

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION**



**AGENDA
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
April 12, 2025**

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Stephen P. Smith
Executive Director

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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 12, 2025, at 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners

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Approval of minutes of Commission meeting held January 25, 2025.

BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 139.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at its January 25, 2025, meeting, amended § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2025-2026 license year. The 2025-2026 seasons and bag limits were amended to reflect current available scientific data, population and harvest records, field surveys and professional staff observations, as well as recommendations received from staff, organized sporting groups, members of the agricultural community and others interested in the management of the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

§ 139.4. Seasons and bag limits for the license year.

2025-2026 OPEN HUNTING AND FURTAKING SEASONS, DAILY LIMIT, FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT AND SEASON LIMIT OPEN SEASON INCLUDES FIRST AND LAST DATES LISTED

<i>SMALL GAME</i>				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ¹ Eligible Junior Hunters, with or without the required junior license, and Mentored Permit Holders 16 years of age and under	Sept. 13	Sept. 27	6	18
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ²	Sept. 13 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24 Feb. 28, 2026	6	18
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> ²	Oct. 18 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24	2	6
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> ¹ Eligible Junior Hunters, with or without the required junior license, and Mentored Permit Holders 16 years of age and under	Oct. 4	Oct. 18	4	12

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Rabbit, Cottontail</i> ²	Oct. 18 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24 Feb. 28, 2026	4	12
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant</i> Central Susquehanna and Franklin County Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas <i>Male only</i> ¹	As authorized by the Executive Order			
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> ¹ Junior License Holders and Mentored Permit Holders ⁴	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	2	6
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant – Male or Female</i> ²	Oct. 25 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24 Feb. 28, 2026	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> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24 Mar. 31, 2026	Unlimited	
	4			

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Woodchuck (Groundhog)</i> ²	July 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 June 30, 2026		Unlimited
<i>Crow</i> ³ (Hunting permitted on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	Aug. 21	Mar. 22, 2026		Unlimited
<i>Starling and English Sparrow</i> ³	No closed season, except season closed during the regular firearms deer seasons.			Unlimited

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Snowshoe or Varying Hare</i> ¹	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 2026	1	3

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) and as published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Exceptions:

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

FALCONRY

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Squirrel</i> – (Combined species) ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	6	18
<i>Quail</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	Unlimited	
<i>Ruffed Grouse</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	2	6
<i>Cottontail Rabbits</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	4	12

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After Second Day
<i>Ring-necked Pheasant - Male and Female</i> (Combined) ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	2	6
<i>Mink, Muskrat, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, and Weasel</i> ²	Sept. 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Mar. 31, 2026	Unlimited	
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WILD TURKEY				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Turkey, Fall - Male or Female</i>¹			1	1
WMUs 1A, 2G, 3A, 4A, 4B, and 4D	Nov. 1	Nov. 15		
WMUs 1B, 3D, 4C, and 4E	Nov. 1	Nov. 8		
WMUs 2A, 2F, 3B, and 3C	Nov. 1 Nov. 26	Nov. 15 and Nov. 28		
WMU 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E	Nov. 1 Nov. 26	Nov. 21 and Nov. 28		
WMUs 5A and 5B	Nov. 1	Nov. 4		
WMUs 5C and 5D	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
<i>Turkey, Spring</i>¹ Bearded Bird only, Junior License Holders and Mentored Permit Holders 16 years of age and under	Apr. 25, 2026	Apr. 25, 2026	1	1
<i>Turkey, Spring</i>^{1, 5} Bearded Bird only	May 2, 2026 and May 18, 2026	May 16, 2026 and May 30, 2026	1	2
			May be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 noon	
			May be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	
WHITE-TAILED DEER				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit	
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlered and Antlerless)</i>^{2, 6} With the required archery license WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B	Oct. 4 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 21 and Jan. 19, 2026	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.	
<i>Deer, Archery (Antlered and Antlerless)</i>^{2, 6} With the required archery license	Sept. 20 and	Nov. 15	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer	

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 26	Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Jan. 24, 2026	with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Muzzleloader (Antlerless only)</i> ¹ With the required muzzleloading license	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only)</i> Only Junior and Senior License Holders ⁷ , Mentored Permit Holders ⁴ , 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 United States Coast Guard	Oct. 23	Oct. 25	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Regular Firearms (Antlered and Antlerless)</i> ^{2, 6} Statewide	Nov. 29 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Dec. 13	One antlered deer, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</i> ^{1, 6} With the required muzzleloading license WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B	Dec. 26	Jan. 19, 2026	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless)</i> ^{1, 6} With the required muzzleloading license WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 24, 2026	One antlered or one antlerless deer, plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</i> ¹ WMUs 2B, 5C, and 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 24, 2026	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless)</i> ¹ WMUs 4A, 4D, and 5A	Jan. 2, 2026	Jan. 19, 2026	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
<i>Deer, Antlerless</i> ¹ (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County)	Hunting is permitted on days established by the United States Department of the Army.		An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
Deer, Agricultural Deer Control (Antlerless) ² With required agricultural deer control harvest permit	Aug. 1, 2025	Apr. 15, 2026	An antlerless deer with each required agricultural deer control harvest permit.

BLACK BEAR

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
Bear, Archery ^{2,8} WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Sept. 20 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28	1
Bear, Archery ^{2,8} WMU 5B	Oct. 4 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 21	1
Bear, Archery ^{1,8} WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E and 5A	Oct. 18	Nov. 8	1
Bear, Muzzleloader ^{1,8} (Statewide)	Oct. 23	Oct. 25	1
Bear, Special firearms ⁸ Only Junior and Senior License Holders ⁷ , Mentored Permit Holders ⁴ , 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. 23	Oct. 25	1
Bear, Regular Firearms ^{2,8} (Statewide)	Nov. 22 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24	Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 25	1
Bear, Extended firearms ^{2,8} WMUs 2B, 5B, 5C, and 5D	Nov. 29 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Dec. 13	1

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Bear, Extended firearms</i> ^{2,8} WMUs 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4E and 5A	Nov. 29 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Dec. 6	1

ELK

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Elk, Special Conservation Tag</i> ^{1,9} <i>and Special-License Tag</i> ^{1,9} <i>(Antlered and Antlerless)</i>	Sept. 1	Nov. 8	1
<i>Elk, Archery</i> ^{1,9} <i>(Antlered and Antlerless)</i>	Sept. 13	Sept. 27	1
<i>Elk, Regular</i> ^{1,9} <i>(Antlered and Antlerless)</i>	Nov. 3	Nov. 8	1
<i>Elk, Late</i> ^{1,9} <i>(Antlered and Antlerless)</i>	Dec. 27	Jan. 3, 2026	1

FUR TAKING – TRAPPING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Mink and Muskrat</i>	Nov. 22	Jan. 11, 2026	Unlimited	
<i>Beaver</i>	Dec. 20	Mar. 31, 2026		
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, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A and 5B (Combined)			5	5
<i>Coyote, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon,</i>	Oct. 25	Feb. 22, 2026	Unlimited	
<i>Striped Skunk and Weasel</i>				
<i>Coyote and Fox</i> Use of cable restraint devices authorized with required certification	Dec. 26	Feb. 22, 2026	Unlimited	

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
<i>Bobcat, with required bobcat permit</i> WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Dec. 20	Jan. 11, 2026	1
<i>Fisher, with required fisher permit</i> WMUs 1B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Dec. 20	Jan. 11, 2026	1
<i>River Otter, with required otter permit</i> WMUs 1A, 1B, 2F, 3B, 3C, 3D and 4E	Feb. 14, 2026	Feb. 21, 2026	1

FUR TAKING – HUNTING

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Coyote – (Outside of any big game season) ³</i>	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 ²</i>	July 1 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 June 30, 2026		Unlimited May be hunted any hour, day or night, on open dates from July 1 – Nov. 28 and Dec. 14– June 30, 2026. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 29–Dec. 13
<i>Fox ³</i>	Oct. 25	Feb. 21, 2026		Unlimited May be hunted any hour, day or night, from Oct. 25 – Nov. 28 and Dec. 14 – Feb. 21, 2026. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 29–Dec. 13

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
<i>Raccoon</i> ²	Oct. 25 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 and Dec. 1	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 29 Sun. ³ , Nov. 30 Feb. 21, 2026	Unlimited May be hunted any hour, day or night, on open dates from Oct. 25 – Nov. 28 and Dec. 14 - Feb. 21, 2026. May only be hunted from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise from Nov. 29–Dec. 13	
<i>Bobcat, with required bobcat permit</i> ¹ WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D and 4E	Jan. 10, 2026	Feb. 4, 2026	1	1
<i>Porcupine</i> ²	Oct. 11 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 and Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 Sun. ³ , Nov. 16 Nov. 22 Sun. ³ , Nov. 23 Nov. 28 Dec. 24 Jan. 31, 2026	3	10

No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.

¹ No hunting on Sunday authorized. *See* 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303 (relating to hunting on Sunday prohibited).

² Hunting on Sunday authorized on separately delineated Sunday dates only. *See* 34 Pa.C.S. § 2303.

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

⁴ Includes mentored youth and mentored adults with a valid mentored hunter permit issued under Chapter 147, Subchapter X (relating to Mentored Hunting Program Permit).

⁵ Only persons who possess a special wild turkey license as provided for in 34 Pa.C.S. § 2709 (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 two spring gobblers per license year may be taken by any combination of licenses or exceptions for mentored youth.

⁶ Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during the hunting license year.

⁷ Includes resident and nonresident license holders who have reached or will reach their 65th birthday in the year of the application for the license and hold a valid adult license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under 34 Pa.C.S. § 2706 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

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

⁹ Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year with the required elk license.

BUREAU OF MARKETING AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 135.181.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at its January 25, 2025, meeting, amended § 135.181 (relating to rifle and handgun ranges) to authorize users of rifle and handgun ranges located on State game lands to discharge a firearm at a steel target placed and mounted by the commission. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 135. LANDS AND BUILDINGS

Subchapter J. SHOOTING RANGES

§ 135.181. Rifle and handgun ranges.

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(b) *Prohibited acts.* At a rifle and handgun range located on land under Commission ownership, lease or jurisdiction, except when authorized by the appropriate regional director or a designee, it is unlawful to do any of the following:

(1) Discharge a firearm from any location on the range other than an established shooting station on the firing line.

(2) Discharge a firearm at any target other than:

(i) A paper target placed on a permanent target backboard mounted by the Commission; or

(ii) A steel target placed and mounted by the Commission.

Users are prohibited from intentionally shooting at or damaging the frames or stands constructed by the Commission to mount permanent target backboards or steel targets.

(3) Discharge armor piercing, incendiary, explosive, tracer or multiple projectile ammunition.

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BUREAU OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

A. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.804.

Commentary: Since the mentored hunting program's inception in 2006, the program has incrementally grown to include more species of game and wildlife and to expand the age groups eligible to participate in the program. With each step in its evolution, the mentored hunting program has become better aligned with the Commission's traditional hunting license structures. The Commission is now proposing to amend § 147.804 (relating to general) to expand the mentored hunting program to authorize its participants to acquire agricultural deer control harvest permits and snow goose conservation permits. Mentored youth and mentored adults are currently ineligible to participate in these programs.

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter X. MENTORED HUNTING PROGRAM PERMIT

§ 147.804. General.

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

(m) *Application for and issuance of add-on licenses and permits.* Mentored youth and mentored adults are exempt from requirements to obtain archery and muzzleloader add-on licenses or stamps applicable to hunting archery or muzzleloader seasons for any species listed in subsection (c). Unless otherwise exempted by existing program standards, all mentored youth and mentored adults are required to obtain migratory bird licenses, snow goose conservation permits, and pheasant permits to participate in hunting during applicable seasons for any associated species listed in subsection (c).

Action:

B. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 147.762.

Commentary: The Commission is proposing to amend § 147.762 (relating to application) to improve accessibility to, and the effectiveness of, the agricultural damage depredation permit program. The first proposed change completely removes the 2-year public access enrollment requirement for all agricultural damage depredation permit applicants. Currently, only applicants from Wildlife Management Units 5C and 5D are exempt from this requirement. The second proposed change replaces the deed or lease production requirement with new language requiring that the applicant for the agriculture deer control permit only certify on their application that they are the owner or lessee of the both the agricultural interest adversely affected by material damage caused by white-tailed deer and the hunting rights of the land to be covered by the permit. This amendment matches a recent proposed amendment made to § 147.552(b) (relating to eligibility and application for agriculture deer control permit).

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter V. AGRICULTURAL DAMAGE DEPREDACTION PERMIT

§ 147.762. Application.

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(c) Applications will only be accepted from persons meeting the following criteria:

(1) The permit applicant meets the definition of a qualified “person,” as defined in section 2121(c) of the act (relating to killing game or wildlife to protect property).

(2) ~~[Except in Wildlife Management Units 5C and 5D, the permit applicant is currently enrolled in one of the Commission public access programs (Farm Game or Safety Zone) for a minimum of 2 years]~~ {Reserved}.

(3) The permit applicant possesses a valid agriculture deer control permit if the species sought to be destroyed is white-tailed deer.

(d) ~~[Applications shall be accompanied by a copy of the deed, lease or other legal document evidencing the permit applicant to be the owner, lessor or the person in control of the lands to be permitted, including the hunting rights thereon]~~ An applicant shall certify that they are the owner or lessee of both the agricultural interest adversely affected by material damage caused by white-tailed deer and the hunting rights of the land to be covered by the permit application.

Action:

ADOPTED RULE MAKING

C. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 141.4.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the commission, at its January 25, 2025, meeting, amended § 141.4 and Appendix G (relating to hunting hours), 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 2025-2026 hunting/trapping license year. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 141. HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Subchapter A. GENERAL

§ 141.4. Hunting hours.

Except as otherwise provided, wild birds and mammals may be hunted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset as illustrated in Appendix G (relating to hunting hours).

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Appendix G. HUNTING HOURS

HUNTING HOURS TABLE FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026					
Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1 – 5	5:08	9:02	Jan. 4 – 10	6:53	5:19
July 6 – 12	5:12	9:00	Jan. 11 – 17	6:52	5:26
July 13 – 19	5:18	8:56	Jan. 18 – 24	6:49	5:33
July 20 – 26	5:24	8:50	Jan. 25 – 31	6:45	5:41
July 27 – Aug. 2	5:30	8:43	Feb. 1 – 7	6:39	5:50
Aug. 3 – 9	5:37	8:35	Feb. 8 – 14	6:32	5:58
Aug. 10 – 16	5:44	8:25	Feb. 15 – 21	6:23	6:07
Aug. 17 – 23	5:50	8:15	Feb. 22 – 28	6:14	6:15
Aug. 24 – 30	5:57	8:05	Mar. 1 – 7	6:04	6:23
Aug. 31 – Sept. 6	6:03	7:54	Mar. 8 – 14 *Begins	6:53	7:30
Sept. 7 – 13	6:10	7:42	Mar. 15 – 21	6:42	7:38
Sept. 14 – 20	6:17	7:30	Mar. 22 – 28	6:31	7:45
Sept. 21 – 27	6:23	7:19	Mar. 29 – Apr. 4	6:19	7:52
Sept. 28 – Oct. 4	6:30	7:08	Apr. 5 – 11	6:08	7:59
Oct. 5 – 11	6:37	6:57	Apr. 12 – 18	5:57	8:06
Oct. 12 – 18	6:45	6:46	Apr. 19 – 25	5:47	8:13
Oct. 19 – 25	6:52	6:36	Apr. 26 – May 2	5:37	8:20
Oct. 26 – Nov. 1	7:00	6:28	May 3 – 9	5:28	8:27
Nov. 2 – 8 **Ends	6:08	5:20	May 10 – 16	5:20	8:34
Nov. 9 – 15	6:16	5:14	May 17 – 23	5:14	8:41
Nov. 16 – 22	6:24	5:09	May 24 – 30	5:08	8:47
Nov. 23 – 29	6:31	5:06	May 31 – June 6	5:04	8:53
Nov. 30 – Dec. 6	6:38	5:05	June 7 – 13	5:02	8:57
Dec. 7 – 13	6:44	5:05	June 14 – 20	5:02	9:01
Dec. 14 – 20	6:49	5:06	June 21 – 27	5:04	9:03
Dec. 21 – 27	6:51	5:09	June 28 – 30	5:07	9:03
Dec. 28 – Jan. 3	6:53	5:13			

Daylight Saving Time

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**Ends

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING HOURS TABLE
FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.	Dates	Begin A.M.	End P.M.
July 1 – 5	5:08	8:32	Jan. 4 – 10	6:53	4:49
July 6 – 12	5:12	8:30	Jan. 11 – 17	6:52	4:56
July 13 – 19	5:18	8:26	Jan. 18 – 24	6:49	5:03
July 20 – 26	5:24	8:20	Jan. 25 – 31	6:45	5:11
July 27 – Aug. 2	5:30	8:13	Feb. 1 – 7	6:39	5:20
Aug. 3 – 9	5:37	8:05	Feb. 8 – 14	6:32	5:28
Aug. 10 – 16	5:44	7:55	Feb. 15 – 21	6:23	5:37
Aug. 17 – 23	5:50	7:45	Feb. 22 – 28	6:14	5:45
Aug. 24 – 30	5:57	7:35	Mar. 1 – 7	6:04	5:53
Aug. 31 – Sept. 6	6:03	7:24	Mar. 8 – 14 *Begins	6:53	7:00
Sept. 7 – 13	6:10	7:12	Mar. 15 – 21	6:42	7:08
Sept. 14 – 20	6:17	7:00	Mar. 22 – 28	6:31	7:15
Sept. 21 – 27	6:23	6:49	Mar. 29 – Apr. 4	6:19	7:22
Sept. 28 – Oct. 4	6:30	6:38	Apr. 5 – 11	6:06	7:29
Oct. 5 – 11	6:37	6:27	Apr. 12 – 18	5:57	7:36
Oct. 12 – 18	6:45	6:16	Apr. 19 – 25	5:47	7:43
Oct. 19 – 25	6:52	6:06	Apr. 26 – May 2	5:37	7:50
Oct. 26 – Nov. 1	7:00	5:58	May 3 – 9	5:28	7:57
Nov. 2 – 8 **Ends	6:08	4:50	May 10 – 16	5:20	8:04
Nov. 9 – 15	6:16	4:44	May 17 – 23	5:14	8:11
Nov. 16 – 22	6:24	4:39	May 24 – 30	5:08	8:17
Nov. 23 – 29	6:31	4:36	May 31 – June 6	5:04	8:23
Nov. 30 – Dec. 6	6:38	4:35	June 7 – 13	5:02	8:27
Dec. 7 – 13	6:44	4:35	June 14 – 20	5:02	8:31
Dec. 14 – 20	6:49	4:36	June 21 – 27	5:04	8:33
Dec. 21 – 27	6:51	4:39	June 28 – 30	5:04	8:33
Dec. 28 – Jan. 3	6:53	4:43			

Daylight Saving Time

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D. Amend 58 Pa. Code § 143.45.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the commission, at its January 25, 2025, meeting, amended § 143.45 (relating to antlerless deer license application limits) to increase the personal quota of antlerless licenses for individuals currently purchasing antlerless deer licenses for Wildlife Management Units 5C and 5D from six (6) antlerless licenses to fifteen (15) antlerless licenses. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTAKER LICENSES

Subchapter C. ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES

§ 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 paragraphs (2) and (3), 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 by the Commission as 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) Except as provided in paragraph (3), 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. Except as provided in paragraph (3), at no time is an applicant authorized to exceed six cumulative active and unfulfilled antlerless licenses in their PALS license profile.

(3) In wildlife management units 5C and 5D, 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 14 or fewer active and unfulfilled antlerless deer licenses on the applicant's license profile. Once an applicant has been issued a fifteenth 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. Except as provided in this paragraph, at no time is an applicant authorized to exceed 15 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 an antlerless deer license 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 units 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, round 2 or round 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.

E. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 143.202 and 143.203.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at its January 25, 2025 meeting, amended §§ 143.202 and 143.203 (relating to application; and random drawing elk licenses) to update and improve the application and license issuance process for the random drawing elk license. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

Subchapter K. ELK LICENSES

§ 143.202. Eligibility and application for elk license.

(a) *Application.* Applications for an elk license shall be made on a form provided by the Commission.

(b) *Hunting license required.* An elk license application will only be accepted from an applicant who possesses a valid Pennsylvania hunting license.

(c) *Fee.* A nonrefundable \$10 application fee shall accompany an elk license application.

§ 143.203. Random drawing elk licenses.

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

(b) Each unsuccessful application submitted in the 2003-2004 license year and each subsequent license year will generate a single bonus point for the applicant for the elk season type associated with the unsuccessful application. Each current license year elk license application will also include one random number entry for each bonus point for elk season type held by the applicant. Each successfully drawn application will automatically reset to zero the applicant's bonus point count for the elk season type associated with the successful application.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2026, an applicant that is successfully drawn for a random drawing elk license entitling them to take an antlered elk, will become ineligible to submit an application for any future random drawing elk license that would entitle them to take an antlered elk.

(d) The number of random drawing elk licenses available to nonresident applicants each year shall be limited to 10% of the available allocation set by the Commission for that license year.

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

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

F. Amend 58 Pa. Code §§ 147.552, 147.553 and 147.556.

Commentary: To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at its January 25, 2025 meeting, amended §§ 147.552, 147.553 and 147.556 (relating to eligibility and application for agriculture deer control permit; agriculture deer control harvest permit; and lawful devices and methods) to improve accessibility to, and the effectiveness of, the agriculture deer control program. This amendment is now before the Commission for final adoption.

Action:

ANNEX “A”

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter R. DEER CONTROL

AGRICULTURE

§ 147.552. Eligibility and application for agriculture deer control permit.

(a) An application for an agriculture deer control permit shall be made on a form provided by the Commission.

(b) An applicant shall certify that he is the owner or lessee of both the agricultural interest adversely affected by material damage caused by white-tailed deer and the hunting rights of the land to be covered by the permit application.

(c) The applicant shall designate the location and boundaries of the area to be covered by the permit in a manner approved by the Commission.

(d) By default, the Commission will allocate one agriculture deer control coupon for every 5 acres of land that the agriculture deer control permit holder has under cultivation. Applicants may submit a request to the Commission for the issuance of additional coupons. This request must be accompanied by a written deer management plan describing in detail current deer population data and landscape conditions relative to the applicant's land use goals and objectives. The request must also identify the specific number of additional coupons requested. The Commission, in its sole discretion, may approve a request for the issuance of additional coupons if the applicant's deer management plan both justifies an increase and such increase does not conflict with the Commission's broader deer management goals and objectives for any affected Wildlife Management Units.

(e) There is no fee to apply for the agriculture deer control permit.

(f) {Reserved}.

§ 147.553. Agriculture deer control harvest permit.

(a) *Validity.* An agriculture deer control harvest permit is valid during an agriculture deer control season established in § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) and during legal hunting hours as set forth in § 141.4 and Chapter 141, Appendix G (relating to hunting hours).

(b) *Fee for permit.* Coupon holders shall submit a valid, completed coupon and pay the applicable transaction and issuing agent fees to receive a harvest permit.

(c) *Hunting license or exemption.* A harvest permit will only be issued to a person who possesses a valid Pennsylvania hunting license or qualifies for license and fee

exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) for the property covered by the agriculture deer control permit.

(d) *Protective material requirements.* A person issued a harvest permit shall comply with the protective material requirements of § 141.20(a) (relating to protective material required) at all times while engaged in activities authorized by the permit.

(e) *Possession of permit.* A person issued a harvest permit shall possess the permit at all times while engaged in activities authorized by the permit.

§ 147.556. Lawful devices and methods.

(a) *Devices.*

(1) *General rule.* Except as provided in paragraph (2), a person issued an agriculture deer control harvest permit is authorized to hunt and take deer with a lawful device as may be authorized for hunting deer during the regular firearms deer season as provided in the act and § 141.43(d) (relating to deer seasons).

(2) *Exception.* During the overlap with a traditional white-tailed deer hunting season established in § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year), a person issued an agriculture harvest permit is authorized to hunt and take deer with a lawful device authorized for hunting deer during the applicable white-tailed deer season as provided in the act and § 141.43 (relating to deer seasons).

(b) *Methods.* A person issued a harvest permit for an agriculture deer control area in the southeast special regulations area is authorized to hunt or take deer through the use of or by taking advantage of bait in the manner set forth in § 141.1(d)(7) (relating to special regulations areas).

(c) *Further restrictions.* An agriculture deer control permit holder may further restrict the use of devices and methods authorized under this section on lands under the agriculture deer control permit holder's ownership or control, or both.

BUREAU OF WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

REAL ESTATE

A. Acquisition

Contract No. L-3896, State Game Land No. 64, Potter County

Commentary: April M. Jennette is offering 50.9+/- acres of land in Pike Township, Potter County, adjacent to State Game Land No. 64 (Exhibit RED 1). The option price is \$225,000 lump sum to be paid from the Commission's restricted account, representing settlement funds from environmental damage claims brought by the Commonwealth. The property will be subject to an easement for fishing access in favor of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The property contains a species with a proposed status of rare on the Plants of Special Concern in Pennsylvania list. The property has over 2,000 feet of stream frontage along the Pine Creek, a high-quality, cold-water fishery. Subsurface rights were severed and reserved by prior owners. Access is from Route 6.

Action:



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Exhibit RED 1

State Game Land No. 64

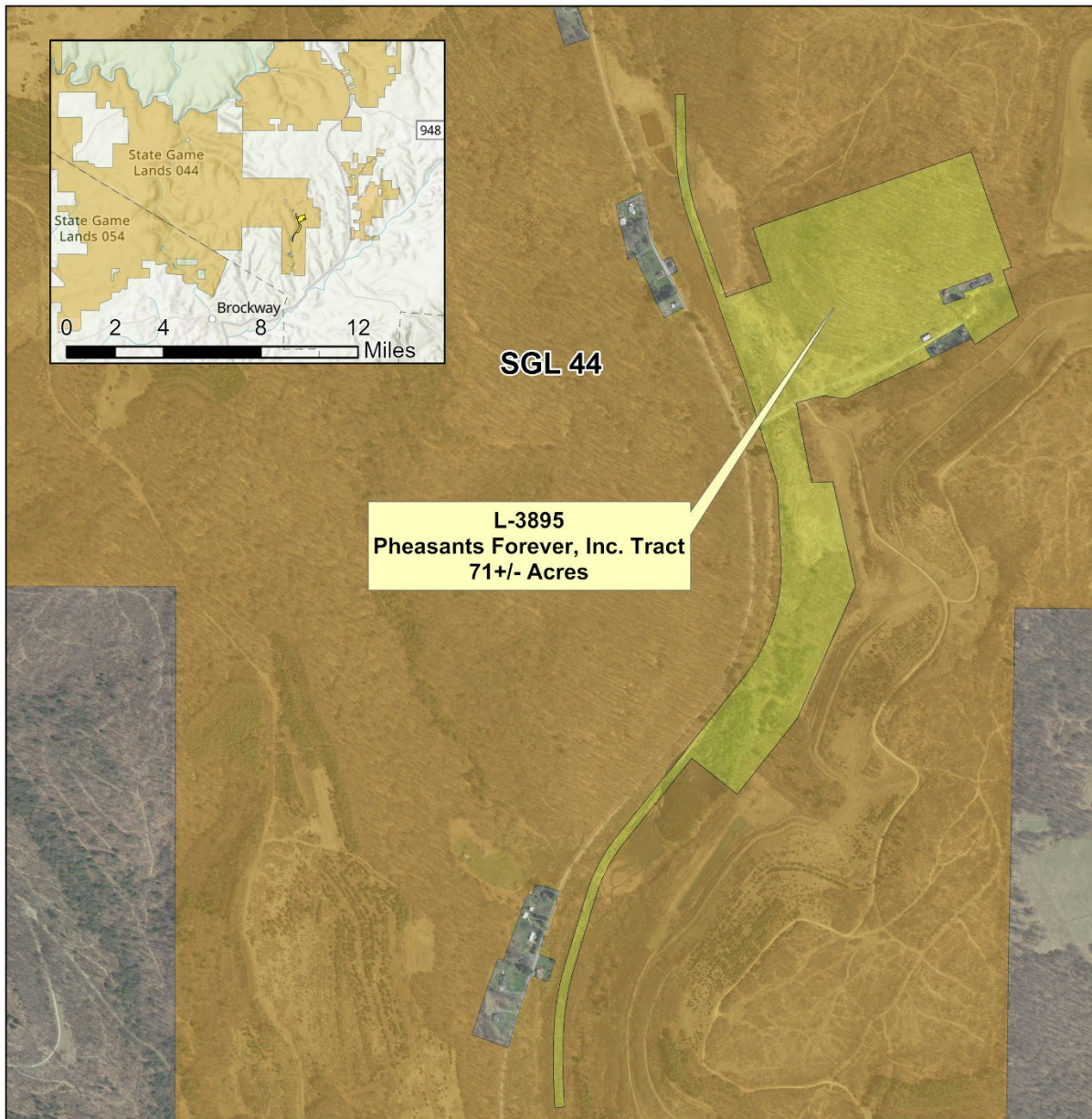
L-3896
April M. Jennette Tract
50.9+/- Acres

Pike Township
Potter County
Northcentral Region

Contract No. L-3895, State Game Land No. 44, Elk County

Commentary: Pheasants Forever is offering 71+/- acres of land in Horton Township, Elk County, an interior to State Game Land No. 44 (Exhibit RED 2). The option price is \$142,600 lump sum, with the Game Fund obligation limited to \$10,718.32. The remaining \$131,881.68 is to be paid by The Conservation Fund in accordance with a prior timber-for-land exchange agreement. The tract is an interior to SGL 44 for which the Commission may pay what it considers to be a fair and reasonable price. This acquisition will improve the manageability of the existing State game lands. Subsurface rights were severed and reserved by prior owners. Access is from Drummond Road.

Action:



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Exhibit RED 2

State Game Land No. 44

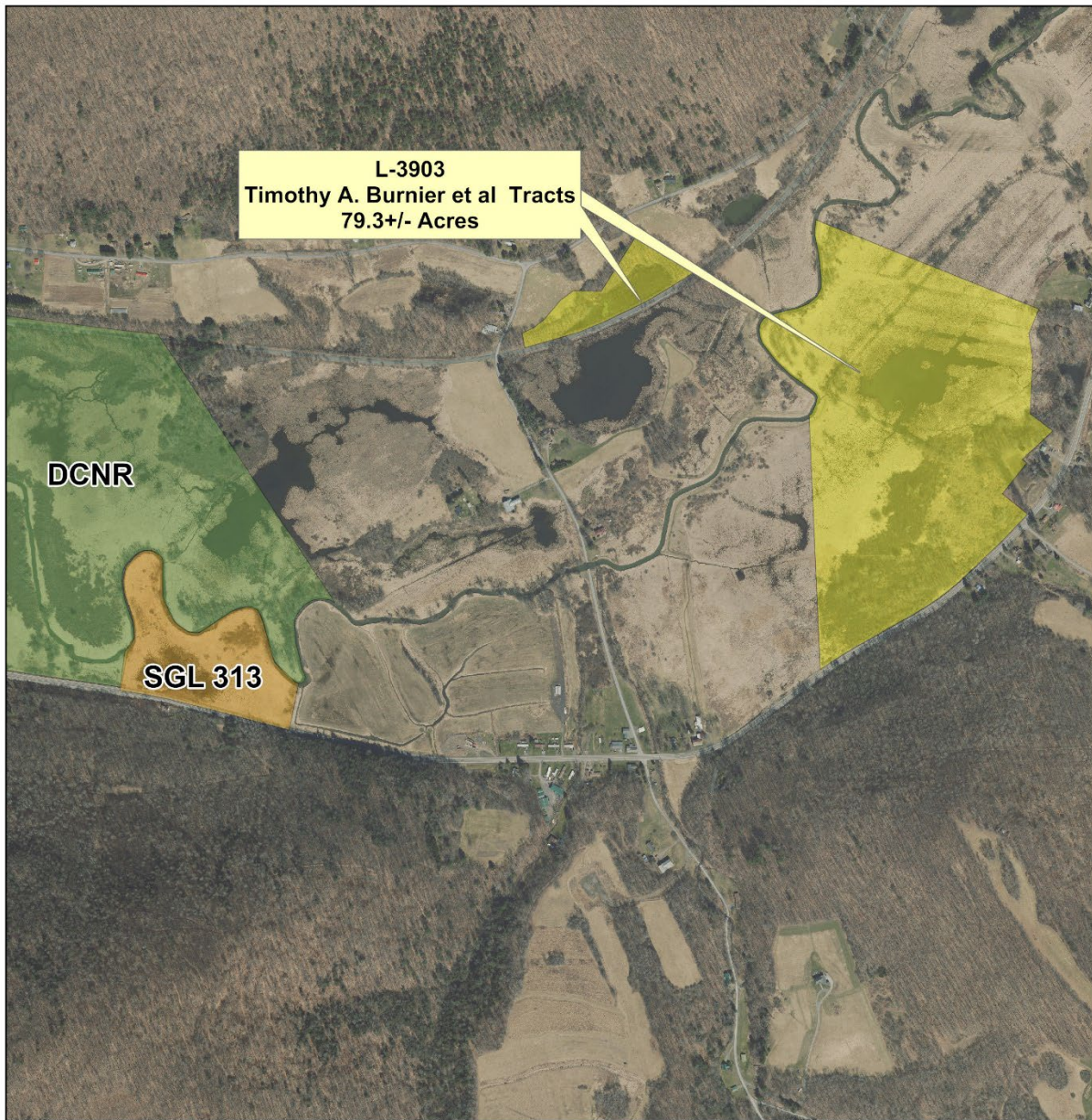
L-3895
Pheasants Forever, Inc. Tract
71+/- Acres

Horton Township
Elk County
Northcentral Region

Contract No. L-3903, State Game Land No. 313, Tioga County

Commentary: Timothy A. Burnier, *et al.* are offering 79.3+/- acres of land in Delmar Township, Tioga County, near State Game Land No. 313 (Exhibit RED 3). The option price is \$375,000 lump sum to be paid from the Commission's restricted account, representing settlement funds from environmental damage claims brought by the Commonwealth. This parcel, being mostly wetland and wet meadow, is similar to the "Muck" section of SGL 313 to the northeast, the satellite tract to the west, and a newly acquired DCNR parcel. These parcels form a mosaic of wetlands along the Marsh Creek Valley that will provide a corridor for waterfowl and other wetland species of conservation concern. Access to the property is from State Route 6. The northwest detached parcel is accessible by a DCNR Rail Trail.

Action:



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Exhibit RED 3

State Game Land No. 313

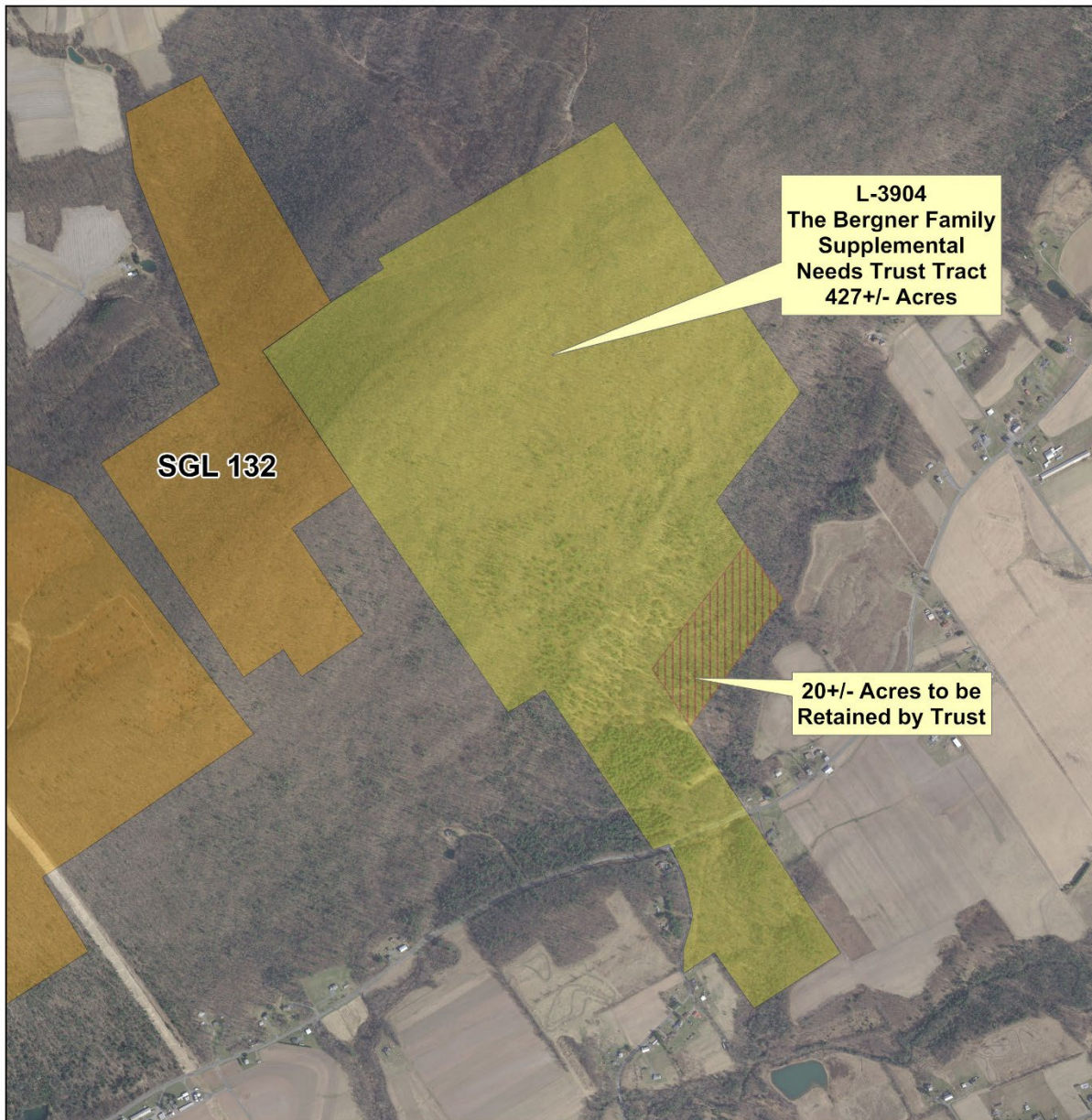
L-3903
Timothy A. Burnier et al Tracts
79.3+/- Acres

Delmar Township
Tioga County
Northcentral Region

Contract No. L-3904, State Game Land No. 132, Schuylkill County

Commentary: The Bergner Family Supplemental Needs Trust is offering 427+/- acres of land in Hegins, Barry, and Eldred Townships, Schuylkill County, adjacent to State Game Land No. 132 (Exhibit RED 4). The option price is \$1,750,000 lump sum to be paid from the Game Fund as this parcel offers crucial access to the existing SGL 132. The parcel improves property integrity and manageability. Moreover, it has a diverse habitat including boggy areas, grassy meadows, mast producing trees, and rock outcrops. Access is from Deep Creek Road and Maple Road.

Action:



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Exhibit RED 4

State Game Land No. 132

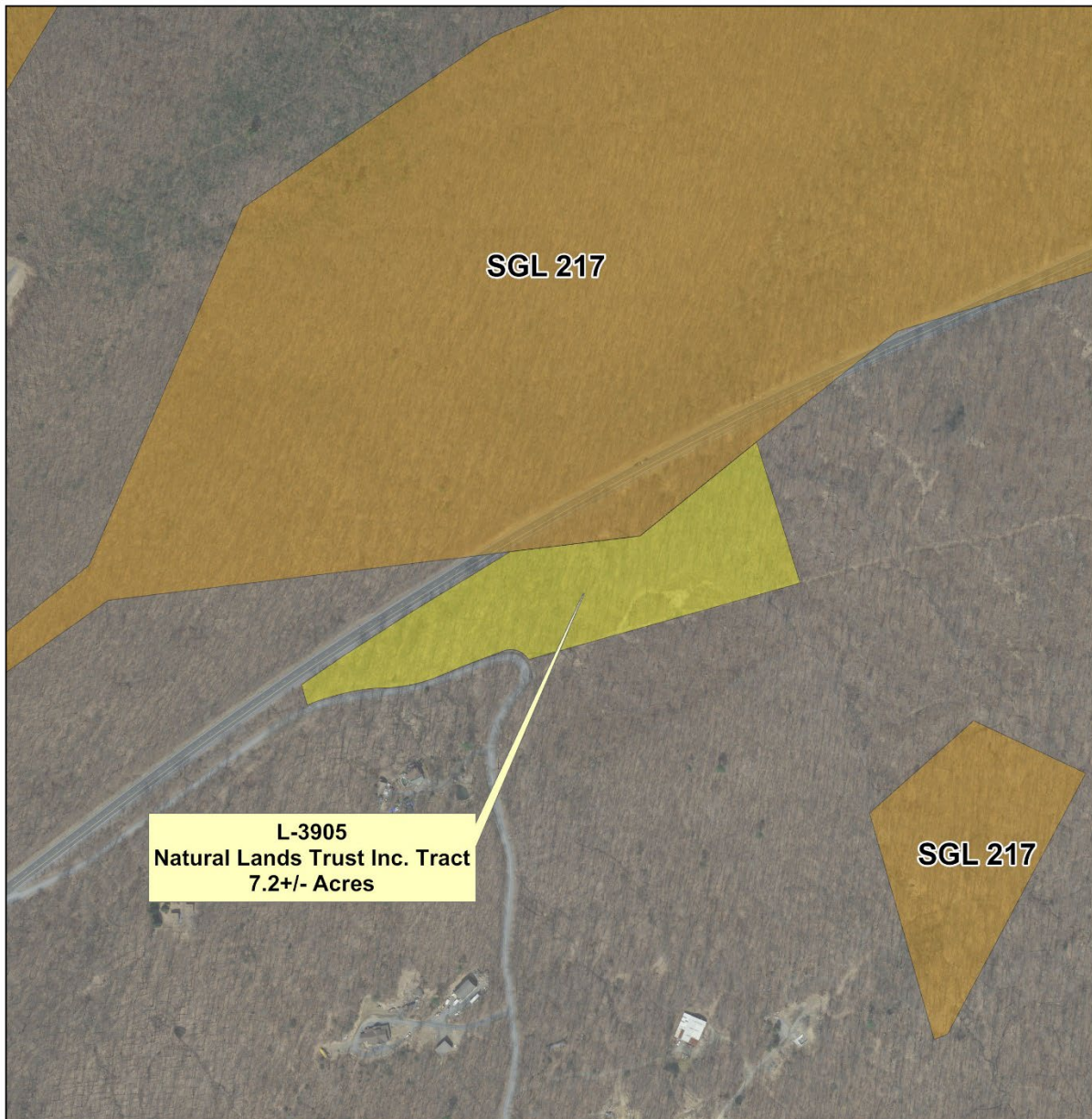
L-3904
The Bergner Family Supplemental
Needs Trust Tract
427+/- Acres

Hegins, Barry & Eldred Townships
Schuylkill County
Southeast Region

Contract No. L-3905, State Game Land No. 217, Lehigh County

Commentary: Natural Lands Trust Inc. is offering 7.2+/- acres of land in Lynn Township, Lehigh County, adjacent to State Game Land No. 217 (Exhibit RED 5). The option price is \$400 per-acre to be paid from the Game Fund. This parcel lies along the Blue Mountain, a nearly continuous band of forested habitat providing an essential travel corridor for many species. More than 1.4 million people live within thirty (30) miles of the property, which aligns the acquisition with the Commission's strategic priorities. Access is from Gun Club Road.

Action:



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Exhibit RED 5
State Game Land No. 217

L-3905
Natural Lands Trust Inc. Tract
7.2+/- Acres

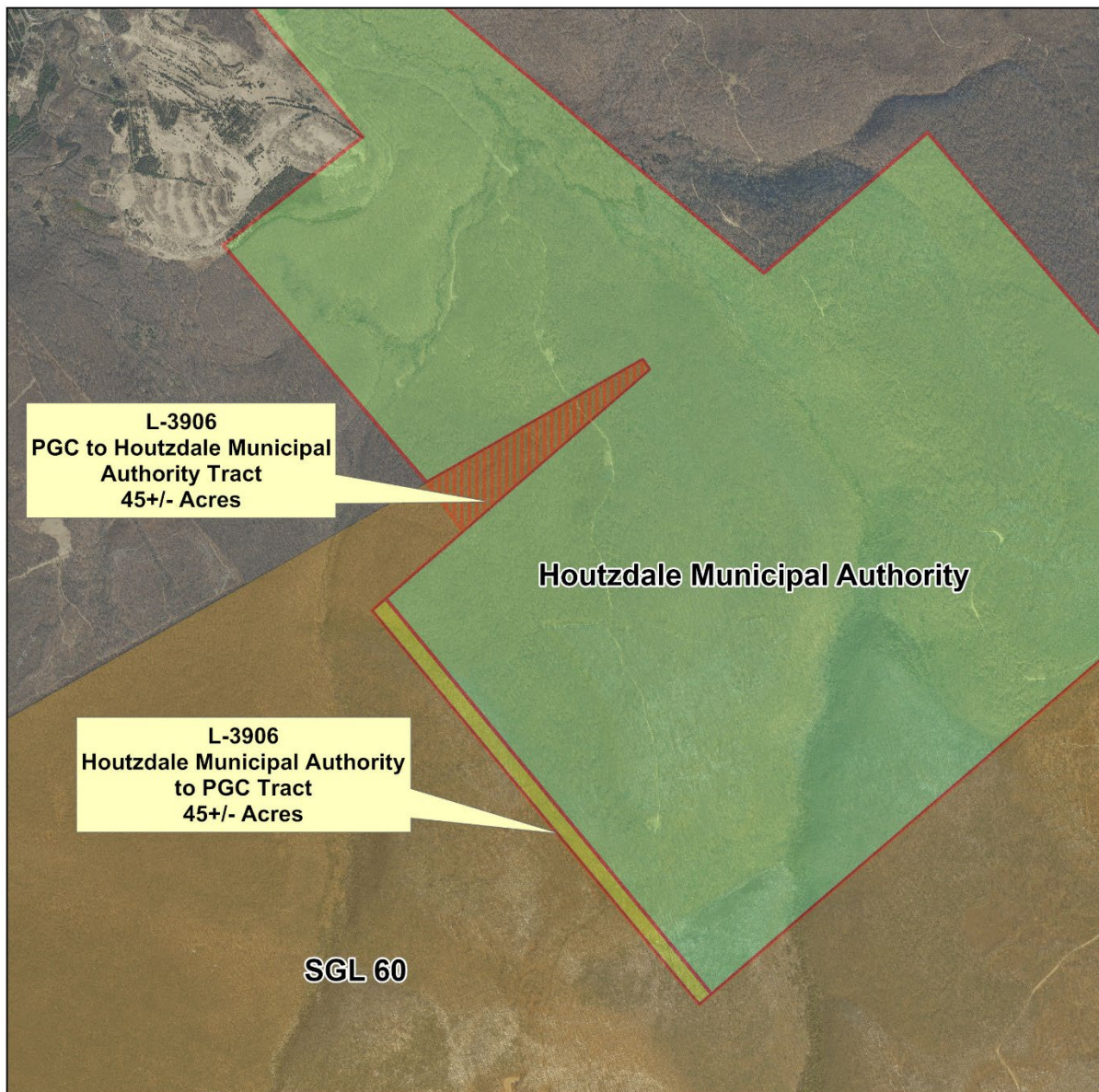
Lynn Township
Lehigh County
Southeast Region

B. Exchange

Contract No. L-3906, State Game Land No. 60, Centre County

Commentary: Houtzdale Municipal Authority is offering 45+/- acres of land in Rush Township, Centre County, adjoining State Game Land No. 60, to the Commission in exchange for 45+/- acres of SGL 60 in Rush Township, Centre County (Exhibit RED 6). The Commission determined the proposed exchange is in its best interests as it improves the integrity and manageability of the State game lands. Access to the parcel is through existing State Game Land 60.

Action:



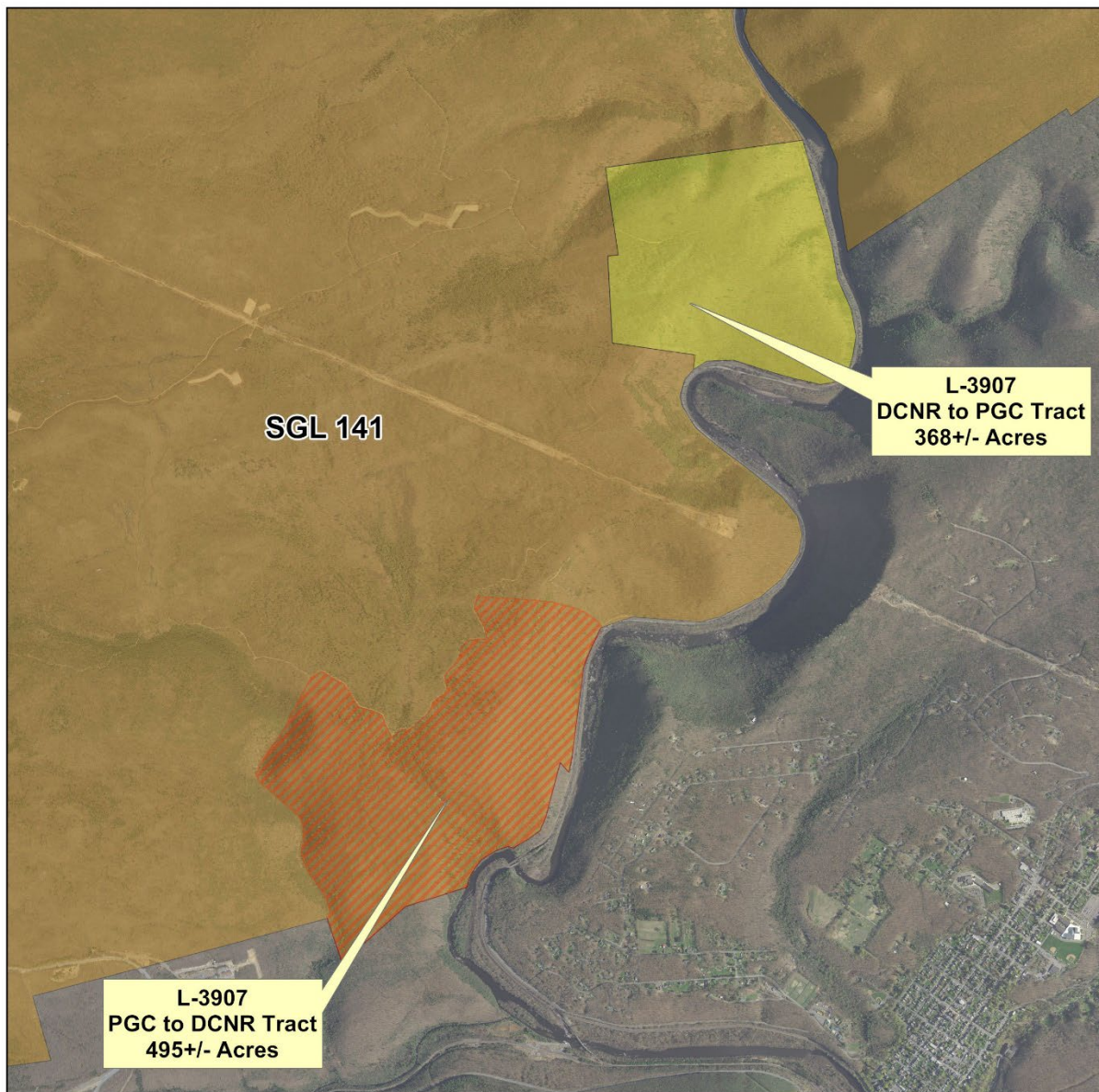
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Exhibit RED 6
State Game Land No. 60
 L-3906
 Land Exchange
 PGC to Houtzdale Municipal
 Authority Tract
 45+/- Acres
 Houtzdale Municipal Authority
 to PGC Tract
 45+/- Acres
 Rush Township
 Centre County
 Northcentral Region

Contract No. L-3907, State Game Land No. 141, Carbon County and State Game Land No. 214, Crawford County

Commentary: Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is offering 368+/- acres of land in Lehigh Township, Carbon County, adjoining State Game Land No. 141, and 5.9+/- acres of land in Pine Township, Crawford County, adjoining State Game Land No. 214 to the Commission in exchange for 495+/- acres of SGL 141 in Nesquehoning Township, Carbon County (Exhibit RED 7 and 8).

Action:



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Exhibit RED 7

State Game Land No. 141

Land Exchange
L-3907
DCNR to PGC Tract
368+/- Acres
PGC to DCNR Tract
495+/- Acres

Lehigh & Nesquehoning Townships
Carbon County
Northeast Region



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US Feet

Exhibit RED 8
State Game Land No. 214

Land Exchange
L-3907
DCNR to PGC Tracts
5.9+/- Acres

Pine Township
Crawford County
Northwest Region

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OIL/GAS & MINERALS

C. Non-Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement

Tract 095A-25, State Game Land No. 95, Butler County

Commentary: Laurel Mountain Energy, LLC (hereinafter referred to as LME) of Pittsburgh, PA requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under portions of State Game Land No. 95 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract, containing approximately 646 +/- net oil/gas acres, is located in Washington and Parker Townships, Butler County (Exhibit OGM 1).

LME will access the 646-net acre reserves from its current and planned drilling operations on adjacent areas off SGL 95 by horizontal drilling with no additional surface use or disturbance to the game lands. The Commission negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with LME to prudently develop its oil/gas reserve and simultaneously protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 95.

The terms of the Agreement include a five (5) year paid up non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a \$1,250 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment, and a 14% royalty for the first 36 months, which escalates to a 15% royalty thereafter for all oil, gas, and other liquids or condensates produced and sold from the proposed tract.

The total bonus payment of \$807,500 will be made in five (5) annual installments of \$161,500. The first bonus payment of \$161,500 will be due within 60 days of execution of the agreement. The remainder of bonus payments will be due annually on the anniversary date(s) of the agreement. All bonus, rental, and future royalty payments 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 non-surface use oil and gas cooperative agreement.

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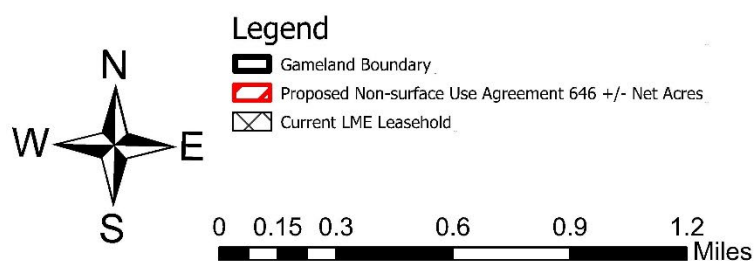
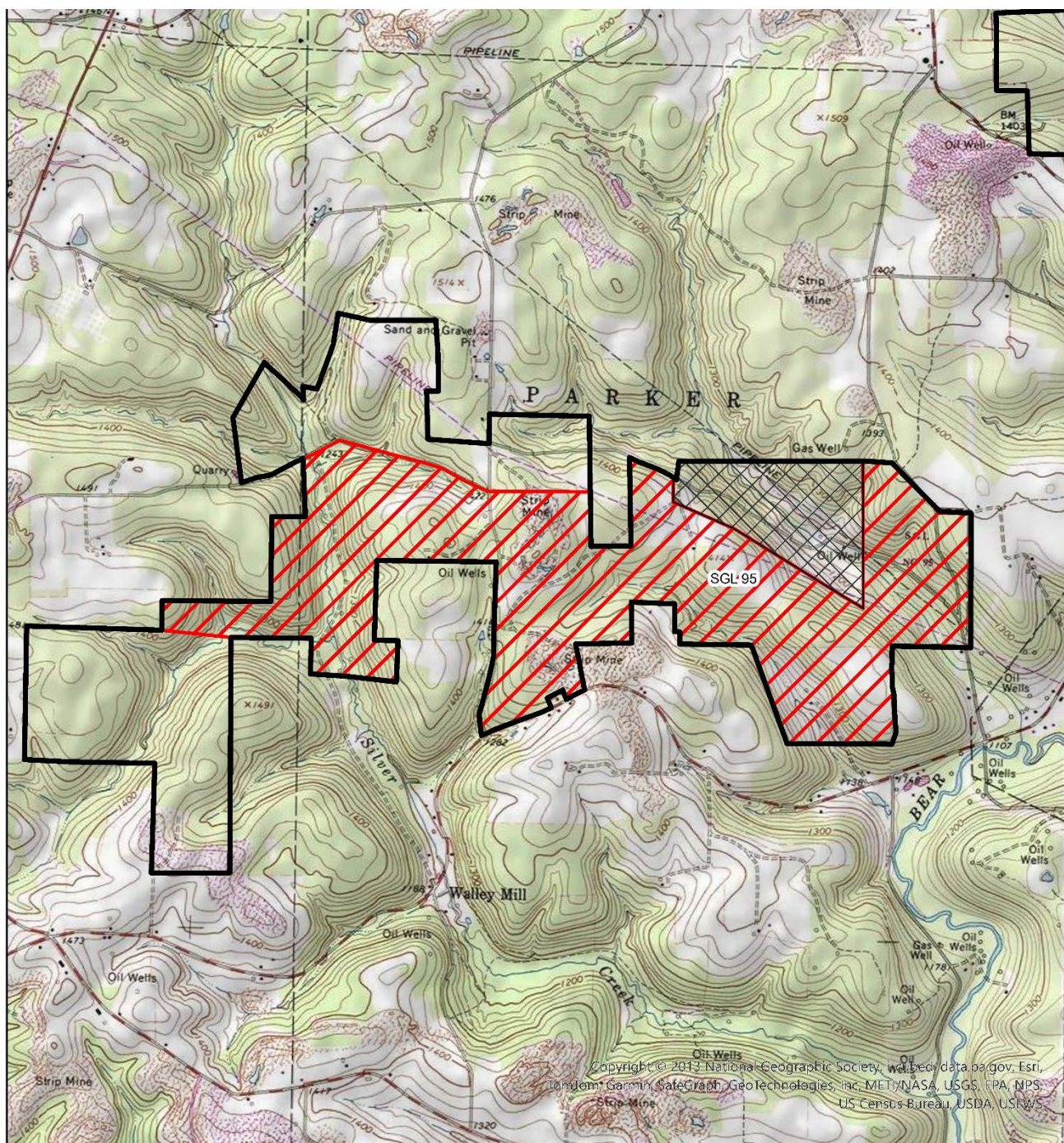


EXHIBIT OGM 1
State Game Land No. 095
Non-Surface Use
Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement
Laurel Mountain Energy
Lease Tract 095A-25
646 +/- Net Acres
Washington and Parker Townships, Butler County
Northwest Region

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

2025 Commission Meeting Dates – July 11-12 and September 12-13

Adjournment