

The [Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists](#) has sent the following letter to Governor Tom Wolf in regards to vacancies listed by Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation for both the [PA Game Commission](#) and [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#).

Harold Daub, Executive Director, [Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists](#), said in a statement, "This needs to happen quickly. We are running short on time if these positions are going to be filled with qualified individuals. We should all be contacting our senators and the Governor's office in order to get these important positions filled. Our resource agencies depend on these positions to represent the interest of fishermen/women, hunters, and conservationists across the state. We should all be calling our state senators and the Governor's office and let them know that we want action to get these important positions filled. Leaving them vacant is a detriment to these resource agencies and leaves Pennsylvanians unrepresented in the process."

Contact information for your PA Senator can be found here.

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>

Contact the Governor's office here: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/>

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 LETTER TO GOVERNOR TOM WOLF'S OFFICE

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. Before I get to the heart of my letter, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your efforts during this pandemic. I can't imagine what it must be like to manage the daily affairs of our Commonwealth during this period of our history, but I appreciate your efforts in the ongoing struggle to protect the health of our citizenry.

Today, I write to you on behalf of the 70,000 members of the [Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists](#) regarding the ongoing vacancies on the boards of both the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. We're becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of progress being made in terms of finding replacements.

Currently, the term of Commissioner Brian Hoover (PGC District 8- southeast Pennsylvania) expired last June, and while he continued to serve in his six-month extension, the seat is now vacant. No other district in the commonwealth is as populated as this district, and the good sportsmen and women of the area have now been without representation for almost eight months. While we understand that we're living through unprecedented times, I wanted to respectfully bring this dilemma to your personal attention.

Likewise, PGC District 5 is about to become vacant as the term of Commissioner Charlie Fox's will expire on April 15, 2021, the day before the next commission meeting. Like the situation in district 8, the residents of District 5 will have no representation at the next meeting.

Turning to the PA Fish and Boat Commission, the term of Commissioner Ali expired on October 15, 2020, and while he can continue to serve until his replacement is named, the candidates who interviewed for this seat have been left waiting in limbo since last August, wondering who the next nominee will be. As a reminder, these folks all serve as volunteers.

As you know, it's important to fill these seats as the vacancies occur, versus moving them through the confirmation process all at one time because we need to avoid a situation far into the future where multiple seats expire on the same day or within the same month, possibly creating a problem with the establishment of a quorum.

Thank you for your kind attention to my concerns. I'd implore you to announce your nominees quickly to allow the confirmation process to begin in earnest next month. I can be reached at 717-648-1835 should you need to speak to me directly.

Sincerely;
Harold Daub
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists