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PA Fish & Boat Commission Public Hearing License and Permit Fee Increase (Act 56 of 2020) July 25, 2022

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists (The Federation), I'm here today to voice our support for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (The Commission) authority, under Act 56 of 2020, to set license and permit fees as needed.

The Federation has been the voice of sportsmen and women in the Commonwealth for 90 years. We represent Pennsylvania's sportsmen's clubs, individuals, and several of Pennsylvania's statewide sportsmen's organizations. In total, the Federation represents almost 70,000 sportsmen and women in Pennsylvania.

The role of the Commission is to protect, enhance, and conserve the 86,000 miles of rivers and streams and nearly 4,000 lakes in the Commonwealth.

Prior to Act 56, the Commission had to rely on legislation for each user fee increase, which led to delayed, then significant fee increases, resulting in declines in license and permit sales. Current user fees have not been adjusted in almost 15 years.

The Commission has committed to only carrying out incremental increases that will support the agency's budget while holding down costs for anglers and boaters.

The Federation works tirelessly to carry out our mission of protecting and conserving Pennsylvania's natural resources, outdoor heritage and Second Amendment Rights.

We believe the Commission is acting responsibly under Act 56 to provide a sustainable budget to best serve the 1.3 million anglers and resources across the Commonwealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of our 70,000 members on this critical matter.

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