



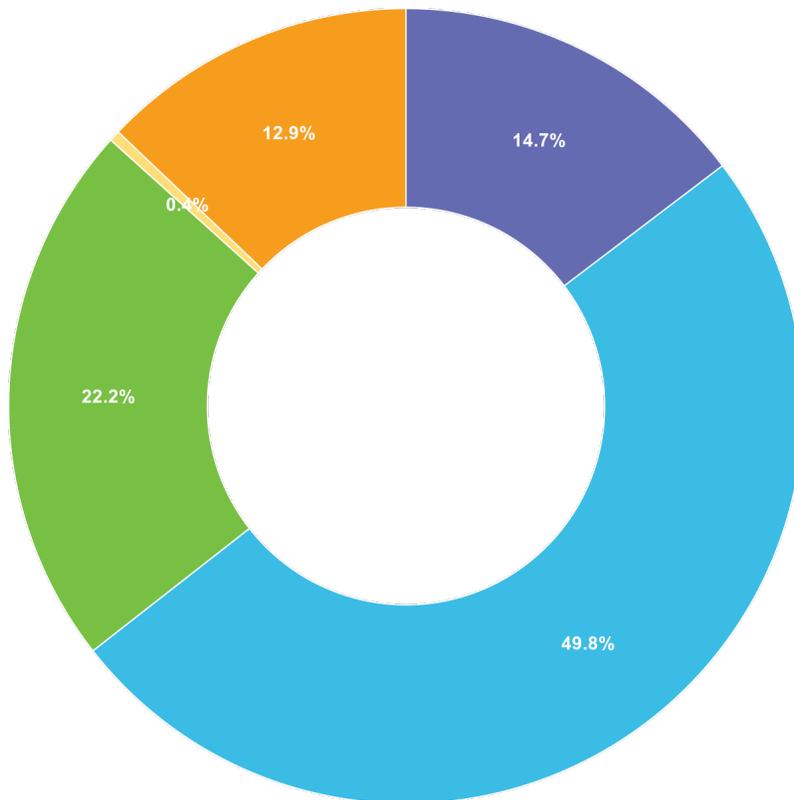
## **PFSC 2021 Spring Survey - Individual Member Survey**

Welcome PFSC member! We encourage you to take this MEMBERS ONLY survey, BE HEARD!



**Q2** Please indicate your membership type:

(If you haven't renewed, take advantage of our members only drawing coming up on 3/31/2021! - see link for details! <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/41051/pfsc-+35k-membership-drive-super-raffle> )\*



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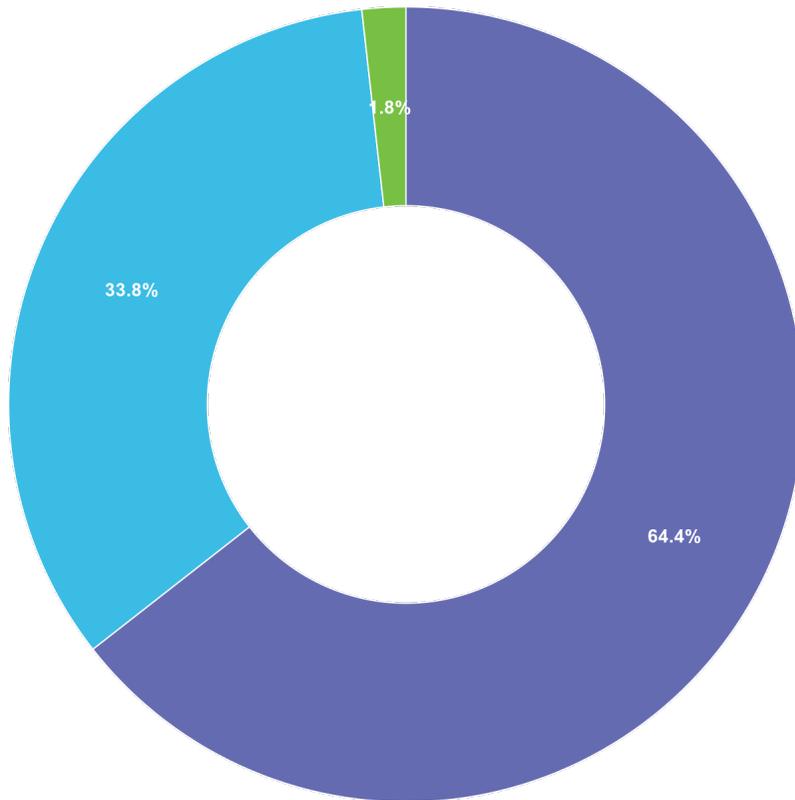
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<input type="radio"/> emember	33
<input type="radio"/> Regular member	112
<input type="radio"/> Life member	50
<input type="radio"/> Next Gen member	1
<input type="radio"/> I know I am a member, but not sure type.	29



**Q3** The Wild Turkey Management Plan provides guidance to the Commission on managing wild turkey populations. The Commission has observed evidence of declining turkey populations in 15 of 23 WMUs. In response, as per the guidelines established by the Wild Turkey Management Plan, the PGC has recommended the fall turkey hunting season be reduced in 14 WMUs and closed in 1 WMU, including the elimination of the 3 day Thanksgiving season statewide. The Commission has determined that the elimination of rifles during fall turkey season may aid in recovering turkey populations. Survey data indicates that 14% of Pennsylvania’s fall turkey hunters use a rifle. Harvests reported taken with rifles comprise 33% of the total fall turkey harvest in PA.

Assuming successful execution of these response plans, the PGC anticipates that recent fall turkey season length reductions could eventually be reversed, and more hunting opportunities returned.

**Question: Are you familiar with the PGC Wild Turkey Management Plan 2018-2027?\***



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Choice	Total
 Yes	145
 No	76

Choice

Total

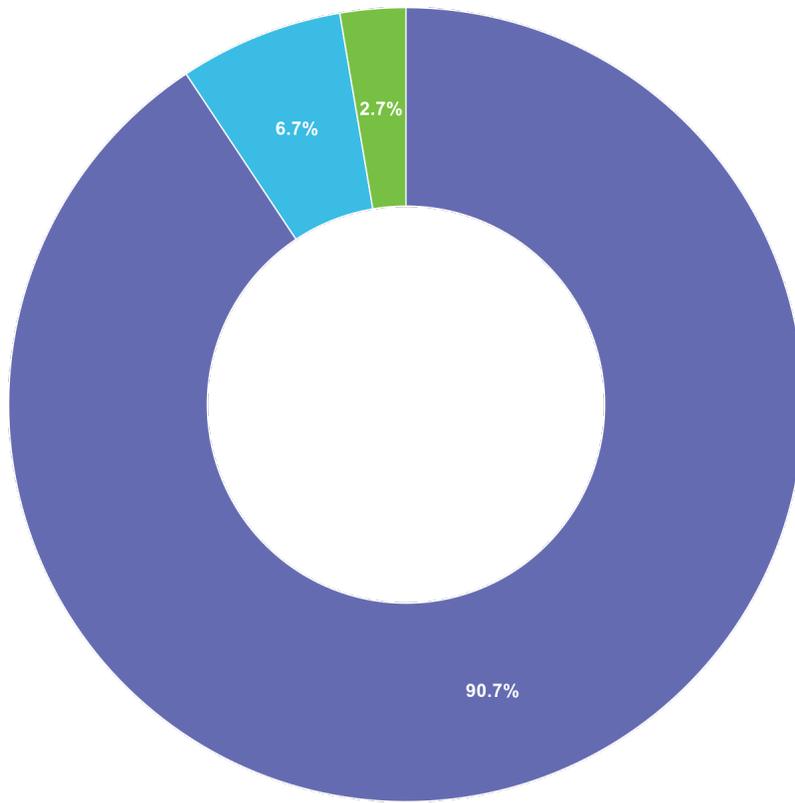


Decline to answer

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**Q4** Do you support the proposed reduction of fall turkey season in those areas with declining turkey populations?\*



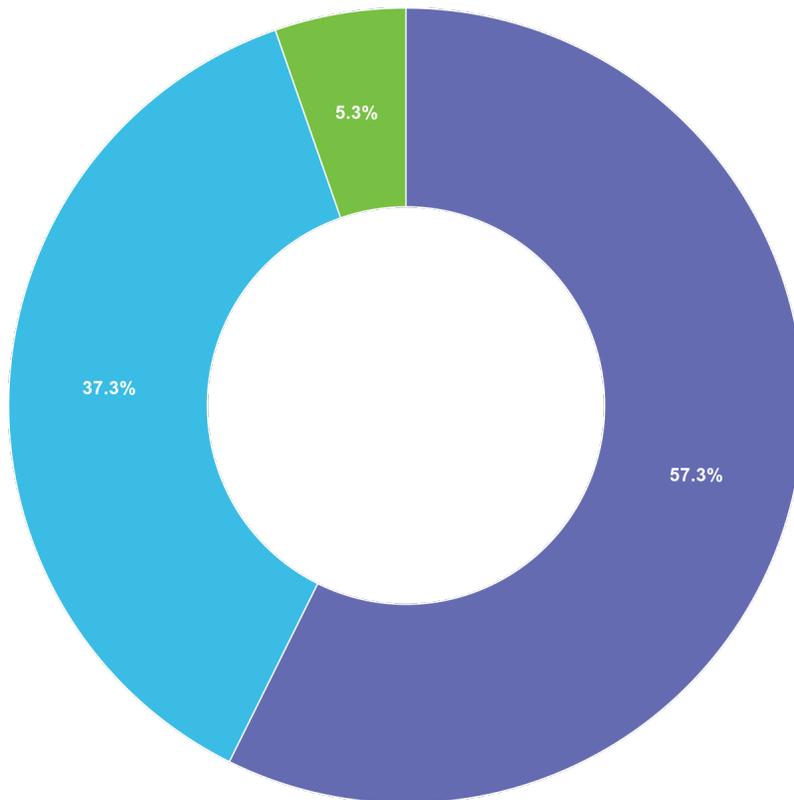
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Choice	Total
Yes	204
No	15
Decline to answer	6



**Q5** Do you support the proposed restriction on using rifles during fall turkey season?\*

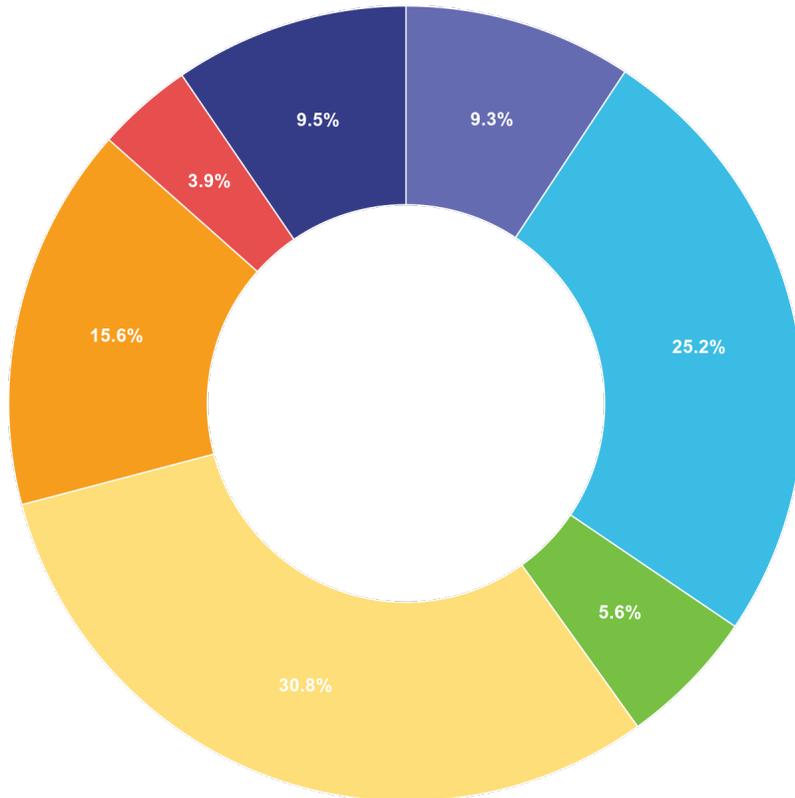


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Choice	Total
Yes	129
No	84
Decline to answer	12

**Q6** Would you support a PFSC recommendation to the PGC to do the following in response to the declining turkey populations? (Choose all that apply.)



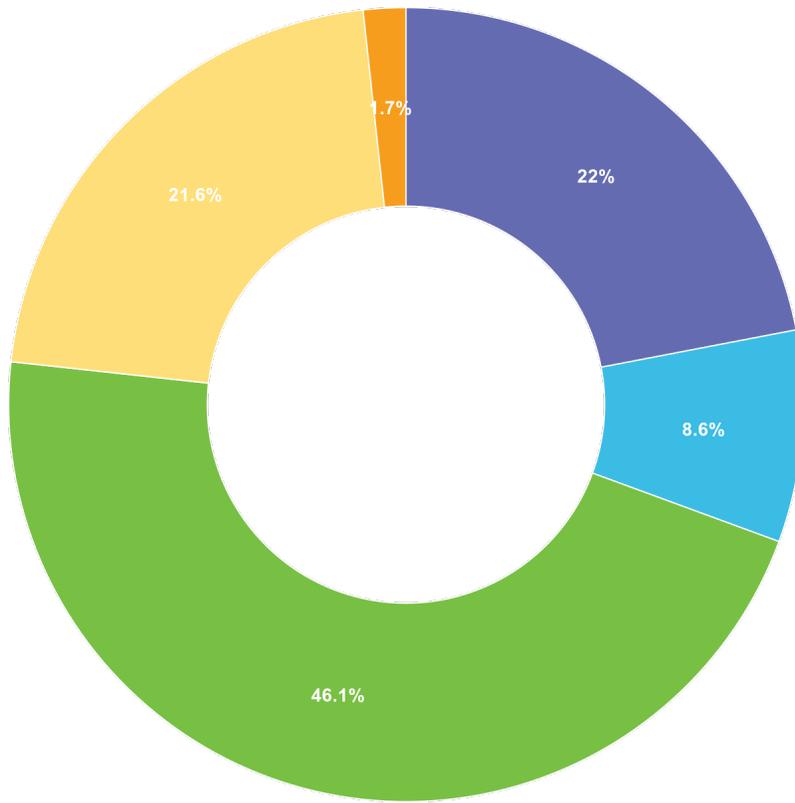
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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Close Fall Turkey Season statewide	38
<input type="radio"/> Regulate fall hunting to bearded birds only	103
<input type="radio"/> Implement a fall turkey permit by lottery	23
<input type="radio"/> Eliminate the special spring turkey tag (2nd gobbler tag)	126
<input type="radio"/> Restrict the use of the 2nd spring tag to after May 15	64
<input type="radio"/> Decline to answer	16
<input type="radio"/> Additional comments:	39



Q7 Do you hunt turkeys?\*



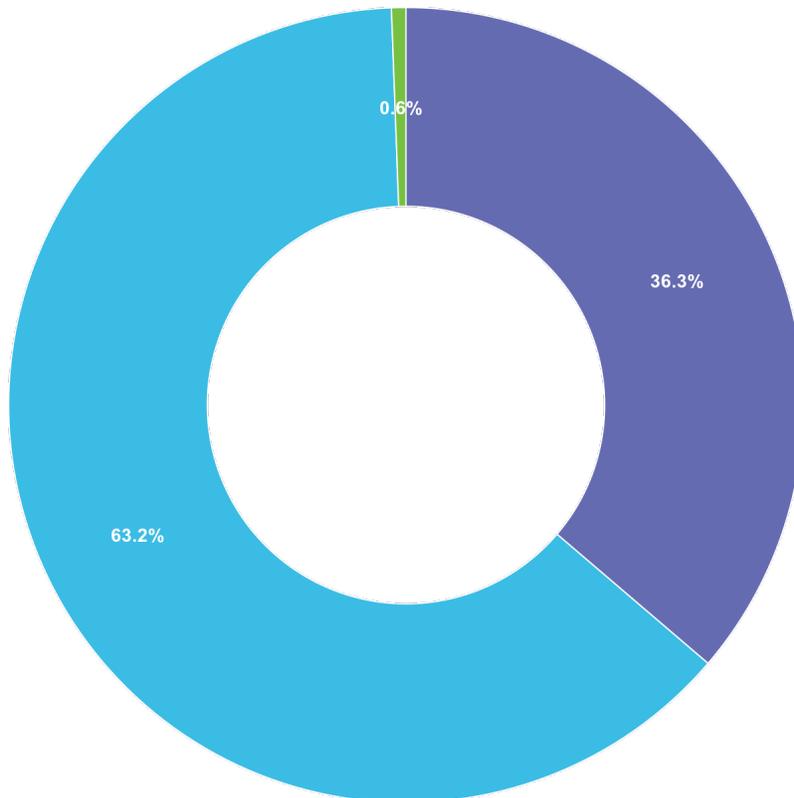
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Choice	Total
 Yes in the spring	51
 Yes in the fall	20
 Both Spring & Fall	107
 I do not hunt turkeys	50
 Decline to answer	4



**Q8** Are you a member of our affiliated member National Wild Turkey Federation?  
(Membership is available at <https://your.nwtf.org/membership/step1.php>)\*



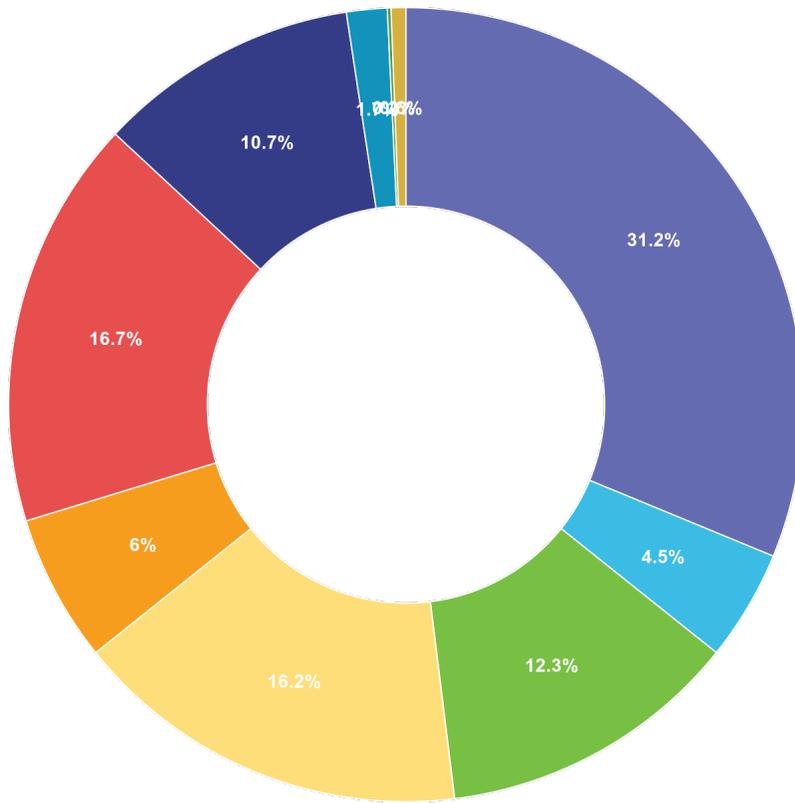
Answered: 171 Unanswered: 54

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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Yes	62
<input type="radio"/> No	108
<input type="radio"/> Decline to answer	1



**Q9** Whitetail Deer Hunting: What sporting arm do you use for deer hunting? (Choose all that apply.)\*

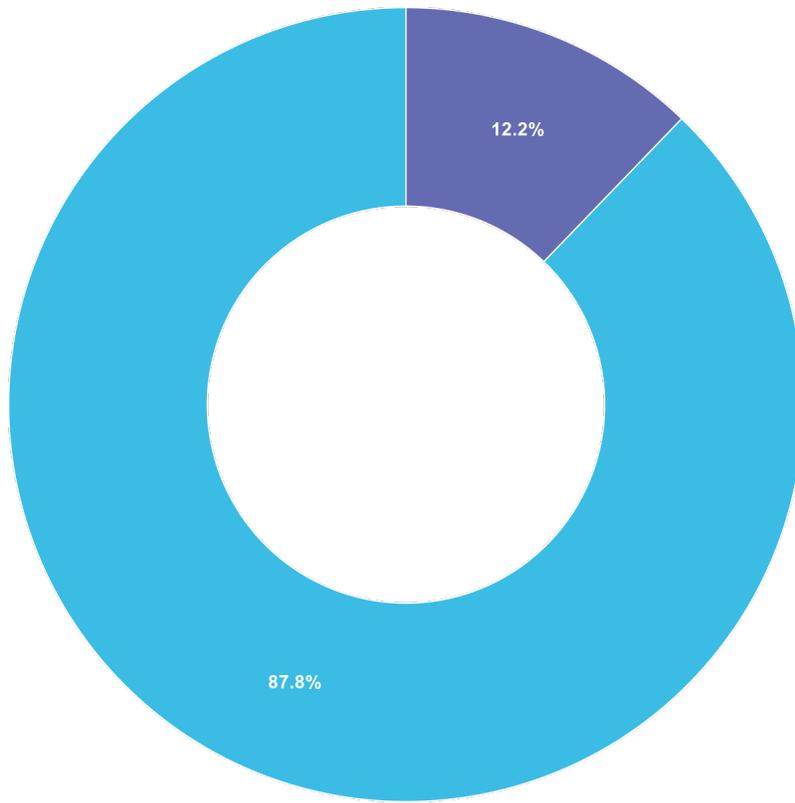


Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
Rifle	208
Shotgun	30
Bow	82
Crossbow	108
Handgun	40
Flintlock	111
Inline	71
I do not deer hunt	11
decline to answer	1
Other	4



**Q10** Are you a member of our affiliated state organization United Bowhunters of PA?\*



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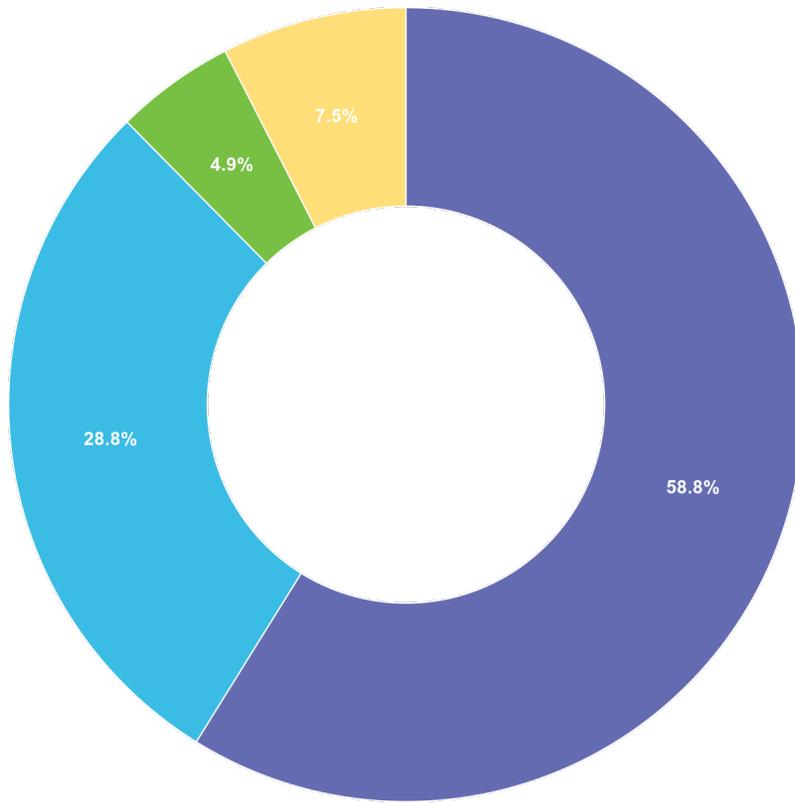
Choice	Total
Yes	26
No	187



**Q11** The PGC is proposing to amend regulations to authorize unlimited over-the-counter sales of doe licenses in any WMU not sold out of licenses on the second Monday in September until such quota(s) are sold out.

This is being done to ensure the doe tags allocated in support of deer management are used to the fullest extent possible.

**Question: Do you support this proposal?\***



Answered: 214 Unanswered: 11

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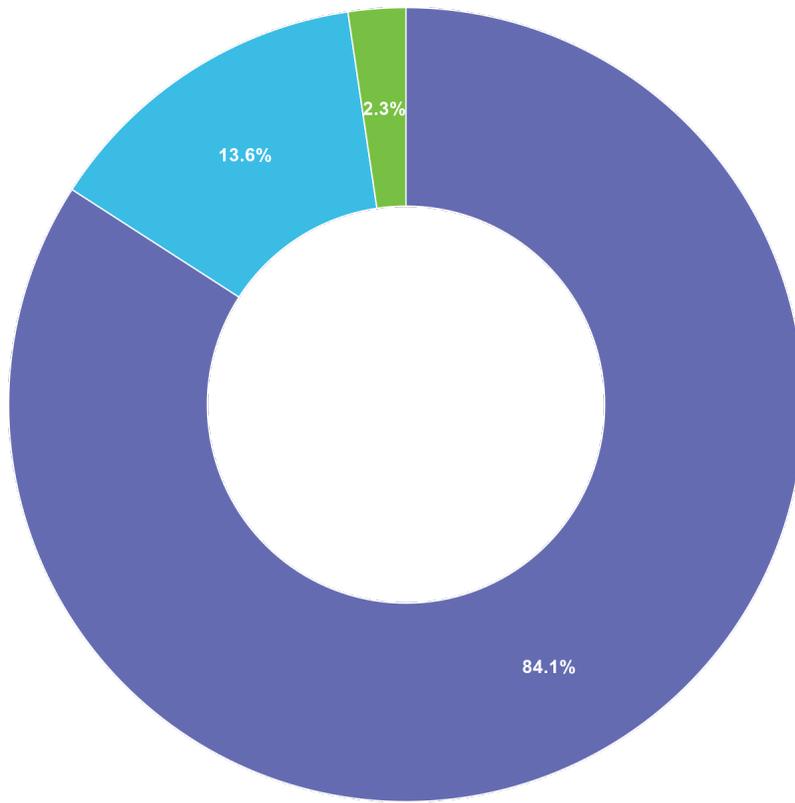
Choice	Total
 Yes I support	133
 No I oppose	65
 decline to answer	11
 Additional Comment:	17



**Q12** The PGC has recently upgraded the automated point of sale system used to purchase licenses and permits. With this upgrade, they now have the technology to adequately and efficiently issue doe licenses directly at point of sale - over the counter and online. This change would require legislation to change the “pink envelope” process using the County Treasurers’ offices and providing them with \$1 from each license sold.

Legislation (HB 207) has been introduced that would allow this more efficient process to be implemented.

**Question: Do you support this legislation to modernize the process for purchasing doe tags through the new automated point of sale licensing system?\***



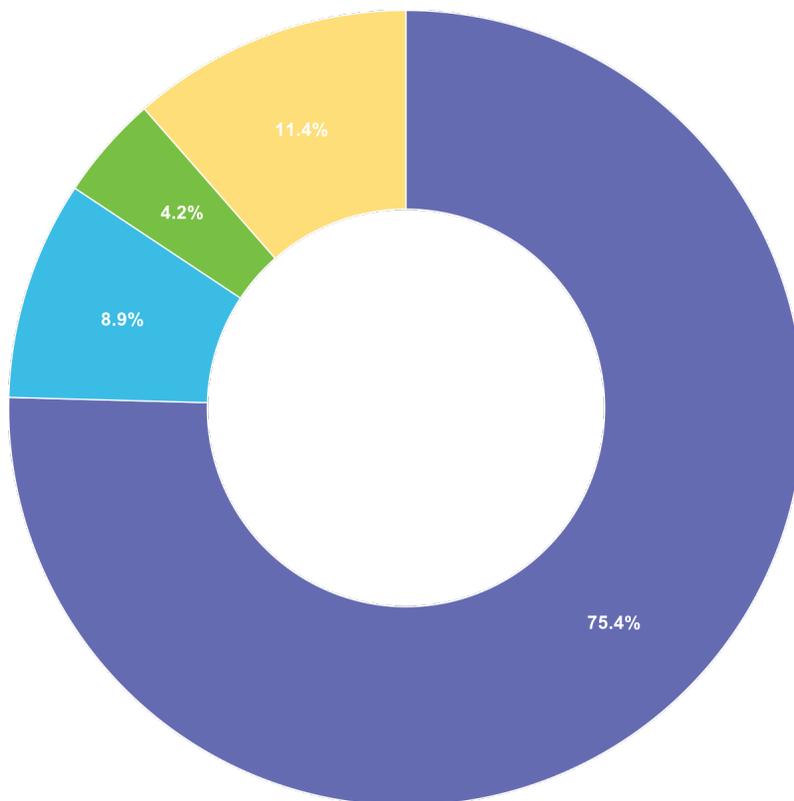
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Choice	Total
Yes	180
No	29
decline to answer	5



**Q13** Do you agree that doe license allocations regulate deer harvests, regardless of the number of days available during rifle season? (Comments accepted in text box)\*



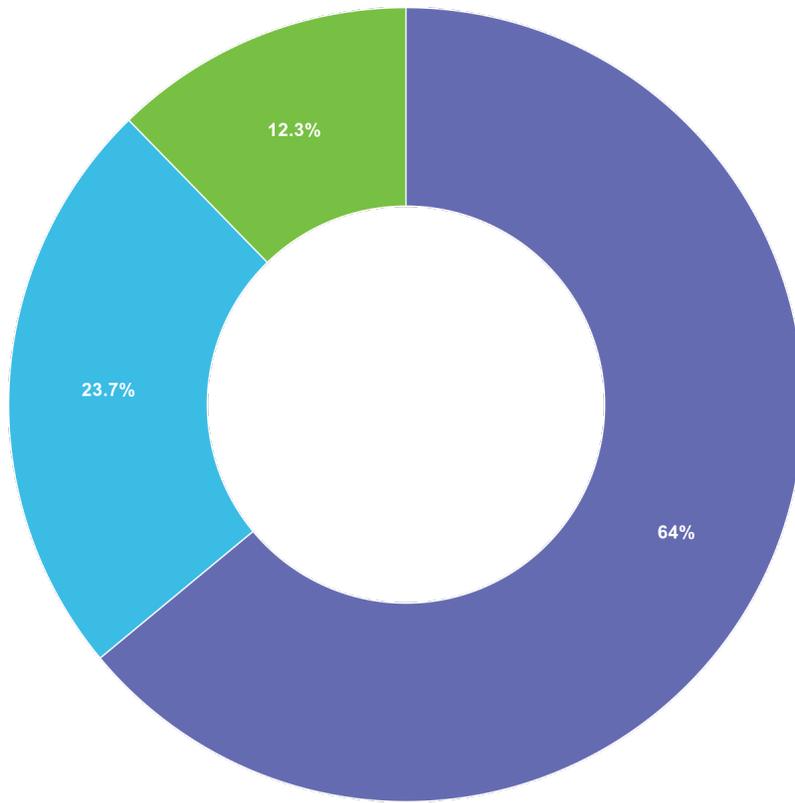
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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Yes	178
<input type="radio"/> No	21
<input type="radio"/> decline to answer	10
<input type="radio"/> Other	27



**Q14** A statewide 14-day concurrent buck/doe firearms season is recommended to simplify regulations and provide increased opportunity, especially for younger hunters. This may cause the PGC to issue fewer doe tags annually to regulate the harvest. Question: Do you support or oppose statewide concurrent buck/doe rifle seasons? (Comments accepted in the text box)\*



Answered: 214 Unanswered: 11

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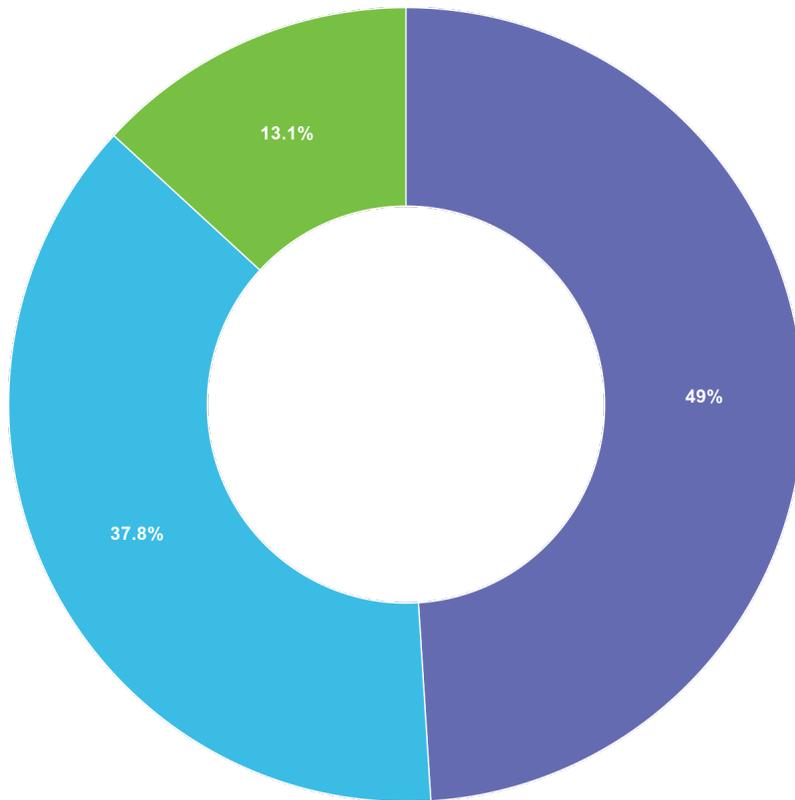
Choice	Total
 I support concurrent seasons statewide	151
 I oppose statewide concurrent seasons	56
 Other	29



**Q15** The prohibition of semi-automatic rifles for hunting was lifted in 2016, and now the PGC has regulatory authority to regulate these sporting rifles. Semi-automatic rifles that meet specific criteria have been permitted for hunting small game/furbearers for the past two years, and semi-automatic shotguns were approved for use statewide since the 2018-19 seasons.

Semi-automatic rifles remain prohibited for big game in Pennsylvania. Proposals for the inclusion of these sporting arms have attempted to limit magazine capacity to a maximum of 4 rounds, which would make the use of popular products like those in the following photograph legal in Pennsylvania, while excluding the use of any firearm utilizing a 30 round high-capacity magazine.

**Question: Would you support regulation to allow the use of semi-automatic rifles like those in this picture using only a 4 round maximum magazine capacity for big game in Pennsylvania?\***



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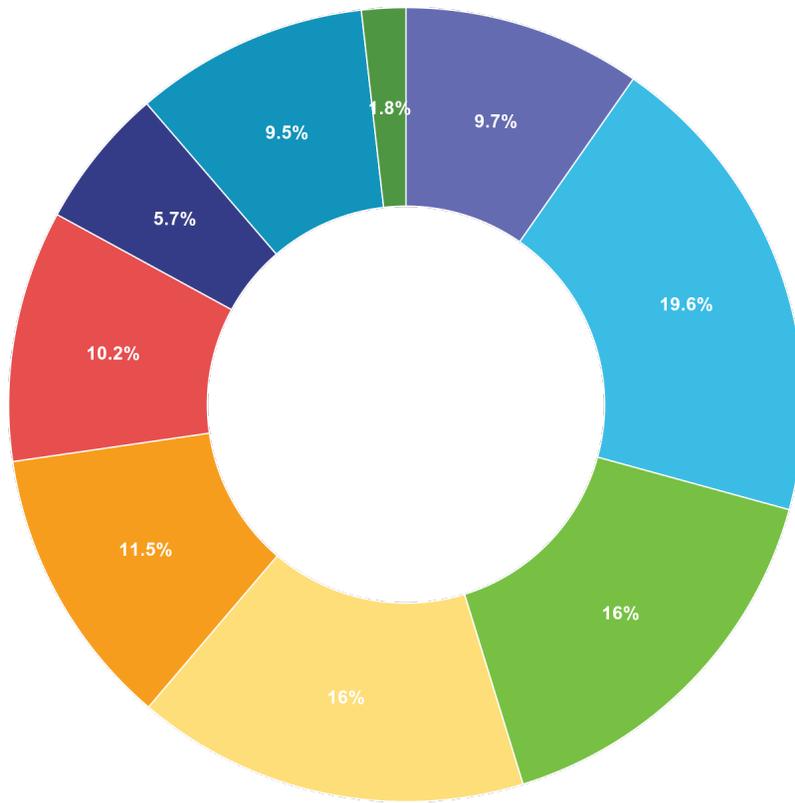
Choice	Total
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Yes I would support the use of 4 round magazine equipped rifles for big game, like those shown in the photo	123
<span style="color: cyan;">●</span> I oppose the use of all semi-auto rifles for big game.	95
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Additional comment here:	33



**Q16** Small Game/Upland Bird/ Waterfowl Hunting:

I regularly hunt:

(Choose all that apply.)



Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

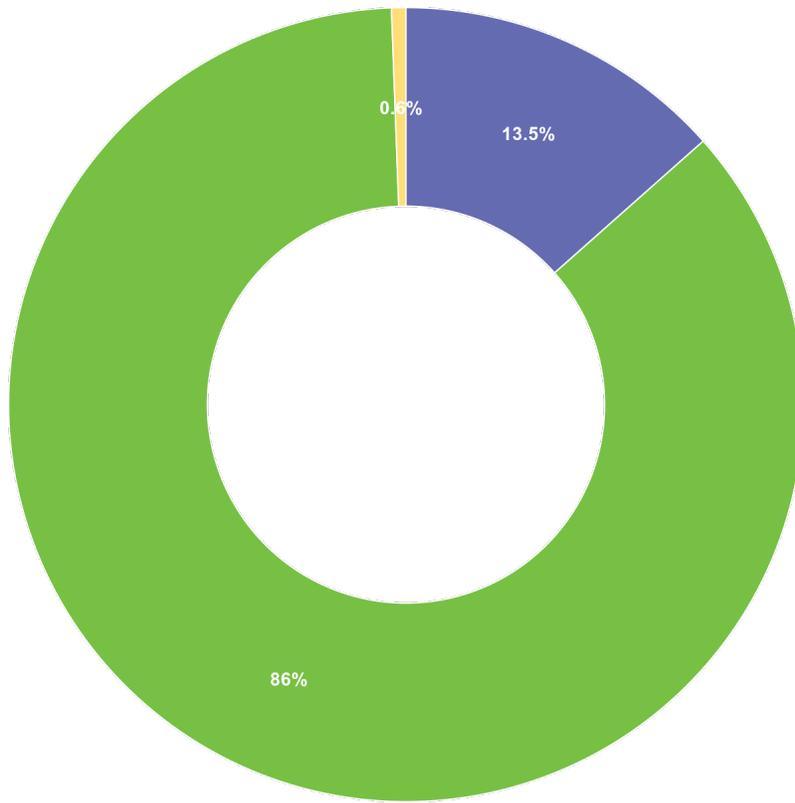
Choice	Total
I do not hunt small game	54
Squirrel	109
Rabbit	89
Pheasant	89
Grouse	64
Doves	57
Woodcock	32
Waterfowl	53
Other	10



**Q17** Are you a member of either of our affiliated state organizations Pheasants Forever or PA Flyers?

(Pheasants Forever memberships available at <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/getdoc/91f8dfad-47ad-46d6-af54-5649db42671f/Membership.aspx> )

(PA Flyers memberships available at <https://www.paflyers.com/membership-payment/> )



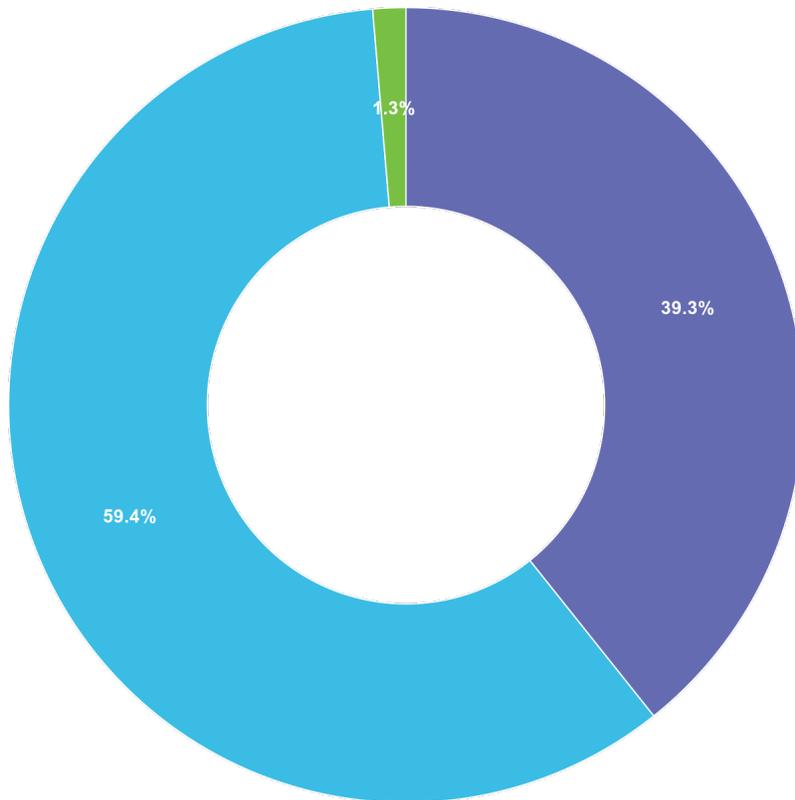
Answered: 171 Unanswered: 54

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Choice	Total
 I am a member of Pheasants Forever	23
 I am a member of PA Flyers	0
 I am not a member of either	147
 decline to answer	1



**Q18** Do you hunt predators?



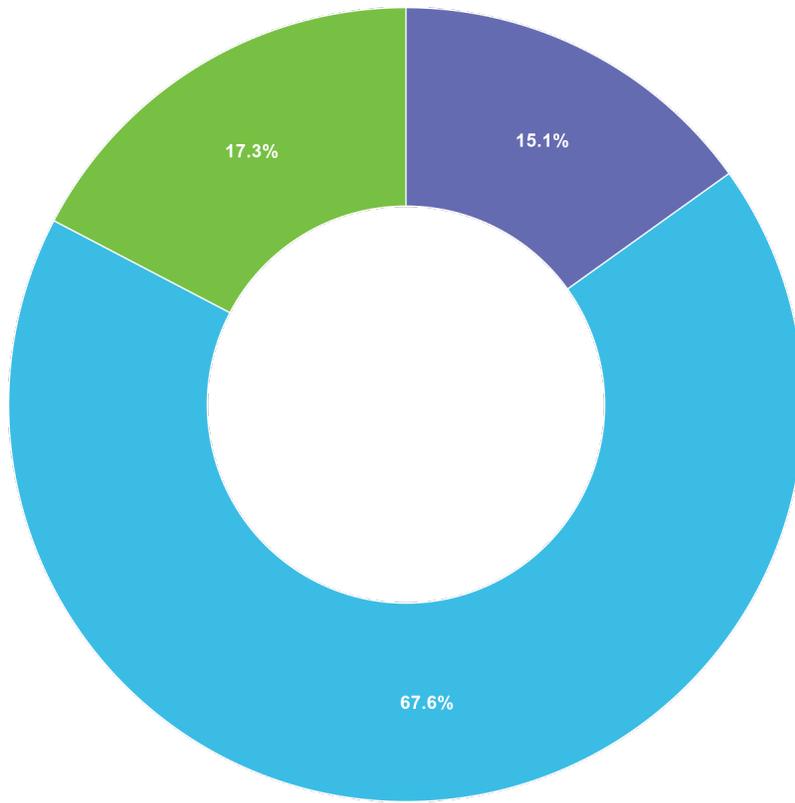
**Answered:** 224 **Unanswered:** 1

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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Yes	88
<input type="radio"/> No	133
<input type="radio"/> decline to answer	3



**Q19** Are you a trapper?\*



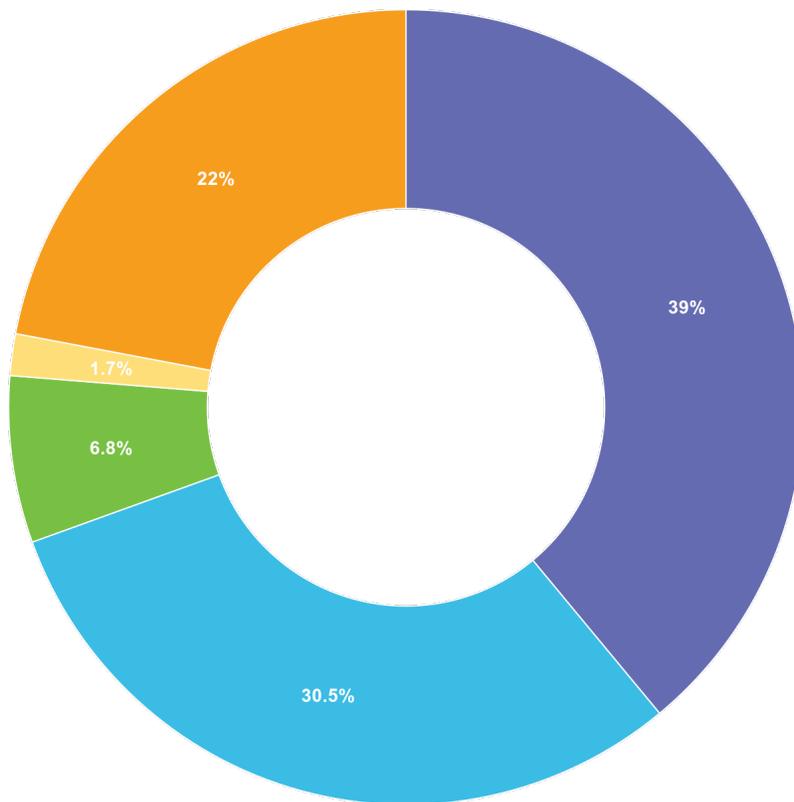
Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

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Choice	Total
 Yes	34
 No	152
 I have but not recently.	39
 Decline to answer	0



**Q20** If you've trapped in the past, but did not this year - why not?



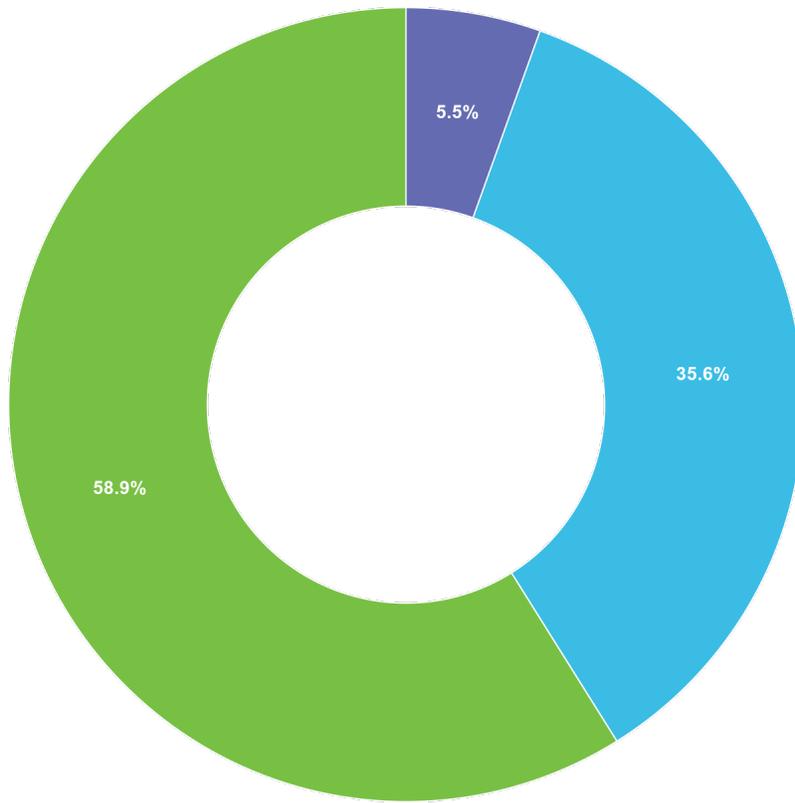
Answered: 59 Unanswered: 166

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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Not enough time	23
<input type="radio"/> Low fur prices	18
<input type="radio"/> No property to trap	4
<input type="radio"/> Passed my line on to another trapper	1
<input type="radio"/> Decline to answer	13



**Q21** Do you belong to our affiliated statewide organization PA Trappers Association?  
(Memberships are available at <https://patrappers.com/membership/> )



Answered: 73 Unanswered: 152

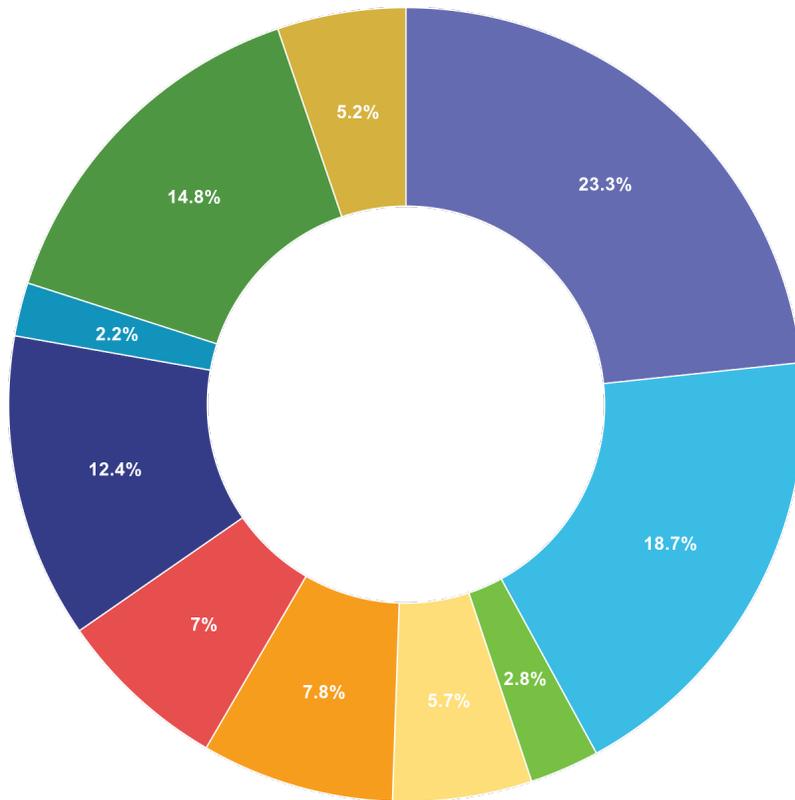
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Choice	Total
 I do not trap	4
 Yes	26
 No	43
 Decline to answer	0



**Q22** PFSC is planning to do statewide recruitment/fund raising through hosting activities/events.

**Question: Would you consider participating in any of these kinds of events with PFSC? (Choose all that apply.)\***



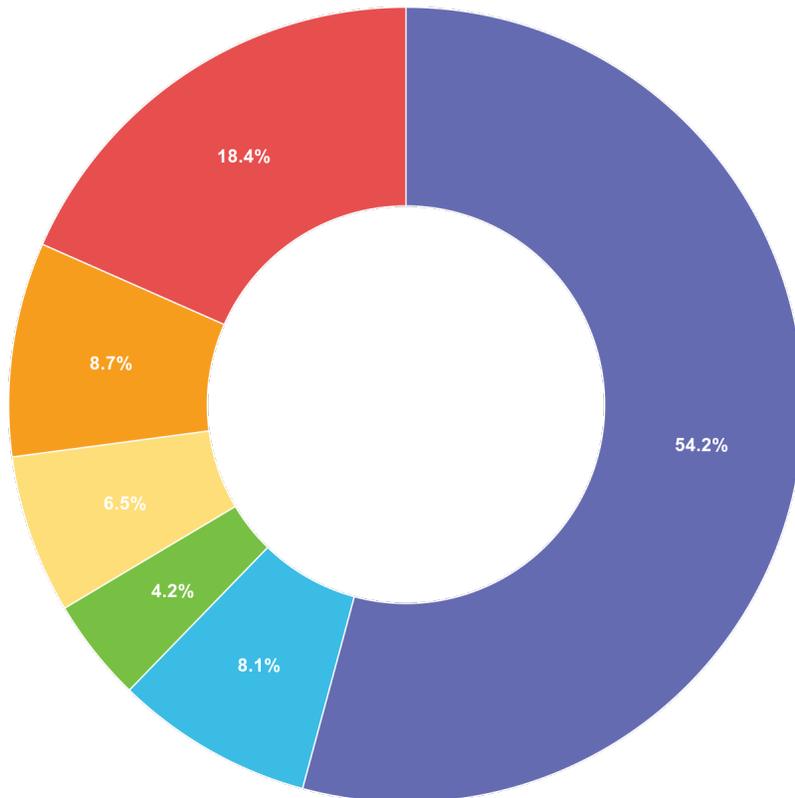
Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
 Sporting Clays	107
 Shooting Trap	86
 Shooting Helice	13
 Long Distance Rifle	26
 Rifle Benchrest	36
 Rifle Silhouette	32
 Pistol shooting	57
 Cowboy Action	10
 Decline to answer	68
 Other fund raising activity to consider:	24

**NRA**



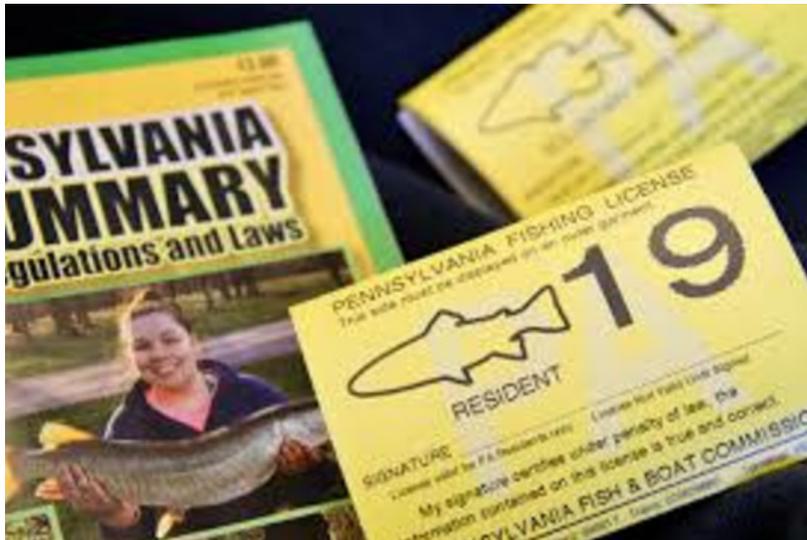
**Q23** Do you support any of these pro-gun organizations either through monetary donations or by being a member? (Mark all that you belong to currently)\*



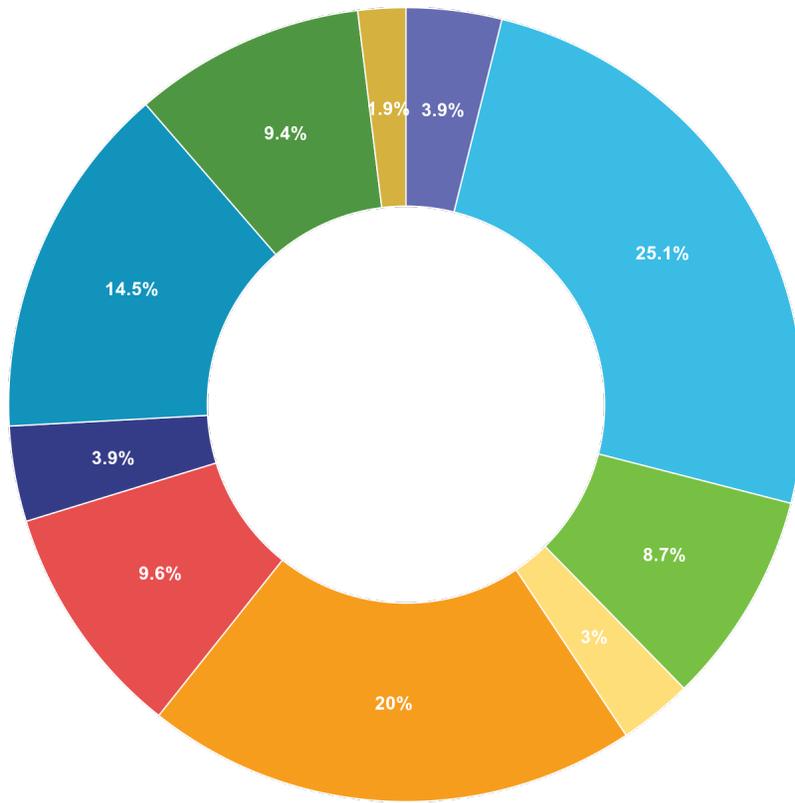
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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> National Rifle Association	168
<input type="radio"/> Gun Owners of America	25
<input type="radio"/> Firearm Owners Against Crime	13
<input type="radio"/> Sportsmen's Alliance	20
<input type="radio"/> National Shooting Sports Foundation	27
<input type="radio"/> Other	57



**Q24** What type of angling do you enjoy in Pennsylvania?\*

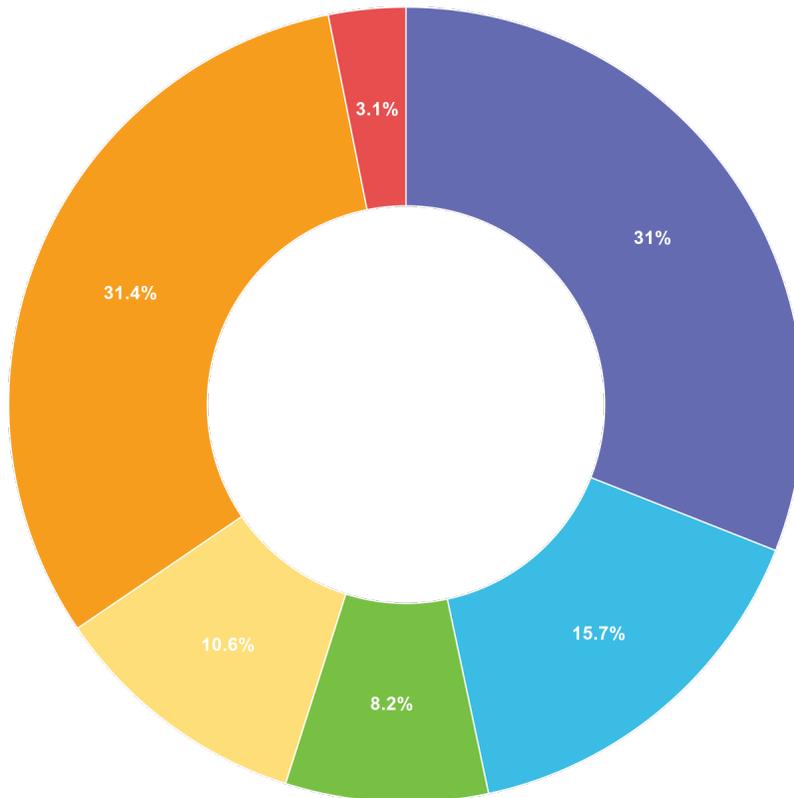


Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
I am not an angler.	26
Trout	168
Catfish	58
Ice Fishing	20
Bass	134
Walleye	64
Musky	26
Panfish	97
I use fly fishing equipment	63
Other	13



**Q25** Do you use a watercraft when fishing? Which type?\*



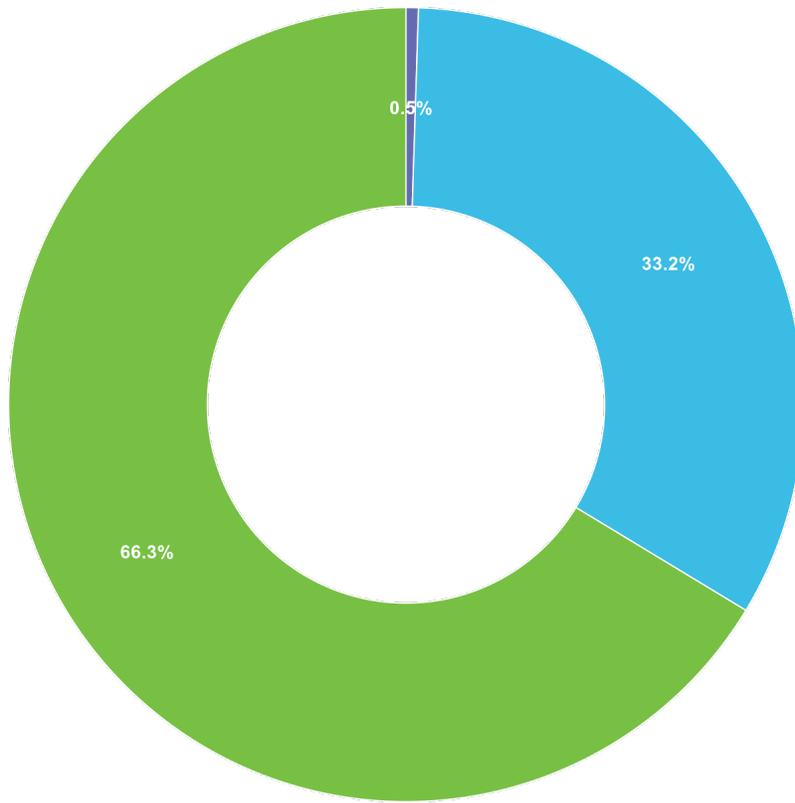
Answered: 199 Unanswered: 26

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Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Motorized Boat	79
<input type="radio"/> Kayak	40
<input type="radio"/> Row Boat	21
<input type="radio"/> Canoe	27
<input type="radio"/> I do not use a watercraft for fishing.	80
<input type="radio"/> Other	8



**Q26** Would you participate in a PFSC fishing tournament?\*



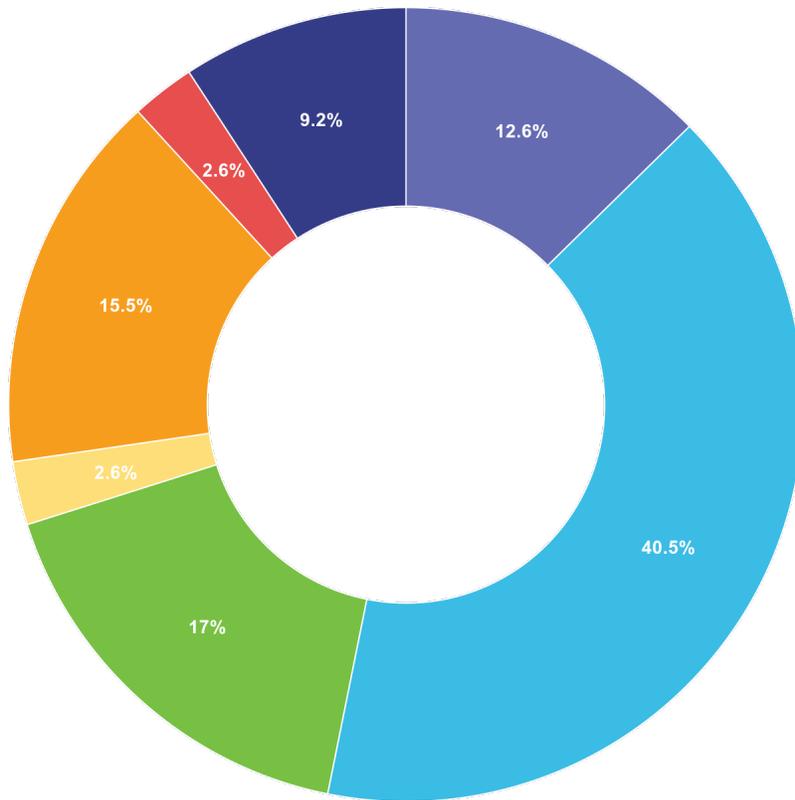
Answered: 199 Unanswered: 26

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Choice	Total
 I am not an angler	1
 Yes I probably would	66
 No I probably would not	132



**Q27** Please list any other outdoor activities you regularly participate in:

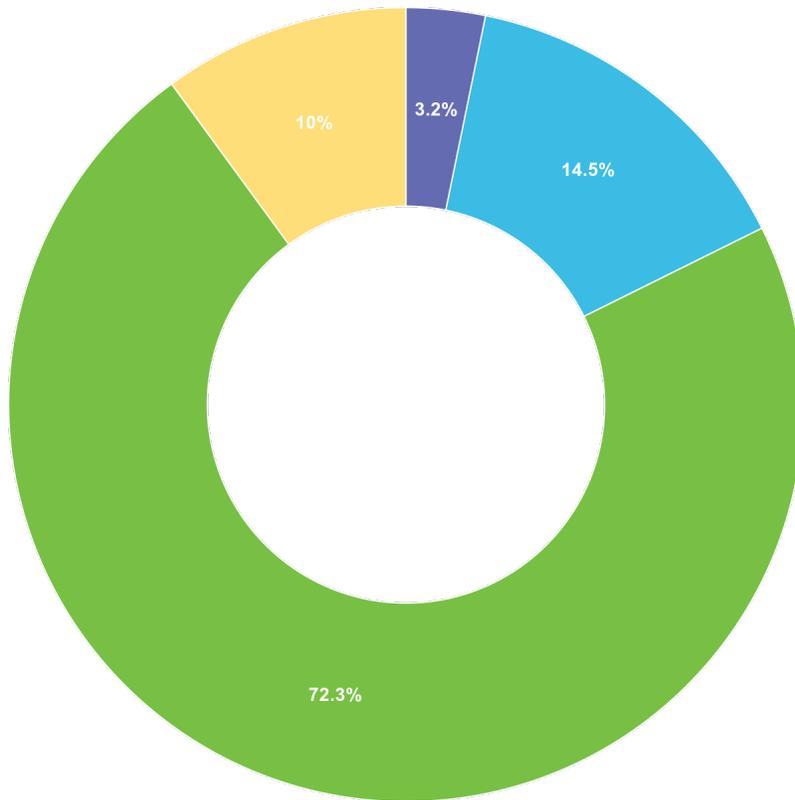


Answered: 224 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
Paddle sports	44
Hiking	141
Biking	59
Horseback riding	9
None of the above	54
Decline to answer	9
Other	32



**Q28** Are you satisfied with PFSC representation of our members.\*



Answered: 225 Unanswered: 0

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Choice	Total
 No, I am dissatisfied	8
 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	36
 I am satisfied	180
 Additional Comment you can offer:	25



**Q29** How can we improve?:\*

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 6:40 PM UTC

more member

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Thursday, March 11, 2021, 2:52 PM UTC

Would love to see Sunday hunting for all seasons all year.

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Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:13 PM UTC

you need to interest people to care about being involved in pfsc so you can make some money to operate.

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 8:26 PM UTC

No improvement needed

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 8:03 PM UTC

Provide more youth & woman in outdoors scitibities

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**Answered:** 225 **Unanswered:** 0



**Q30** Please leave any other comment you would like PFSC leadership to hear:

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 6:40 PM UTC

Doing a great job!

Keep up the good work!

with Biden/Harris getting in hunters/Shooters

we be attacked like never before

We need The PFSC/PWF now more than ever!

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Thursday, March 11, 2021, 2:52 PM UTC

N/A

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Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:13 PM UTC

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