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On the Front Lines – So You Can Be in the Woods, On the Water or At the Range

PFSC Proxy Voting Results

General Session Date: 3/15/2020

Clubs & State Orgs -Your club/organization may send a delegate to cast your proxy forms during the general session, or you may give your club's proxy form to your county delegate to cast on your behalf. Return the form to the state office by March 9 if you are unable to send a delegate.

Club/Org Name: _____ **Totals** _____ County: _____

____ Delegate will be Voting for Club/Org - Name: _____

____ County Delegate will be Voting for Club - Name: _____

Our club/organization gives our delegate our proxy votes on:

____ All Issues and policy statements coming before the general session

____ Only on the issues below (Other issues may arise and be discussed during the meeting.)

Club/Org Officer Signature: _____ Date: _____
Office Held

Individual members - Please call (814-512-2101), mail (1016 Long Level Rd, Johnsonburg, PA 15845), or email Mary Hosmer (wlahab@windstream.net) with your feedback on these issues by March 9.

Note: Please check the website to see if any additional issues have been added for proxy voting by March 1st. (Additional issues may arise after March 1st, hence why it's best to send a delegate to represent your club.)

Issues / Survey Questions:

<p>1. Do you support extending the archery deer season to the Friday before the Saturday rifle bear season? (See attached for more info.)</p>	<p>44 Yes 37 No 1 Abstain</p>
<p>2. Do you support the PGC's proposal to keep the opening day of rifle deer season the Saturday after Thanksgiving, especially since you will also be able to hunt that Sunday, giving us 2 extra days to hunt? (See attached for more info.)</p>	<p>49 Yes 32 No 1 Abstain</p>

<p>3. Did you personally (or a majority of your club members) participate in the Saturday rifle deer season opener?</p>	<p>62 Yes 14 No 6 Abstain</p>
<p>4. What are your thoughts on having 3 weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in 2020 to hunt? Additional Comments:</p>	<p>34 Like it! 25 Don't like it! 17 Don't care</p>
<p>5. Do you agree with the PGC's decision to limit the 3 approved Sundays to big game only?</p>	<p>33 Yes 46 No 3 Abstain</p>
<p>6. Should the PFSC pursue having additional species that are already in season (except migratory birds due to federal guidelines) approved for harvest during the 3 approved Sundays?</p>	<p>51 Yes 25 No 6 Abstain</p>
<p>7. What are your thoughts on only printing 4 editions a year of PFSC's official publication instead of the current printing schedule of 6 editions each year to save printing costs? (See attached for more info.) Additional Questions: Do you read it regularly? Do you share the publication with others after you've read it? Do you share the content with others? Additional Comments:</p>	<p>54 - I support the proposal to switch to a quarterly publication schedule 8 - No, keep it at the current bi-monthly publication schedule 14 - No opinion, I don't read it anyways</p>

Additional Comments:

Proxy Voting Issues

Additional Information:

1: Do you support extending the archery deer season to the Friday before the Saturday rifle bear season?

At the recent PGC Board of Commissioners meeting, staff was asked to study the effects of extending the archery deer season up to the start of the Saturday rifle bear season. If the study is supported by staff, do you support this extension of the archery season?

2: Do you support the PGC's proposal to keep the opening day of rifle deer season the Saturday after Thanksgiving, especially since you will also be able to hunt that Sunday, giving us 2 extra days to hunt?

The PGC shared details of the feedback for the 2019 Saturday Rifle Deer Opener. Preliminary results show a .4% increase in license sales, reversing a trend of more than an annual 3% decrease. (Instead of losing 25,000 hunters, we gained 3,000 hunters this year.) License sales the day before the opener were dramatically higher than years past. While it was tough for some hunting camps to get their hunters to camp in time, it allowed many other hunters, specifically youth hunters, to participate. It added an extra day for those able to take advantage of it. The proposal for the 2020 opening day is to keep it a Saturday opener, along with adding Sunday. If given final approval in April, this will give us 2 extra weekend days to hunt. This option is especially beneficial to our youth who don't have Monday off school or college, and others who can't get Monday off work.

3: Did you personally (or a majority of your club members) participate in the Saturday rifle deer season opener?

4: What are your thoughts on having 3 weekends (Saturday and Sunday) in 2020 to hunt?

5: Do you agree with the PGC's decision to limit the 3 approved Sundays to big game only?

The PGC has given preliminary approval to the 3 Sundays open to hunting - Sunday, Nov. 15 for archery deer hunting, Sunday, Nov. 22 for bear hunting during the bear firearms season, and Sunday, Nov. 29 for deer hunting during the firearms deer season. This preliminary approval specifies that deer and bear will be the only species open for taking on these specific Sundays, even though other species, like pheasants, are in season during the time frame. Senator Laughlin, the prime sponsor of the bill, stated that his intent was for "time-specific" dates, not "species-specific" limits. Nowhere does the legislation prohibit the hunting of other species that are in season during the days chosen for the 3 Sundays. Therefore, any game species in season on those specific Sundays could be legal game.

#6: Should the PFSC pursue having additional species that are already in season (except migratory birds due to federal guidelines) approved for harvest during the 3 approved Sundays?

7 What are your thoughts on only printing 4 editions a year of PFSC's official publication instead of the current printing schedule of 6 editions each year to save printing costs?

The board has been considering ideas to reduce overhead costs. One of those considerations is to move to a quarterly publication schedule of PFSC's official news magazine, instead of the current bi-monthly publication schedule. Most time-sensitive information is shared via PFSC's regular e-news blasts. Our current yearly costs for printing the publication are \$12,000. Our Executive Director has been asking for feedback in his articles but has only received 1 response, so he wonders how many people are reading it.

Do you read it regularly?

Do you share the publication with others after you've read it?

Do you share the content with others?

Could we/should we save printing costs by only publishing 4 editions a year, and use our e-blast system more effectively for disseminating time-sensitive information?

What are your thoughts on this proposal to only print 4 editions a year to save printing costs?