

# PENNSYLVANIA FEDERATION



## OF SPORTSMEN & CONSERVATIONISTS

*On the Front Lines - So You Can Be in the Woods, on the Water, or at the Range.*

# PFSC HISTORY

- ▶ **Founded in 1932 by five angry fishermen who were motivated by the increasing pollution of Pennsylvania's streams and rivers from an unregulated mining industry.**
- ▶ **Concerned by the lack of regulations to protect our environment and our resources, as well as the political meddling in the activities of the PA Game Commission and the Fish and Boat Commission, they set out to organize PA's sportsmen into one voice.**



PFSC Founding Fathers

# PFSC's ORIGINAL MISSION

“To provide a statewide, united voice for the concerns of all sportsmen and conservationists; to insure their rights and interests are protected and to protect and enhance the environment and our natural resources.”

- ▶ 90+ years later, the PFSC is still guided by its original mission and remains inspired by our founding fathers.



# **PFSC's VISION**

To be recognized as the premier voice for conservation and our outdoor heritage in Pennsylvania.

# **PFSC's MISSION STATEMENT**

To protect and conserve Pennsylvania's natural resources, outdoor heritage and 2nd Amendment Rights.

# PROTECTING SPORTSMEN'S INTERESTS SINCE 1932

- ▶ Grassroots representation with “boots on the ground” in the state capitol and with our resource agencies
- ▶ Largest and most respected state organization serving sportsmen and sportswomen.
- ▶ The only statewide sportsmen's organization representing sportsmen full-time in Harrisburg and throughout the Commonwealth!



# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY & ACTION

The PFSC monitors legislative activity, which annually results in 300 - 400 bills of interest to hunters, trappers, anglers, and conservationists every legislative session. With input from our members, we determine PFSC's position to support, oppose, or remain neutral on conservation or 2A legislation

- ▶ Played a key role in the passage of eliminating the “Pink Envelopes” and authorizing the sale of Doe Licenses through the PGC's automated licensing services.
- ▶ Played a key role in the passage of PA's Sunday Hunting Legislation in 2019, allowing three additional Sunday hunting days.
- ▶ Opposes efforts to merge the PGC and PFBC with DCNR; or to merge the resource agency's law enforcement.
- ▶ Supports and promotes science-based wildlife, fisheries, and resource management.
- ▶ Supports maximum opportunity possible for Pennsylvania's sportsmen based on science-based resource management.
- ▶ Played a key role in the passage of PA's original Clean Streams Act of 1937

# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

- ▶ Opposes efforts to change the way our endangered species are regulated
- ▶ Supports management of all wildlife staying under the supervision and regulation of our resource agencies. We oppose all legislative micro-managing of our resource agencies, especially those that interfere with establishing seasons and bag limits.
- ▶ Recognizes the resource agencies as the subject matter experts
- ▶ Opposes any and all anti-gun legislation that does nothing more than infringe on the rights of law-abiding citizens

# MONITORING LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

- ▶ View all the legislation the Federation is tracking on our website
- ▶ Stay up-to-date by receiving our members only e-blast updates
- ▶ Monitor PFSC social media for news as it happens!



# COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

- ▶ Website: <http://www.pfsc.org>
- ▶ E-mail News Alerts: To receive up to the minute news and information pertinent to PFSC members, sign up by sending a request to [info@pfsc.org](mailto:info@pfsc.org)
- ▶ Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/pfsc.org](http://www.facebook.com/pfsc.org)
- ▶ “Members Only” Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/pfscmember/>
- ▶ Follow us on Twitter: @PFSCstaff
- ▶ Instagram: pfsc\_pwf

# MEMBER'S MAGAZINE

The official publication of the PFSC - informative magazine published quarterly, delivering the most recent hunting, trapping, fishing, environmental and of course, legislative issues that are important to our members.

Also information from our affiliated state organizations as well as reports from our state resource agencies: PGC, PFBC, DEP, and DCNR.



# SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

**The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.**

**Art. 1, § 21 (enacted 1790, art. IX, § 21).**

**1776: That the people have a right to bear arms for the defense of themselves and the state; and as standing armies in the time of peace are dangerous to liberty, they ought not to be kept up; And that the military should be kept under strict subordination, to, and governed by, the civil power. Declaration of Rights, cl. XIII.**

**[Self-defense right protected, Sayres v. Commonwealth, 88 Pa. 291 (1879).]**

# SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- ▶ PFSC works closely with national organizations like the NRA, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Sportsmen's Alliance and the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation to preserve and protect Pennsylvania's Second Amendment rights
- ▶ We track more than 80 firearm related bills each legislative session:
  - ❖ determine their intent and impact on Pennsylvanians
  - ❖ perform a call to action as appropriate considering the potential to move through the legislative process.

# SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

- ▶ **Provided support for the Castle Doctrine (2011) - affords any lawful gun owner the right to self-protection anywhere they have a lawful right to be**
- ▶ **Passed legislation (1997) mandating the protection of all existing clubs in Pennsylvania from having their shooting ranges closed due to noise complaints**
- ▶ **Assisted in repealing the Philadelphia Firearms Act - authority for implementing firearms laws/restrictions is under the state legislature alone, not individual counties or municipalities**
- ▶ **Monitor and engage in fighting threatening legislation and/or regulation at the local level**

# WHY WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER

- ▶ Sportsmen's organizations share interests, but are fragmented into niches, specializing in their particular missions
- ▶ Need one voice on legislative and regulatory matters
- ▶ Coordinated participation by clubs and outdoor groups will strengthen PA's conservation efforts
- ▶ The opposition is better organized than we are!

# AFFILIATED STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

- ▶ Statewide organizations shall be any bona fide statewide conservation organization whose mission is consistent with that of the Federation. Statewide organizations in good standing may elect a Delegate to represent them on the PFSC Board & at General Sessions based on their level of affiliation.
- ▶ Membership Levels:
  - Board Seat with board voting privileges and general club voting privileges: \$1,000
  - Board Seat with No board voting privileges, general club voting privileges only: \$ 850
  - No Board Seat -general club voting privileges only: Dues based on club affiliation rates (\$750 cap)
- ▶ Voting privileges:
  - Voting weighted at 10% of registered membership
    - ✓ Maximum vote of 500 per organization

PA Flyers Association  
PA Trappers Association  
Pennsylvania State Fox &  
Coyote Hunters Association

# CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Dues based on membership numbers - (\$50 to a maximum of \$750 annually)
- ▶ The Club President, Secretary and delegate receive Member's Magazine
- ▶ Club will be kept abreast of current events via PFSC's Email News Alerts and is urged to have a representative monitoring social media
- ▶ Voting privileges:
  - Voting weighted at 10% of registered membership
    - ✓ Maximum vote of 500 per club

# INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

## ▶ Annual Memberships:

- ▶ Next Generation Members (under 21): \$10/yr.
- ▶ E-Members: \$20/yr. - Receives all information digitally
- ▶ Individual Members: 1 Year - \$35, 2 Years - \$60, 3 Years - \$90

## ▶ Life Members: \$500

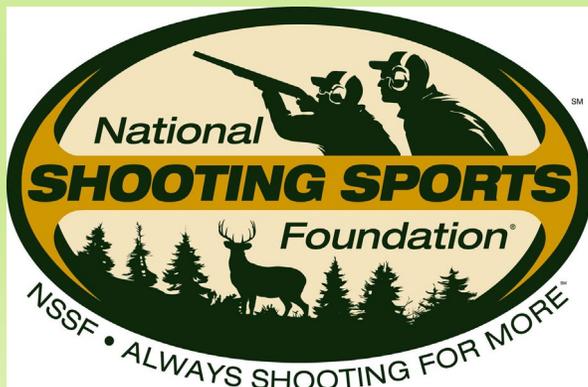
- long-term investment in PFSC, listed in the member's magazine.

## ▶ Voting privileges for all Individual Members:

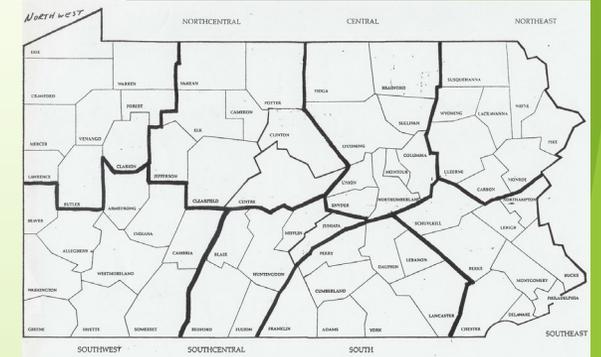
- Each individual member may cast and will be counted as one vote

# Business and Corporate Sponsorship:

- ▶ Categories and rates from \$200 to \$5,000+ available to businesses, corporations and national organizations supporting our mission.
- ▶ Logo and link on the PFSC website
- ▶ Listed in membership magazine
- ▶ Membership certificate to display
- ▶ Other advertising opportunities based on membership level



# DIVISIONS - Each Represented on Board of Directors



**NORTHWEST:** Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren

**NORTHCENTRAL:** Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter

**NORTHEAST:** Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming

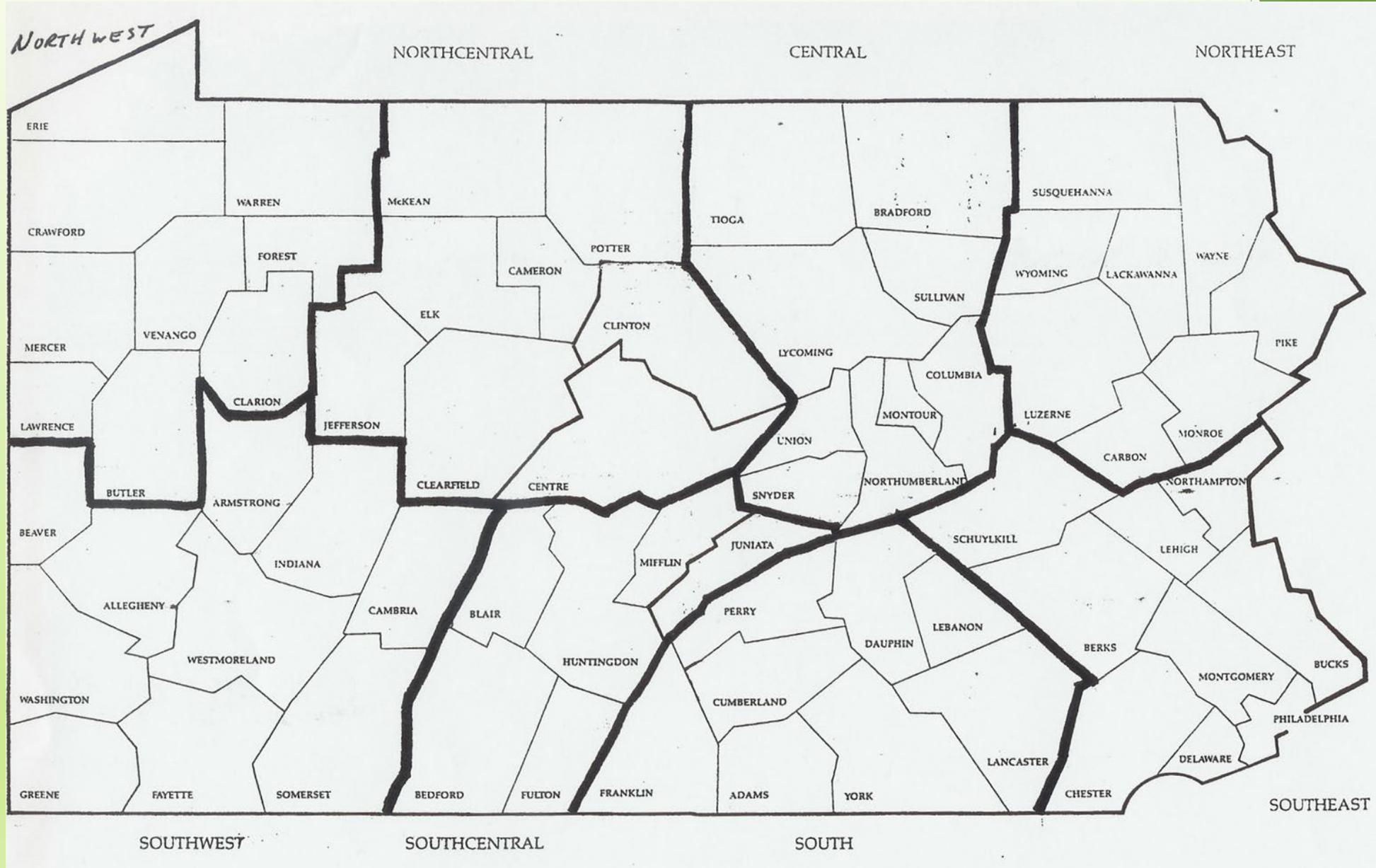
**CENTRAL:** Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga,  
Union

**SOUTHCENTRAL:** Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntington, Juniata, Mifflin

**SOUTHWEST:** Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Cambia, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset,  
Washington, Westmoreland

**SOUTHERN:** Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York

**SOUTHEAST:** Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton,  
Philadelphia, Schuylkill



# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

## PFSC Board:

Meets quarterly to conduct the business of the Federation  
(Jan, March, June, September)

- ▶ **Officers:** Elected by the full membership (2-year term)
- ▶ **Division Directors:** Representative from each division, elected by the county delegates within their respective divisions
- ▶ **Statewide Org Board Membership:** Representative from each affiliated state organization

# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

## General Session:

Held twice a year (March & September)



- ▶ **Clubs:** Represent the will of their club in person or via proxy voting. Vote weighted at 10% of registered membership, maximum vote 500.
- ▶ **Statewide Orgs:** Represent the will of their organization in person or via proxy voting. Vote weighted at 10% of registered membership, maximum vote 500.
- ▶ **Individual Members:** Represents the individual's will in person or via proxy voting. (One member, one vote).

# QUESTIONS?

Representing Sportsmen  
Since 1932



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Join Today!

<https://pfsc.org/join>

