

## MERCER COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS, Inc.

Harthegig Conservation Club      Greenville Sportsmen's Club      Hadley Rod & Gun Club  
Mercer Co. Coonhunters Association      Sandy Lake Sportsmen's Club  
Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club      Pardoe Sportsmen's Association

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**Meeting Date:** July 22, 2009

**Held at:** Harthegig Conservation Club

**Time Meeting Called to Order:** 19:00 hrs

**Time Meeting Adjourn:** 20:45 hrs

**Chaired By:** Pres. Fordcye

**Officers Present:**

Pres. Fordcye, V. Pres. Anderson, Secretary Myers, Treasurer Tidd, Delegate Preston, Alt Delegate Rhoades

**Affiliated Clubs with Delegates Present:**

Harthegig, Greenville, Coonhunters, Hidden Valley and Pardoe

**Resource Agency Represented:**

Pa. Game Commission and Pa. Fish & Boat Commission

**Life, Associate, & Club Members and Visitors Present:**

Ricky McDaniel, Bob Kochems, Dr. Fred Brenner, Patty McAdams (representing Ginny Richardson)

**Guest Speakers:**

- Dr Fred Brenner, Biologist from Grove City College, stop by to make an announcement on behalf of the local Boy Scouts. There will be a "Sporting Clay for Scouting" benefit shoot. The proceeds will go to the French Creek Council Boy Scouts of America. For more information, call 724-264-4230 or email Shawn Myers (mercer.county.federation@gmail.com and the handout will be emailed to you).
- Patty McAdams was in attendance and conveyed a few words on behalf of Ginny. The new PALS is working well and is catching errors and duplicate entries. The system provides up to date data on sales by WMU. WMU 2G is now sold out of antlerless license. You can go to the PGC license website (<https://www1.pa.wildlifelicense.com/start.php>) and enter your PALS ID and check on your antlerless license.

**Last Month's Minutes:** Motion made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the June minutes with two corrections.

- Nine Osprey nests are active at the lake.
- Ricky McDaniel is a member of the Grove City Sportsmen's Club.

**Northwest Division Minutes:**

- Next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at PGC NW REGIONAL OFFICE, 1509 Pittsburgh Road, and Franklin Pa at 1pm.
- Minutes from last meeting will be out soon

**Vote/Action on Present and State Resolutions:**

**PFSC Conservation Resolutions to be voted at the Fall Convention, September 18-20 in Altoona, PA**  
**Please review at your next club meeting. A vote will be taken at the August 26th meeting.**

Resolution #1

### Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery

**Origination club:** Delaware Shad Fishermen's Association

**Approved by:** Northhampton County Federation

**Whereas:** One of the main objects and purposes of the eleven local sportsmen's clubs and conservation groups and the Northhampton County Federation who are sponsors of the Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery is to improve and increase the fishing opportunities in the local stockable waters; and

**Whereas:** The concerns of the Monocacy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited have been satisfactorily addressed in the plans formulated with the Co-Op Nursery, PF&BC and City of Bethlehem representatives over the past fifteen months; and

**Whereas:** The local sponsors have had six volunteers trained by the PF&BC Co-Op Nursery Unit in February, 2007 and have furnished nine additional volunteers to help with the duties necessary to the success of the Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery; and

**Whereas:** The significant educational, recreational, nutritional and financial benefits to the City of Bethlehem and the other local communities-their kids, seniors, other citizens and small businesses would approximate those realized from the Lil-Le-Hi Co-Op Nursery in Allentown, PA; and

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the PFSC endorse and support the re-activation of the Saucon Park Co-Op Nursery at its presently unutilized site in Saucon Park, Bethlehem, Pa.

Resolution #2

## Turkey Blind

**Origination club:** Heartbreak Hotel Rifle & Pistol Club

**Approved by:** Clarion County Federation

**Whereas:** Title 34, Section 2308 (b)(3) of the PA code relating to the use of blinds legal for hunting turkeys states, "Any artificial or manufactured turkey blind consisting of all manmade materials of sufficient density to block the detection of movement within the blind from an observer located outside of the blind."; and

**Whereas:** The current law makes no allowance for shooting ports, windows, or other openings in the blind's exterior; and

**Whereas:** Great inconsistencies exist regarding the interpretation and enforcement of this law among wildlife conservation officers throughout the state; and

**Whereas:** Very few blinds produced by manufacturers or sold by retailers in PA satisfy the current language of Title 34, Section 2308 (b) (3) related to "blocking the detection of movement."; and

**Whereas:** The use of blinds provides a unique opportunity for the introduction and recruitment of youth hunters to the sport of hunting; and

**Therefore be it resolved:** Language related to "blocking the detection of movement" be eliminated and Title 34, Section 2308 (b) (3) be revised to state, "Any artificial or manufactured turkey blind consisting of all manmade materials."

### *Pennsylvania Game Commission Bureau of Wildlife Protection Director Richard R. Palmer's response to Resolution #2:*

*The statutory change to section 2308 (b) (3) in 2001, defining turkey blinds has been historically problematic for enforcement interpretation.*

*Therefore, the Bureau of Wildlife Protection is providing this memorandum which shall supersede SOP 50.34.2308a.9, until it is revised to reflect this direction. Officers shall adhere to the following definition of a legal blind in enforcement of section 2308 (b)(3).*

- 1. Blinds are required to be of manmade material*
- 2. Blinds are not required to have "Shoot-through" mesh to be considered legal.*
- 3. Blinds are simply required to have 4 sides and a roof to be legal, gun ports and windows are authorized.*

*Prior to issuing or filing any citation for a turkey blind violation that is made of manmade material and has overhead cover, officers shall provide a thorough description and/or photograph of the blind to their immediate supervisor and/or Law Enforcement Supervisor and receive explicit approval to issue or file the citation.*

Resolution #3

## Possible Effects of Climate Change

**Originating Club:** Tobyhanna Conservation Association

**Approved by:** Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

**Whereas:** Many federal agencies associated with our natural resources, most notably the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, recognize climate change and its present and potential future effects on the resources; and

**Whereas:** The Wildlife Society, the American Fisheries Society, and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, all well respected North American professional groups of wildlife and fisheries biologist, recognize and are concerned about climate change and its potential effects on the wildlife resource; and

**Whereas:** Virtually every well known national environmental organization is also concerned with climate change and its potential effects on plant and animal populations; and

**Whereas:** The Northeast Climate Impacts Assessment, a collaborative effort between the Union of Concerned Scientists and a team of independent experts, published the 2007 report entitled "Confronting Climate Change in the U.S. Northeast-Science, Impacts, and Solutions" which provides the best available science upon which the base informed choices about climate change mitigation and adaptation; and

**Whereas:** The Union of Concerned Scientists has recent produced and report entitled "Climate Change in Pennsylvania: Impacts and Solutions for the Keystone State" and the "Climate Change Impacts and solutions for Pennsylvania: How Today's Actions Shape the State's Future", and

**Whereas:** The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission is formally examining the repercussions of climate change on their resource responsibilities; and

**Whereas:** Act 70, known as the Pennsylvania Climate Change Act, enacted in July 2008, requires Pennsylvania to engage the issue of climate change by performing an analysis of potential environmental and economic impacts resulting from climate change, as well as, developing an action plan to address those impacts, and the DEP, DCNR, Fish & Boat Commission and Game Commission, as well as an advisory committee, are involved in this process; and

**Whereas:** Both the Pennsylvania and United States legislatures will pursue additional climate change legislation which will address conservation issue now and in the future; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** Now be it resolved that the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, recognizing the possible effects of climate change on the distribution and well-being of all biota, shall engage with the appropriate agencies, legislators and others so as to discuss and provide input on conservation issues related to climate change.

*Note: Currently PFSC has officially taken a neutral position on climate change. This was reached by delegate vote after much debate over the merits of existing information. Individual clubs can participate in the climate debate as they wish.*

**Vote/Action on Present County Resolutions:** None

**Presidents Report:** None

**Vice Presidents Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Tidd reporting:

Current balance was provided. Treasurer has written several checks the past month including paying the Jeweler for the Green Tie Award tie tacks. Motion was made and seconded with a unanimous vote to accept the Treasurer's report.

**State Delegate Report:**

- Latest N.W Division will be out shortly.
- Ralph Martone was selected as the N.W Commissioner. Delegate Preston will attempt to setup time for MCFSC to meet and greet Mr. Martone.
- Mr. Martone has requested feedback on your thoughts about the crossbow being used during the archery season. There may be another vote on the use of crossbows. Please forward your thoughts to Delegate Preston and he will pass them on collectively. Email Delegate Preston sgbc@zoominternet.net or call 724-813-5641
- Mr. Martone discussed his views on the Crossbow in a recent article.

**Notebook: Crossbow legal during archery**

Sunday, July 19, 2009

By John Hayes, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners has gone back and forth on crossbows all year. First they're legal, but not with telescopic sights. Then the scopes are OK, but a push is on to keep crossbows out of the woods during the final weeks of archery season.

Hunters who are holding out on investing in the sporting arm until the commission makes up its mind will find reassurance -- though no guarantee -- in last week's confirmation of Ralph A. Martone of New Castle as the eighth member of the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners.

Martone, an avid archer, said he'll support broad inclusion of the crossbow when a vote is held Oct. 5-6, or at a special meeting that could be held before then.

If board members hold to their positions, Martone's vote would create a 4-4 tie. No regulatory action is taken on a tie vote, so the standing regulation would remain: crossbows are legal sporting arms in Pennsylvania, with or without telescopic sights, during seasons including archery deer. Find accurate details on page 43 of the 2009-10 Hunting and Trapping Digest. But the key word in the above paragraph is "if." If a board member flips his crossbow vote either way, all bets are off.

- Al Smith has taken the role of Executive Director. There are changes occurring at the state office. And as with any changes, there will be growing pains. Al Smith is fitting well into his new role and will be at the fall convention.

**Alt. State Delegate Report:** No Report

**Committee Reports:**

**\*Membership Committee:**

- Dennis Anderson has been in contact with the Sharpsville Beagle Club. They are looking to join the MCFSC. Dennis will reach out and continue the process of getting them involved with MCFSC and PFSC.

**\*Youth Field Day Committee:** No Report

**\*Fund-Raiser Committee:** No Report

**\*Mercer County Booklet Committee:** No Report

**\*Old Timers Dinner Committee:** No Report

**\*Awards Committee:** No Report

**\*Legislative Committee:**

- House Bill 155, sponsored by State Representative James Mills (R-25), would allow a person to apply for a permanent concealed handgun license. The vote was held on July 22, 2009. The vote was 58-39 which fell two votes short of the 60 needed to approve the measure.
- **\*\*MOTION MADE\*\* by Steve Preston and seconded by Dennis Anderson**  
**A Thank You letter will be drafted and sent to State Senator Casey for voting in favor of the bill. A second letter to be drafted and sent to State Senator Specter for voting against the bill.**

**\*Conservation Committee:** No Report

**\*Stoneboro Fair Committee:**

- Grant for the building is still on hold
- The Stoneboro Fair booklet failed to mention the Federation Wildlife display in its current booklet.
- Please continue to sell the raffle tickets for the prizes that will be given away after the fair. Please keep any money with you and bring to the next MCFSC meeting.
- With tough economic time for all, it is so important to try to sell tickets prior to the fair. If you need tickets to sell, please contact President Fordyce at bfordyce@cattron.com
- At the next MCFSC meeting, at the Stoneboro Fair Grounds, we will setup a schedule for volunteers to work the display building. We will also look into getting passes for the volunteers.

**\*Poster Contest Committee:**

- The new poster contest will be starting soon with the new school year. Carl Rhoades will contact the state office to get the posters.

**\*Audit Committee:** No Report

**\*Sam Aubel Committee:**

- The planning for this dinner needs to start at the next meeting if this will happen this year or in early 2010.
- There is a need for volunteers for this dinner if you can assist.
- Start thinking of some ideas about the dinner and bring them to the next meeting.

**Resource Agency Reports:**

**US Army Corps of Engineers - Shenango Lake:** No Report

**Pa. Fish & Boat Commission:**

- The boating season is going well.
- A electroshock was done on a portion of the Lackawannock Creek. The temperature of the creek was around 60 degrees. No native trout was discovered but there was a wide variety of fish found.
- The Shenango Reservoir is doing well for the anglers. Still a lot of Crappie being caught. 10-12 lb Stripers are also being pulled from the reservoir.

**DCNR - Forestry:** No Report

**Goddard State Park:** No Report

**Pa. Game Commission:**

- The new PALS is working well for the new hunting license sales.
- The current law states that a hunting license will be displayed. The House Bill 460 has not passed so do not carry the new license in your pocket or wallet while hunting.
- Poaching is on the rise. Each one of us needs to be watching and provide ANY information to your WCO. Any information provided can be anonymous.
- House Bill 97 is a bill to change the scale of the penalty for illegal events. It has gone through the Game and Fisheries Committee.

**\*MOTION MADE\* A letter to be drafted and sent to PA Representatives and Senators to show that MCFSC is in favor of HB 97 and would like them to support the bill as well. Made by Steve Preston and seconded by Dennis Anderson.**

- The Game Fund is taking a hit due to the current sliding scale. Judges lean more to lower fines on the scale
- Two handouts were provided from the WCO in attendance. The handouts can be found at the end of the minutes.
  - Attachment 1 Talking points of HB 97 and current and proposed sliding scale
  - Attachment 2 Report for the MCFSC meeting

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good of the Order:**

**Club Announcements:**

- Harthegig will be hosting their Family Fun Day on August 23rd. The event is open to the public and there will be a \$1000 Cabela Gift card raffle.
- Harthgig club will be part of the 2009 Farm tour. The event will be September 19th and 20th.
- Jim Tidd announced two events.
  - 2009 Annual Bradley Tidd Benefit Ride on August 2, 2009 at the Grove City Rescue Squad
  - Clintonville FD & Venago Co. ABATE Poker run, Bike Show, & Pig Roast. Event will be held on August 8th 2009 at the Clintonville Fire Hall

For information on either events, contact Jim Tidd ( jat180@zoominternet.net ) or Shawn Myers (mercer.county.federation@gmail.com ).

**Next Meeting: August 26th, 2009 at 7 PM at Stoneboro Fairgrounds**

<del>Jan 28 2009</del>	<del>Greenville</del>	<del>July 22 2009</del>	<del>Harthegig</del>
<del>Feb 25 2009</del>	<del>Hidden</del>	<b>Aug 26 2009</b>	<b>Fair Grounds</b>
<del>Mar 25 2009</del>	<del>Harthegig</del>	Sep 23 2009	Sandy Lake
<del>Apr 22 2009</del>	<del>Coonhunters</del>	Oct 28 2009	Hadley
<del>May 27 2009</del>	<del>Pardoe</del>	Nov 18 2009	Hidden Valley
<del>June 24 2009</del>	<del>Greenville</del>	Dec 16 2009	Pardoe

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Minutes taken and entered by Secretary Myers

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# Attachment 1

## TALKING POINTS ON HOUSE BILL 97

1. The Commission has identified the need to increase penalties as an Operational Objective (1.2 2) supporting the broader Strategic Objective (1.2) *"Develop and Enforce laws and regulations to protect wildlife populations and habitat "* These objectives have been in the Commission Strategic Plan since 2003.
2. The legislation is intended to act as a deterrent to poaching in general, but especially to aggravated and chronic offenders.
3. The Increased penalties in the bill are intended to focus on the most serious violations impacting wildlife. The misdemeanor and felony offenses apply only to big game or threatened and endangered species killed out of season, at night with a light, over the bag limit or illegal commercial sale on the black market
4. The concept is to treat poaching similar to other theft offenses, since poaching is the theft of wildlife, the more a poacher steals the higher the level of penalty. For example; if a person steals a tool from a PennDot building worth less than \$50 the offense is graded as a Misdemeanor offense of the 3rd degree in the Crimes Code, why shouldn't stealing a deer by poaching at night be the same? Stealing a few logs from a State forest worth more the \$2000 is a Felony offense of the 3rd degree, why shouldn't stealing 5 elk by poaching be the same, as both are thefts of natural resource public property.
5. The penalty increases will also create equity between wildlife related offenses in the Game Code, and offenses against animals in the Crimes Code. For example; a second conviction for shooting a house cat is a Felony offense, why shouldn't a second offense for poaching a bear be? If a person shoots multiple cows In a farmer's field it is a Felony offense, why shouldn't shooting 5 deer be treated the same?
6. Commercial poachers dealing wildlife on the black market have told undercover officers that they deal in wildlife instead of other contraband because there is no possibility of imprisonment for dealing in wildlife - only fines, and they look at those as merely a cost of doing business. For example; If a commercial poacher sold a poached bear, all of the products (gall bladder, hide made into a rug, skull, paws, claws, meat, etc.) they could conservatively make over \$3000 in profit - the maximum fine they would pay currently if caught is \$1500 and could be as low as \$500, and poachers know they will get away with killing far more animals and selling them than they will get caught for.
7. Under current law a person could kill every deer, bear, turkey and elk in Pennsylvania and still have no possibility of jail time, and only be charged with Summary offenses - The legal equivalent of a traffic ticket.
8. Current law does not deter chronic offenders - one poacher who was arrested 50 times in 11 years is on license revocation until 2064, but was just arrested again last year for poaching two more deer.
9. Poachers from other states have admitted to officers that they come to Pennsylvania to poach because the fines are lower and there is no possibility of jail time as there is in their home states.
10. This legislation will bring Pennsylvania law up to standard with other states. Many states have Felony offenses for aggravated offenses and/or chronic offenders such as West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Montana, Colorado, Texas, etc., and even first offenses of poaching are graded as Misdemeanors in almost every other state, not Summary offenses (level of a traffic ticket).

### Poaching Big Game at Night with a Light/out of Season, or Illegal Sale (Elk, Deer, Bear and Turkey)

Offense	Current	Proposed
1-2 Big game animals	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each no possibility for imprisonment	M3 \$1500 - \$3000 0 - 6 months
3-4 Big game animals	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	M1 \$5000 - \$10,000 0 - 18 months
5 or more Big game animals	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	F3 \$10,000 - \$15,000 0 - 36 months
Second Offense within 10 years (Conviction)	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	F3 \$10,000 - \$15,000 0-36 months

### In Season Over the Bag Limit Poaching Violations

(Elk, Deer, Bear and Turkey)

Offence	Current	Proposed
1 Big game animal	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	S1 \$1500 - \$3000 0-30 days
2nd Big game animal	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	M3 \$1500 - \$3000 0-6 months
3rd & 4th Big game animal	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	M1 \$5000 - \$10,000 0-18 months
5 or more Big game animals	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	F3 \$10,000 - \$15,000 0-36 months
Second offense within 10 years (conviction)	Summary Offense \$100 - \$1500 each with no possibility for imprisonment	F3 \$10,000 - \$15,000 0-36 months

## Attachment 2

### July 2009 Report to the Mercer County Federation of Sportsmen's Club

**PALS** - Point of Sale & Hunting Licenses. Working out the problems. Check license online.

**"HUNTING LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED"** – still required by law, even though not a backtag as we previously had – put it in license holder and wear it as before!

**Antlerless Licenses:** WMU 1A sold 13894 of 42000 with 28106 remaining.  
WMU 1B sold 14512 of 30000 with 15488 remaining.  
WMU 2D sold 27109 of 56000 with 22891 remaining.  
WMU 2F sold 25440 of 28000 with 2560 remaining.

Nonresidents available 07/27

First round "unsold" available 08/03, with Second round "unsold" on 08/17.

"Pink Envelopes" at a premium, problems with supply from vendor.

**New Commissioner** – Ralph A. Martone, New Castle, PA (PSU & Westminter grad., teaches in Shenango Area School District, outdoor writer, HTE Instructor, member CAC for WMU 1A, member of NWTf, NRW, QDMA, PDA, & Lawrence Co.Sportsmen's Assoc.). PGC is now at full complement of 8 seated commissioners with other new commissioners David Putnam (Centre Co.) and Robert Schlemmer (Westmoreland Co.) starting at the July meeting.

**UPCOMING HUNTER-TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASSES:** additional information and online registration @www.pgc.state.us

July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> @ HADLEY ROD & GUN  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> @ HARTEGIG CONSERVATION CLUB  
August 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> @ TRANSFER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB  
August 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> @ JACKSON CENTER FIELD CLUB  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> @ PARDOE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ WHITE OAK SHOOTING CLUB  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> @ BETHEL LIFE CHURCH, Greenville

**\*\*DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES later in Oct./Nov. To Be Announced!\*\***

**CABLE RESTRAINT CLASSES :** August 9<sup>th</sup> @ HIDDEN VALLEY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
September 14<sup>th</sup> @ WESTERN RESERVE CLUB

**NEW FURTAKEER EDUCATION COURSE** – Pilot program 6 hours includes "cable restraint training" being conducted in 2 locations (1 each in the NE & SE regions).

**PGC "STRATEGIC PLAN"** – "draft" of strategic plan for 2009-2014 on website for 30 day comment period.

**PGC's Annual WATERFOWL SYMPOSIUM** – Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> held beginning at 1pm in the Stull Environmental Center located at Presque Isle State Park. Public comments are encouraged at the meeting, or via regular mail or e-mail prior to the meeting. Waterfowl Brochure listing the 2009-2010 seasons & bag limits should be available on the PGC website after announced in mid-August. To be printed and available at Post Offices by late August.

**DOVE & RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE SEASONS** – begin 09-01-09.

**Doves** - 15 daily, 09/01 thru 09-26 hunting hours noon – sunset, 10/24 – 11/28 & 12/26 – 01/02 hours ½ hour before sunrise – sunset. Need Migratory Bird License plus Hunting License.

**Canada Geese – Different zones have different bag limits! Season is: 09/01 – 09/25.**

**Hunting hours are ½ hr. before sunrise – ½ hr. past sunset.**

**Must have the Federal Duck Stamp & Mig. Bird License plus PA Hunting License.**

**SJBP ZONE** – defined as **area north of I-80 and west of I-79.** **“3 BIRDS PER DAY!”** This also applies at Pymatuning State Park Reservoir and for 100 yards inland from the shoreline.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY** – area around Waterfowl Mgmt. Area defined by Ohio line & includes the area south of Rt 198 to Rt 18 and south to Rt 618 south to US 6 to US 322 & 18 & west to SR 3013 to Mercer/Crawford County line as southern boundary. **“1 GOOSE PER DAY!”** & **“NO**

**SEPTEMBER GOOSE HUNTING ON SGL 214”.**

**MIDDLECREEK AREA – 1 Goose per day**

**REMAINDER OF PENNSYLVANIA - 8 geese per day!**

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt – 09/19** Youth ages 12-15 years old.. September Goose limit already listed, and the duck bag limit by zones that will be established after the **08/07 Waterfowl Briefing @ Presque Isle State Park at 1pm in the Stull Environmental Center.**

**CROSSBOWS** – may be re-evaluated? As of this time they are lawful for the entire archery deer season, for all properly licensed hunters. Magnifying sights are legal.

**PYMATUNING WATERFOWL EXPOSITION** – Sept 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Goose Blind Drawing at the Administration Building – drawing 9/19 @ 10am (deadline 09/12)

Duck Stamp Competition – 09/19 in Linesville at School at 1pm.

**REPORT VIOLATIONS** – increased deer poaching activity at night. Incidents involving shooting at dusk and throughout the night with spotlights have been reported. We need your help and the help of rural residents to apprehend violators and put a stop these activities.

**State Game Lands Violations: ATVs, Litter, Camping, Alcohol** – we are getting some of these problem makers. Again need help catching more!