



## PFSC Spring 2022 Resolution Voting Form

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**Q** Resolution: Rifles for Handicapped Hunters for Fall Turkey Season

Submitting Club: Kiski Township Sportsmen  
County: Armstrong County  
Division: Southwest

Title: Rifles for Handicapped Hunters for Fall Turkey Season

Whereas: The PGC has suspended the use of rifles for fall turkey hunting for all hunters in the fall season.

Whereas: It may have been an oversight by the PGC for handicapped hunters who must, because of their disability, hunt and call from a motorized vehicle. In the fall season, birds are less likely to come to a call unless a flock is broken up. Thus, the hunters have been excluded from the fall season.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: The PFSC petition the PGC to amend this rule to allow handicapped hunters to use a rifle during the fall season.

PGC Response: The Game Commission Board of Commissioners voted to allow shotgun and archery equipment as legal methods of take during the fall turkey season because the turkey population is below goal in 15 of the 23 Wildlife Management Units. Removing the use of rifles for turkey hunting will reduce hen harvest by 20%. The Board of Commissioners also reduced the fall season length by one week to address the issue as well. Reducing fall hen harvest allows more hens to survive to spring and reproduce. The agency understands the challenges faced by our hunters with disabilities and is committed to providing opportunities for those hunters to continue to participate, but felt it was necessary to protect the turkey population and not create an exemption on the use of rifles at this time.

Sincerely, Bryan Burhans, Executive Director Question: Do you support the PFSC petitioning the PGC to amend this rule to allow handicapped hunters to use a rifle during the fall turkey season?

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Yes	499
<input type="radio"/>	No	598
<input type="radio"/>	Abstain	0

**Resolution Failed**