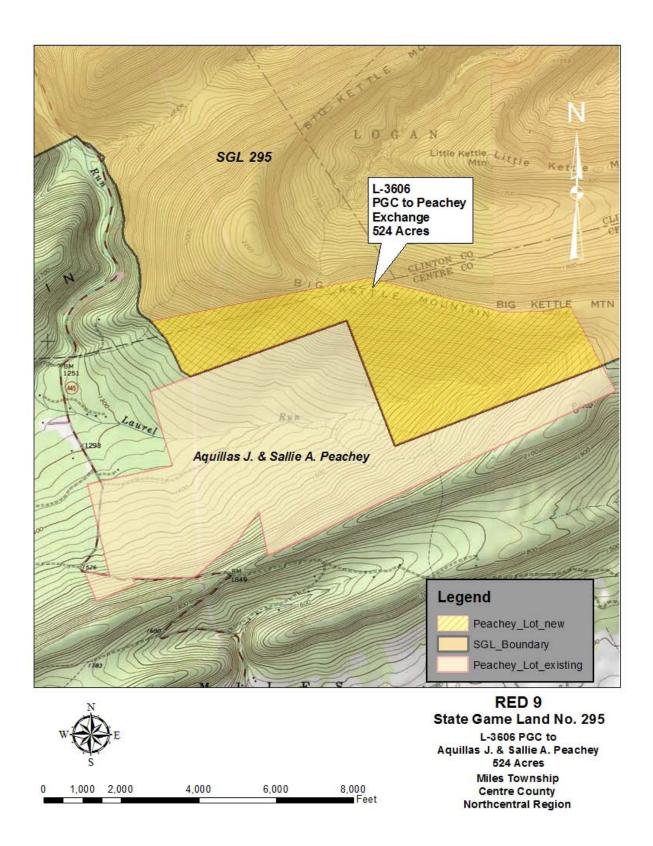


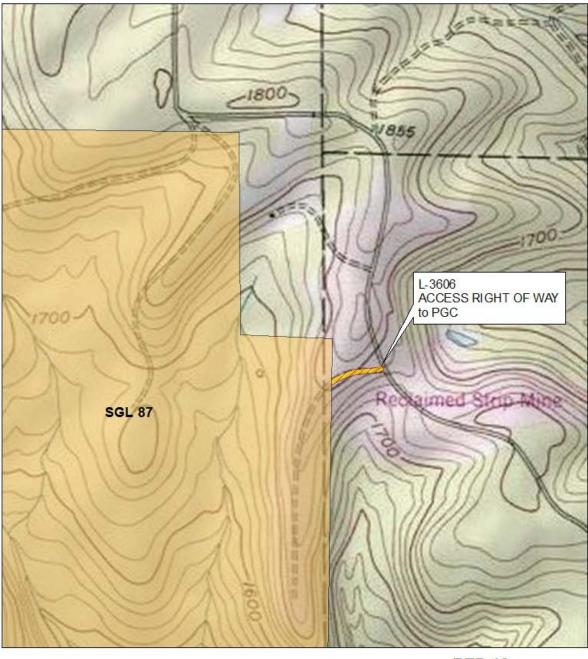
Contract No. 3606, State Game Land Nos. 295 and 87, Centre and Clearfield Counties

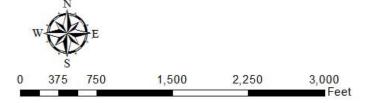
Aquillas J. and Sallie A. Peachey are offering 4,011 +/- acres of land in Commentary: Greenwood and Penn Townships, Clearfield County adjacent to State Game Land No. 87 (Exhibit RED 8) in exchange for 524 acres of State Game Land No. 295 located in Miles Township, Centre County (Exhibit RED 9). The 524 acres consists largely of mixed hardwoods and steep terrain with rock outcroppings and limited access. The Game Commission shall retain 50% of the oil and gas on the 524 acres being conveyed to the Peachevs. In addition to the land exchange, the Peacheys agree to allow immediate public access into a portion of State Game Land No. 87 by allowing the use of an existing road located on the 4,011 acres being conveyed to the Game Commission (Exhibit RED 10). Currently public access is being impeded by terrain and private land holdings. The tract being conveyed to the Game Commission will connect a detached 596acre parcel of State Game Land No. 87 to the main portion of State Game Land No. 87. The 4,011 acres consists mainly of mixed hardwoods, interspersed with herbaceous openings and supports a large beaver dam complex. Curry Run, a cold water fishery designated as a wild trout stream runs through the property. The Peacheys are excepting and reserving all timber 13" or greater at DBH until November 11, 2026, not to include any hickory and conifer trees, except for larch. All reclamation, seeding and infrastructure development supporting timber operations will be in coordination with the Game Commission. In order to effectuate the land exchange the Game Commission shall pay the Peacheys \$410,000 with funds from third party commitments for compensation of habitat and recreational losses which occurred on State Game Lands from previously approved projects. Settlement shall be held no later than September 1, 2012.

Action:









RED 10 State Game Land No. 87 Aquillas J. & Sally A. Peachy L-3606 Access Right of Way Greenwood Township Clearfield County Northcentral Region Other New Business

Elk Allocation

Deer Allocation

The following Commission Meeting dates were approved for 2012. Does the Commission wish to proceed with these dates and locations?

June 25-26, 2012 (Harrisburg) September 24-25, 2012 (tentatively Franklin)

Proposed Commission Meeting date for January

January 27-29, 2013 (Harrisburg)

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

Adjournment