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

## PFSC E-News

August 27, 2021

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### **PFSC Fall Conference – September 11, 2021**

*Registration Deadline to Avoid Late Fees – September 1*

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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

##### **PFSC Fall General Session/Board Meeting**

September 11, 2021

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's  
Association  
Enola, PA

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Form](#)  
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#### **In the news:**

**Please share this release with your local schools – public, private, home, cyber, etc.**

#### **2022 Poster/Photo Contest Theme “Predators & Prey”**

**The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation Invites Youth to Share their Love of the Outdoors through Art and Photography in the Annual Art Poster & Photo Contest**

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation invites students in grades 4-12 to participate in its poster and photo contest to encourage creative expression and an appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world. The contests are open to school-aged children in grades 4-12 who live in Pennsylvania. Entries will compete against others in the same age group. Youngsters can be attending public, private or home schools. Questions about the contest or for information on rules and how to enter? Contact the PFSC/PWF office at (717) 232-3480 or [susan@pfsc.org](mailto:susan@pfsc.org).

***We hope to encourage our youth to learn more about Pennsylvania's wildlife, fisheries, and natural resources through these contests.***

**This year's theme: “Predators & Prey”**

Predation is a biological interaction where one organism, the predator, kills and eats another organism, its prey. While most people don't like thinking about the topic, it is a natural part of the cycle of life. The coyote is the predator to small mammals, but what is the predator to the coyote?

**Get Excited:** Learn more about ecosystems and habitats that support wildlife, fisheries and the outdoors where you live!

**Get Involved:** You won't know how amazing nature is until you LOOK!

**Get Outside!** Looking closer at nature, you will see how conservation efforts promote and protect our natural resources and how you can make your neighborhood a better place to live so you can enjoy the great outdoors in your backyard.

A link to entry forms, rules, deadlines and instructions is available at <http://www.pawildlife.org>



## PFSC Bylaws Proposed Amendments

The PFSC Board of Directors gave preliminary approval to the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The proposed changes can be viewed in the Summer Lantern and on the website. [Forms / Resources | Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists \(pfsc.org\)](#)

If you wish to comment on the proposals, send your comments to [info@pfsc.org](mailto:info@pfsc.org) and the comments will be shared with the board of directors. The board will review and vote on final ratification of the proposed changes during the fall meeting, September 11, 2021.

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## [View PFSC Tracked Legislation](#)

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Password:**

**PFSC2021**

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## [NRA Cancels 150th Annual Meeting & Exhibits](#)

Due to concern over the safety of our NRA family and community, we regret to inform you that we have decided to cancel the 2021 Annual Meeting & Exhibits. This cancellation applies to all events and meetings that were scheduled in Houston. We will provide future notification regarding a rescheduled date for the annual Meeting of Members.

We make this difficult decision after analyzing relevant data regarding COVID-19 in Harris County, Texas. We also consulted with medical professionals, local officials, major sponsors & exhibitors, and many NRA members before arriving at this decision. The NRA Annual Meeting welcomes tens of thousands of people, and involves many events, meetings, and social gatherings. Among the highlights of our annual meeting are acres of exhibit space featuring the latest and greatest firearms, the display of countless accessories, and the offering of adventures and group gatherings that many travel hundreds, and some even thousands, of miles to experience. We realize that it would prove difficult, if not impossible, to offer the full guest experience that our NRA members deserve.

The NRA's top priority is ensuring the health and well-being of our members, staff, sponsors, and supporters. We are mindful that NRA Annual Meeting patrons will return home to family, friends and co-workers from all over the country, so any impacts from the virus could have broader implications. Those are among the reasons why we decided to cancel our 2021 event.

We would like to thank our members, attendees, exhibitors, and staff for their understanding and support. We are grateful for the many contributions of the George R. Brown Convention Center, state and local officials, community organizers, area hotels, and countless event venues across Houston. We receive enormous support from Houston and the State of Texas – and we hope to return to the Bayou City for a full annual meeting experience.

The NRA looks forward to a Celebration of Freedom in Louisville in May 2022. In the meantime, we will support many other NRA local events and smaller gatherings – in a manner that is protective of our members and celebrates our Second Amendment freedom. We wish continued health and safety to our entire NRA family.

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS:

**Pennsylvania's General Assembly is still on their summer recess.**

The Senate is scheduled to reconvene on September 20 and the House on September 27.

## New Legislation:

**HB 20 By Sturla.** The Pennsylvania Water Resource Act provides for the registration of extraordinary nonmunicipal water users; imposes a water resource fee; establishes the Water Use Fund; and provides for submission of a question to the electorate authorizing incurring of indebtedness for water-related environmental initiatives. This legislation provides for the issuance of watershed protection bonds and permits PENNVEST to submit a question of bond issuance in the amount of up to \$3 billion for the protection of watersheds, water resources, water environments, fresh water sources, the furthering of water conservation and other water-related environmental initiatives to the electors at the next election in the

year PENNVEST decides to issue bonds. The legislation further provides that the proceeds of borrowing authorized under this chapter shall be used for the maintenance and the protection of watersheds, water resources, water environments, fresh water sources, the furthering of water conservation and other water-related environmental initiatives and shall be allocated to watersheds based on the percentage of fees generated under section 302 in each watershed respectively.

**HB 1810 By Cruz.** Act relating to firearm registration; providing for duties of the Pennsylvania State Police; and imposing penalties.

## **New Co-Sponsor Memos:**

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[Imposing Republicans' Voting Restrictions on Firearms](#) [Rep. MaryLouise Isaacson](#) Legislative package that imposes restrictions on firearms.

Document #1 – The first bill would require that all purchases of firearms must be a face-to-face transaction between the seller and the purchaser and must occur in the place of business of a licensed seller or county sheriff's office.

Document #2 – The second bill would require that individuals must deliver the application/record of sale for a background check in-person to a Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) station, with exceptions for individuals with a disability. It also requires that all incomplete or inaccurate applications must be rejected, and the applicant must wait 14 days before resubmitting.

Document #3 – The third bill would require that all concealed carry permit applications be submitted in-person, with exceptions for individuals with a disability. It would also require that all incomplete or inaccurate applications must be rejected, and the applicant must wait 14 days before resubmitting.

Document #4 – The fourth bill would permit observers to witness the processing of background checks in the PSP's Instant Check Unit as well as to witness the processing of concealed carry permit applications in the county sheriff's office.

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## **Committee News:**

[Republicans On Senate Environmental Committee OK Letter Disapproving Final Carbon Pollution Reduction Reg. Covering Power Plants \[RGGI\]](#)

[House Environmental Committee Fails To Discuss Poor Compliance, Record \\$55 Million In Penalties Imposed On Natural Gas/Hazardous Liquid Pipelines In Last 5 Years](#)

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## **Federal Legislation:**

[H.R. 5080: To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a person who fails to meet age and residential requirements from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms and ammunition, to increase the penalties for transfer of a firearm t](#)

Sponsor: [Rep. Joe Neguse \[D-CO2\]](#)

[U.S. Senate Delivers Historic Commitments to Sportsmen and Women in Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill](#)

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## **News Clips:**

### **Firearms:**

#### **Debate over Lead Ammunition and Tackle Bans Takes Center Stage for Third CSF Webinar Installment**

**Federal Appeals Court Victory for SAF in Pennsylvania Gun Range Case:** The Second Amendment Foundation is celebrating a victory in Pennsylvania involving a long-existing gun club in the Pittsburgh area, as a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has unanimously remanded the case back to the lower court for a second time.

**'US appeals court revives lawsuit over gun club restrictions':** The Associated Press reports that “a federal judge should not have thrown out a legal challenge to township zoning rules that restricted operations at a gun range in western Pennsylvania and limited “sportsman’s clubs” to nonprofit entities, an appeals court ruled Tuesday.”

#### **Biden Administration Bans Importation of Russian Ammunition**

The Biden Administration’s Department of State announced that it will soon prohibit the importation of Russian ammunition into the United States. According to a release on the Department of State’s website, “[n]ew and pending permit applications for the permanent importation of firearms and ammunition manufactured or located in Russia will be subject to a policy of denial.”

**The Inquirer** has an op-ed by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords urging the U.S. Senate to pass a universal background checks bill.

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### **Hunting/Trapping:**

#### **Trapping Policy Organizations Formalize Partnership with CSF**

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### **Misc:**

#### **Legislation Could Bring Funding to PA for Chesapeake Bay Cleanup**

#### **Expansion of Public Access to Hunting and Fishing**

In May, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal for new or expanded hunting and sport fishing opportunities for game species across 2.1 million acres at 90 national wildlife refuges and on the lands of one national fish hatchery.

#### **PA Forestry Assn: Oct. 9 Annual Forestry Symposium; Invasive Plant Workshops; Role Of Climate Change On Forest Trees; Much More**

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### **PGC News:**

#### **PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON BOBWHITE QUAIL PLAN**

08/17/2021

#### **HUNTERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF ENHANCED CWD PROTECTIONS**

08/17/2021

## **PFBC News:**

### **HUNTSDALE STATE FISH HATCHERY INDOOR VISITORS CENTER CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR CONSTRUCTION; OUTDOOR AREAS REMAIN OPEN**

08/26/2021

### **FALMOUTH ACCESS AREA IN LANCASTER COUNTY TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

08/24/2021

### **YARDLEY ACCESS AREA IN BUCKS COUNTY TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY**

08/20/2021

### **PFBC SEEKS BIDS TO OPERATE NORTH EAST MARINA**

08/16/2021

**PFSC:** Providing leadership and advocacy for the enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all hunters, trappers, anglers and conservationists.  
Protecting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights

**PFSC's Mission:** *To protect and conserve Pennsylvania's Natural Resources, outdoor heritage and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.*