

THE GOVERNOR

Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor, Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council and the Governor's Youth Sportsmen's Advisory Council

Whereas, Pennsylvania has been blessed with abundant natural resources which have created opportunity for widespread recreational activities; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's rich outdoor heritage, including activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, nature photography, bird and wildlife watching are enjoyed by more than half of Pennsylvania's population, almost six million people; and

Whereas, these recreational activities have generated business income of more than \$5 billion and supported more than 100,000 jobs in our Commonwealth; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the Governor and the Commonwealth would benefit from the advice and counsel of an official representative body of sportsmen and women of Pennsylvania.

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas J. Ridge, 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 Sportsmen's Advisor, the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council, and the Governor's Youth Sportsmen's Advisory Council.



Governor

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Annex A

TITLE 4. ADMINISTRATION

PART I. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

CHAPTER 5. COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Subchapter FFF. GOVERNOR'S SPORTSMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

§ 5.821. Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor.

(a) There is hereby created the position of Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor (Advisor) appointed by the Governor and responsible for advising the Governor on matters affecting concerns and issues of sportsmen.

(b) The Advisor shall, with the approval of the Governor's Office, employ other persons needed for the proper administration of the program.

(c) The Advisor functions as the State government's advocate for sportsmen and shall develop and implement policies and programs to support this mission.

§ 5.822. Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council (Council) is to assist the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor (Advisor) in advising and informing the Governor on sportsmen's issues including, the conservation of this Common-

wealth's natural resources for both consumptive (hunting, angling, trapping, and the like) and nonconsumptive (nature photography, bird and wildlife watching, hiking, and the like) uses, as well as related economic, legislative and regulatory issues.

(b) *Responsibilities.* Subject to the direction of the Advisor, the Council shall:

(1) Make written recommendations to the Governor on issues that may affect the recreational uses of the natural resources of this Commonwealth.

(2) Review and make recommendations to the Governor and the Advisor regarding all pending legislation and regulations that pertain to the Game Commission, the Fish and Boat Commission, or the Bureaus of Forestry and State Parks within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection.

(3) Review and make recommendations to the Governor and the Advisor regarding all other pending legislation and regulations pertaining to conservation issues that affect the outdoor sporting public in this Commonwealth.

(4) Review all candidates who are seeking an appointment to either the Game Commission or the Fish and Boat Commission and make recommendations to the Governor regarding the qualifications of the candidates.

(5) Convene at least quarterly and at the call of the chairperson.

(6) Adopt rules of procedure consistent with this subchapter.

(c) *Composition of the Council.* The Council shall consist of 17 Pennsylvania residents appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. At least nine of the members shall hold a valid hunting or fishing license, or both. Elected State officials or employees of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Fish and Boat Commission or the Game Commission are not eligible for membership on the Council. The Governor will designate one member of the Council as the chairperson of the Council who will serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Other officers, as needed, shall be elected by the members of the Council.

(d) *Terms of membership.* Members of the Council are appointed for terms of 1 year and continue to serve thereafter until their successors have been appointed and qualified. If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the Governor will appoint a successor.

(e) *Compensation.* Members of the Council receive no compensation for their services. However, members who are not employees of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed in accordance with established Commonwealth policy for expenses incurred in serving the Council. (See Chapter 40 (relating to travel and subsistence).)

(f) *Cooperation by State agencies.* Agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate fully with the Council and provide staff assistance and information as needed by the Council to carry out its functions effectively.

(g) *Reports.* In addition to the recommendations described in this section, the Council and Advisor shall submit to the Governor an Annual Report on the Council's activities.

§ 5.823. Governor's Youth Sportsmen's Advisory Council.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of the Governor's Youth Sportsmen's Advisory Council (Youth Council) is to assist the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisor (Advisor) and the Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council (Council) in advising and informing the Governor on sportsmen's issues including, the conservation of the natural resources of this Commonwealth for both consumptive (hunting, angling, trapping, and the like) and nonconsumptive (nature photography, bird and wildlife watching, hiking, and the like) uses, as well as related economic, legislative and regulatory issues.

(b) *Goals and responsibilities.* Subject to the direction of the Advisor and Council, the Youth Council shall:

(1) Advise the Council on conservation and outdoor recreation issues that pertain directly to the youth of this Commonwealth.

(2) Identify barriers and obstacles preventing youth participation in conservation and outdoor recreation.

(3) Recommend new strategies to interest a diversity of youth in conservation and outdoor recreation and to retain their interest and involvement.

(4) Assist the natural resource agencies within this Commonwealth with youth programs and issues relating to conservation and outdoor recreation.

(5) Convene at least quarterly and at the call of the chairperson, Advisor and liaison members.

(6) Adopt rules of procedure consistent with this subchapter.

(c) *Composition.* The members of the Youth Council are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The membership of the Youth Council consists of the following:

(1) A maximum of 20 citizens of this Commonwealth between 14 and 18 years old. A member may not serve beyond graduation from high school.

(2) Appointees shall be active in outdoor activities and hold a valid hunting or fishing license or membership in an outdoor or conservation-related organization/club (that is, 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, and the like).

(3) One member shall be elected by members to serve as chairperson of the Youth Council for 1 academic year. Other officers, as needed, shall be elected by the members of the Council and serve for 1 academic year (September 1—August 31).

(d) *Terms of membership.* Members of the Youth Council are appointed for terms of 1 year and shall continue to serve thereafter until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Members may not serve beyond the age of 18. If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the Advisor shall submit recommendations for the Governor's approval. Members are required to attend at least 3 meetings per academic year and actively participate in Youth Council activities by serving as officers or on project teams.

(e) *Liaison members.* Additional nonyouth members (liaison members) shall be appointed to the Youth Council by the Advisor. The liaison members are responsible for advising and guiding the Youth Council on conservation and outdoor recreation topics and issues and communicating youth concerns to liaison members' respective organizations and agencies. Liaison members shall be representatives of the Fish and Boat Commission, the Game Commission, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the conservation districts and associated conservation organizations. Two former Youth Council members (one male and one female) shall be appointed by the Advisor as liaison members and shall serve for 1 year or until their successors have been appointed.

(f) *Reports.* In addition to the recommendations made under this subchapter, the Youth Council shall submit an annual report on the Youth Council's activities to the Governor's Advisor.

§ 5.824. Rescission.

Executive Order 1995-9, Governor's Sportsmen's Advisory Council, is rescinded.

§ 5.825. (Reserved).

§ 5.826. (Reserved).

§ 5.827. (Reserved).

§ 5.828. (Reserved).

§ 5.829. (Reserved).

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