

# THE GOVERNOR

## Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

### PART I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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### Governor's Advisory Councils for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation

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*Whereas*, the Constitution of this Commonwealth proclaims that Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all people, including generations yet to come, and commands the Commonwealth to conserve and maintain its natural resources for the benefit of all the people; and

*Whereas*, Pennsylvania has been blessed with abundant natural resources creating widespread recreational opportunities for both its citizens and visitors alike; and

*Whereas*, Pennsylvania's rich outdoor heritage, including activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, nature photography, bird and wildlife watching, and hiking, are enjoyed by 6.4 million people annually; and

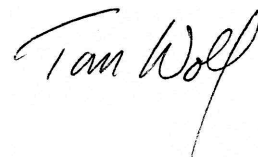
*Whereas*, outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania accounts for \$21.5 billion in consumer spending, supports 219,000 direct jobs, creates \$7.2 billion in wages and salaries, and generates \$1.6 billion in state and local tax revenue; and

*Whereas*, 1.42 million people hunt and/or fish in Pennsylvania, spending \$1.5 billion and creating a ripple effect on the economy valued at \$2.5 billion; and

*Whereas*, the future of our Commonwealth's natural resources rests in the hands of our children and in future generations, whose love of nature and the outdoors can be developed through meaningful experiences in the outdoors and through participation in organizations promoting hunting, fishing and conservation; and

*Whereas*, the Governor, Commonwealth officials and agencies would benefit from the advice and counsel of an official representative body, concerned with the recreational use and conservation of the natural resources of the Commonwealth, comprised of dedicated hunters, trappers, anglers, hikers and other conservationists of all generations.

*Now, Therefore*, I, Thomas Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation, and the Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation, and do order and direct as follows.



Governor

**Fiscal Note:** GOV-15-13. (1) General Fund; (2) Implementing Year 2015-16 is \$28,000; (3) 1st Succeeding Year 2016-17 through 5th Succeeding Year 2020-21 are \$28,000; (4) 2014-15 Program—\$3,840; 2013-14 Program—

\$6,850; 2012-13 Program—\$6,798; (7) General Government Operations; (8) recommends adoption. The General Government Operations appropriation is able to absorb the increased cost.

### Annex A

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#### CHAPTER 6. ADDITIONAL COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

#### Subchapter VV. (Reserved)

§§ 6.671—6.680. (Reserved).

#### Subchapter AAA. GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR HUNTING, FISHING AND CONSERVATION

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#### § 6.621. Purpose.

(a) The purpose of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation is to provide a forum through which an open and forthright dialog will be fostered among a diverse group of outdoor recreation and conservation minded individuals to provide the Governor, Commonwealth officials and agencies with sound advice on matters pertaining to the conservation of wildlife and other natural resources in this Commonwealth, and on ways to protect, promote and enhance the outdoor heritage of this Commonwealth.

(b) The purpose of the Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation is to identify effective strategies for engaging younger generations in the conservation and preservation of this Commonwealth's natural resources and the enhancement of this Commonwealth's hunting and fishing heritage.

#### § 6.622. Responsibilities.

The responsibilities of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation are to:

(1) Review and make written recommendations to the Governor regarding any issue appropriate for governmental action that might affect the recreational use and conservation of this Commonwealth's wildlife and other natural resources.

(2) Review and make written recommendations to the Governor on policies proposed or adopted, or regulations proposed or promulgated, by the Fish and Boat Commission, the Game Commission, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture that might affect the recreational use and conservation of this Commonwealth's wildlife and other natural resources.

(3) Review and make written recommendations to the Governor regarding pending legislation that might affect the recreational use and conservation of this Commonwealth's wildlife and other natural resources.

(4) Upon request of the Governor, and in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, recruit candidates to serve on the boards of the Fish and Boat Commission, the Fish and Boat Commission's Boating Advisory Board and the Game Commission endeavoring to reflect the broad gender, racial and ethnic makeup of the constituencies these entities serve.

(5) Upon request of the Governor, and in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, review the qualifications of candidates seeking nomination to the boards of the Fish and Boat Commission, the Fish and Boat Commission's Boating Advisory Board and the Game Commission providing recommendations regarding candidates to the Governor.

(6) Upon request of the Governor, and in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, provide advice and recommendations to the Governor concerning board members of the Fish and Boat Commission, the Fish and Boat Commission's Boating Advisory Board and the Game Commission who seek appointment to a second term or third term as a member of those boards.

(7) Convene at least four times a year and at the call of the Chairperson.

(8) In consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources establish guidelines for the Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation.

(9) Adopt rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of this subchapter.

**§ 6.623. Composition.**

The members of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Council) will be appointed by the Governor. The membership of the Council shall consist of the following:

(1) The Chairperson, who will be appointed by the Governor, and, on behalf of the Council, will direct its activities and agenda, conduct its meetings and be primarily responsible for advising the Governor on matters pertaining to the purposes of the Council.

(2) No more than 20 residents of this Commonwealth representing diverse interests, all of whom shall have a fundamental understanding of wildlife and the natural resources of this Commonwealth and respect hunting, trapping, angling and other outdoor recreational activities as valuable and accepted priorities in determining wildlife and natural resource management.

(3) Elected Statewide officials, legislators or officials/employees of the Fish and Boat Commission, the Game Commission, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture, or their family members, are not eligible for membership on the Council.

**§ 6.624. Terms of membership.**

(a) Members of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Council) will be appointed for a term of 1 year and will continue to serve thereafter until their successors have been appointed and qualified. A member may be reappointed for one or more additional terms. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(b) A member who is absent, without excuse, from more than two meetings within the calendar year shall forfeit membership on the Council.

**§ 6.625. Staffing.**

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall provide staff resources to support the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation.

**§ 6.626. Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation.**

(a) The Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Youth Council) is created separate and apart from the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Council).

(b) The Youth Council shall be comprised of up to 20 individuals, 14 years of age through 18 years of age, for the purpose of communicating their ideas and recommendations through the Council to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(c) The Youth Council shall deliberate on all forms of outdoor recreation, including how to best engage their generation and future generations in the conservation and preservation of this Commonwealth's natural resources and the enhancement of this Commonwealth's hunting and fishing heritage.

(d) The Youth Council may, as the Council deems necessary, contribute to the fulfillment of the duties in § 6.622 (relating to responsibilities), specifically paragraphs (1)—(3).

(e) The terms of Youth Council membership are governed by § 6.624 (relating to terms of membership).

**§ 6.627. Compensation.**

Members of the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation and the Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation will not receive compensation for their service, except that members may be reimbursed for travel and related expenses in accordance with Commonwealth policy. See Chapter 40 (relating to travel and subsistence).

**§ 6.628. Cooperation by State agencies.**

State agencies shall cooperate fully with the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Council) and upon request shall provide assistance and support as needed by the Council to carry out its responsibilities.

**§ 6.629. Reports.**

By no later than December 31 of each calendar year, the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation (Council) shall submit an annual report to the Governor outlining the Council's and Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation's activities and accomplishments.

**§ 6.630. Effective date.**

This subchapter takes effect immediately.

**§ 6.631. Termination date.**

This chapter shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the Governor.

**§ 6.632. Rescission.**

Effective immediately, Executive Order 2012-02 is rescinded.

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