REACH – Advocacy Summary

National Issues – 2012 (January to May)

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), and others we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - urged President Obama to provide some BP settlement revenues to natural resources and economic restoration in the Gulf of Mexico;
  - urged Congress to pass the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization;
  - supported the Conservation Title of the Farm Bill;
  - supported the Sportsmen’s Heritage Act;
  - supported a SODSAVER provision in the next Farm Bill;
  - supported North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act;
  - urged Congress to support permanent reauthorization of the Stewardship Contracting authority;
  - opposed Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s proposed sage grouse hunting (closure) proposal;
  - opposed the Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act;
  - urged Senate to take up the Sportsmen’s Heritage Act;
  - supported the Sportsmen’s Act of 2012;
  - supported the Protect our Prairies Act;
  - urged Congress for comprehensive reauthorization of the Farm Bill;
  - supported the Silvicultural Regulatory Consistency Act;
  - supported the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act;
  - urged Congress to use caution and research in commercial oil shale and tar sands development;
  - opposed USDA’s final CWD program and movement ruling;
  - invited National Park Service to sign the Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing and Shooting Sports MOU; and
  - urged Congress to prioritize passage of a full 5-year Farm Bill.

National Issues – 2011

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), and others we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - urged Huron-Manistee National Forest to continue allowing firearm hunting on all semi-primitive non-motorized management areas and the Nordhouse Dunes Primitive Area;
  - urged Congress to alter the deep cuts proposed to numerous conservation programs including State and Tribal wildlife grants, North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and Farm Bill Conservation Programs;
  - urged President Obama to postpone draft gas drilling regulations;
- urged Congress to co-sponsor the Conservation Easement Incentive Act;
- commented on wild horse and burro management to the Bureau of Land Management;
- supported Wildlife Hunting Heritage and Conservation council members vision document for the National Wildlife Refuge System;
- urged Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus members to co-sponsor the Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Protection Act;
- encouraged Congress to co-sponsor Government Litigation Savings Act;
- provided input to Congress on budget cuts to conservation programs;
- supported price increase in Duck Stamp for wetland and migratory bird conservation;
- supported “Making Public Lands Public” initiative;
- supported reauthorization of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation;
- provided input on the Huron-Manistee National Forest;
- provided input to Congress on Farm Bill reauthorization and funding;
- provided input on the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2011;
- urged Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus members to co-sponsor the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act;
- urged Bureau of Land Management to reconsider the proposed closure of Sonoran Desert National Monument to recreational shooting; and

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- Attended meetings with key decision makers from numerous state and federal agencies and 3 Canadian provinces.
- Participated in three major deer conferences in the U.S. – Midwest Deer Study Group, Northeast Deer Technical Committee and Southeast Deer Study Group.

National Issues – 2010

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - supported funding to assist with the Gulf oil spill cleanup;
  - supported S 3482 and HR 5508 the solar energy leasing act;
  - provided input on the wild horse and burro program to the Bureau of Land Management;
  - provided input to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the use of lead in fishing products;
  - provided input on planning rules for National Forests to the U.S. Forest Service;
- urged the Environmental Protection Agency to fund environmental education at $14 million in 2012;
- supported S 632 as critical to wildlife conservation and the health of America’s firearms and ammunition industry;
- supported H 510 as critical to wildlife conservation and the health of America’s firearms and ammunition industry;
- supported use of biomass for energy as a means to help our nation meet its renewable energy and climate change goals;
- supported HR 3749 the “Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act”;
- supported comprehensive clean energy and climate change policy;
- submitted letter to USFWS Director regarding gas and oil exploration and development coordination;
- provided input on responsible development of renewable energy in Nevada and across the west; and
- commented on US Forest Service’s notice of intent to prepare a new planning rule.

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- Participated in two major deer conferences in the U.S. - Northeast Deer Technical Committee and Southeast Deer Study Group.

National Issues – 2009

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - supported S 1770 the “Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act”;
  - requested priority attention for Voluntary Public Access Program;
  - supported sustaining vital fish and wildlife populations while developing public land renewable energy resources;
  - thanked Secretary Vilsack for his leadership in advancing a sustainable renewable energy policy, responsible land management, and rural America through a broad definition for renewable forest biomass in energy and climate policy;
  - supported HR 2188 the joint ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009;
  - urged the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee to give no further consideration to HR 1018 or S 1579, bills that would amend the Wild and Free-roaming Horse and Burro Act in ways that would result in significant loss of public lands to fish, wildlife and their habitats;
  - supported comprehensive climate change and energy legislation;
  - provided advice to Secretary of Agriculture and USFS on planning regulations;
- supported HR 1916 which would incrementally increase the fee for the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp;
- supported S 1348 the Hunting Heritage Protection Act;
- urged congress to support HR 1916 the Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act;
- urged congress to fully fund the 21st Century Youth Conservation Corps;
- urged President Obama to continue executive support for Executive Order 134443 (Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation);
- endorsed President Obama’s initiatives to establish BLM renewable energy coordination offices;
- supported USDA’s proposed amendments to CWD certification programs;
- write the committee on transportation and infrastructure stating we look forward to working with them to develop transportation legislation that will improve fish and wildlife habitat and water quality;
- supported HR 2188 the Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009;
- urged congress to include renewable forest biomass as an energy source to meet a renewable electricity standard;
- urged Rush Limbaugh to end his collaboration with the Humane Society of the US;
- urged passage of HR 510 which would permit firearms and ammunition manufacturers to make quarterly deposits of the excise tax as opposed to the current onerous biweekly deposit schedule required by the IRS;
- urged passage of S 632 which would permit firearms and ammunition manufacturers to make quarterly deposits of the excise tax as opposed to the current onerous biweekly deposit schedule required by the IRS;
- urged the Committee on Appropriations to fully fund the Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Fund authorized by HR 1404;
- asked congress to support provisions dedicating a portion of climate-derived revenues to federal and state natural resource adaptation programs to remediate the effects of climate change on fish, wildlife and their habitats;
- submitted letter to President Obama supporting scientific integrity;
- supported HR 1054 and HR 1055 which addressed a serious problem that emerged in the wake of the recent USFWS decision to list polar bears as “threatened” under the Endangered Species Act;
- urged members of congress to become an original cosponsor of the Conservation Easement Incentive Act;
- supported identifying a new funding mechanism for US Forest Service emergency fire suppression; and
-supported the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 which would safeguard some of the nation’s best fish and wildlife habitat and places to hunt.

- Through our participation in the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partner’s (TRCP) Fish, Wildlife, and Energy Working Group, we engaged in the following issues:
  - supported HR 510 to permit firearms and ammunition manufacturers to make quarterly deposits of the excise tax as opposed to the current, onerous bi-weekly schedule required by the Internal Revenue Code; and
  - submitted letter to Secretary of the US Department of Interior supporting “Guidelines for Responsible Development of Renewable Resources to Sustain Hunting and Fishing Opportunities on Public Lands”.

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- Attended meetings with key decision makers from numerous state and federal agencies and 3 Canadian provinces.

- Participated in two major deer conferences in the U.S. - Northeast Deer Technical Committee and Southeast Deer Study Group.

**National Issues – 2008**

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - supported John Dingell for chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee;
  - supported delisting the Northern Rocky Mountain population of gray wolves;
  - submitted letter to President Bush regarding the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy;
  - supported maintaining the guaranteed funding of $50 million for the “Open Fields” program in the 2008 Farm Bill;
  - requested the appropriations committee include report language recognizing the valuable role that controlled, regulated sport and trophy hunting has in the advancement of international wildlife conservation efforts;
  - requested US Senate to support the fish and wildlife conservation funding provisions of S 2191;
  - requested US Senate to pass companion legislation to HR 2830 to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering the Great Lakes and other US waters;
  - supported HR 5502 to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities of federal land for film crews of 5 or fewer people;
  - expressed disappointment in North Carolina’s Wake County School District for not allowing an FFA marksmanship team to participate in a government sponsored shooting competition;
- supported Clean Water Restoration Act (HR 2421 and S 1870);
- opposed the import ban of polar bear trophies from Canada;
- urged congress to pass a new Farm Bill by the current extension’s deadline;
- opposed HR 5534 the so-called “Bear Protection Act of 2008”; and
- urged congress to modernize the 135-year-old mining law.

- Through our participation in the CWD Alliance, we helped raise CWD awareness and promote research.
- Attended meetings with key decision makers from numerous state and federal agencies and 3 Canadian provinces.

National Issues – 2007

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  - supported tax incentives for habitat conservation;
  - supported the conservation policies and programs contained in HR 2419 (2007 Farm Bill);
  - supported adequate Farm Bill funding and conservation programs
  - supported water for wildlife policy;
  - supported the Tongass National Forest land management plan;
  - supported Landowner Incentive Program appropriations to restore habitat for at-risk wildlife;
  - supported “Open Fields” legislation that creates a voluntary public access and habitat incentive program;
  - supported the authorization of new funding sources to address the impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife species;
  - proposed allocating $2.4 billion annually for conservation of fish and wildlife regarding climate change;
  - opposed HR 2327 and SR 1406 the so-called “Polar Bear Protection Act”;
  - supported HR 2016 the new “National Landscape Conservation System Act” to formally establish a system of lands to conserve, protect, and restore nationally significant landscapes;
  - urged Congress to modernize the General Mining Law of 1872;
  - opposed an amendment to HR 2419 (Farm Bill) that would prohibit some charitable organizations from helping deliver conservation programs;
  - supported HR 1576 to provide tax incentives for landowners donating valuable development rights;
  - opposed language in the House Committee Report that prohibited funding activities that involve recreational, sport or trophy hunting;
  - opposed HR 3663 the so-called “Protect America’s Wildlife Act”;
-supported Roll Call ad to legislators to provide additional funding for HR 2419 (2007 Farm Bill);
-provided comments on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s proposed “Recovery Crediting Guidance” relating to restoring threatened and endangered species and their habitats; and
-expressed concern with the newly proposed rules for limited/no filming and photographing on public lands.

- Hosted the Directors from the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) at our national headquarters for dinner and a presentation on the REACH program.
- Through our participation in the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partner’s (TRCP) Fish, Wildlife, and Energy Working Group, we supported protecting specific wildlife habitats and populations from further unplanned, haphazard exploration and development for oil and gas in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.
- Participated in a National Fish and Wildlife Health Initiative meeting regarding CWD and the U.S.D.A.’s proposed cervid transport regulations.
- Through our participation in the CWD Alliance, we helped raise CWD awareness and promote research.
- Attended meetings with key decision makers from nearly 40 state and federal agencies and 3 Canadian provinces.
- Participated in four major deer conferences in the U.S. - Midwest Deer Study Group, Northeast Deer Technical Committee, Southeast Deer Study Group, and the West Texas Deer Study Group.

National Issues – 2006

- Through our participation in the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP), we engaged in the following legislative issues:
  -opposed USDA’s chronic wasting disease herd certification program and interstate movement of farmed cervids;
  -supported the U.S. Geological Survey’s Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units;
  -urged Congress to correct a problem associated with the appraisal process for the Wetlands Reserve Program;
  -supported using hunters to manage game species that have overpopulated national parks (vs. sharpshooters);
  -expressed concern to Congress regarding proposals to use lands enrolled in USDA conservation program for the production of biofuels;
  -supported HR 5539 to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act;
  -supported S 260 to authorize a Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act; and
  -urged Congress to direct a small percentage of the revenues from oil and gas production on Federal lands and the Outer Continental Shelf to state fish and wildlife management agencies and to Federal land management agencies to help meet the increased
natural resource management needs that accompany efforts to also meet the Nation’s energy needs.

- Established QDMA-Canada.
- Through our participation in the CWD Alliance, we helped raise CWD awareness and promote research.
- Became the first whitetail organization to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Farm Services Agency.
- Became the first whitetail organization to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.
- Opposed the World Hunting Association’s deer hunting tournament proposal.
- Hosted a national outdoor media event which attracted more than 50 representatives from the TV, print and hunting industry.
- Held meetings with key decision makers from more than 20 state and federal agencies.
- Participated in two major deer conferences in the U.S. - Northeast Deer Technical Committee and Southeast Deer Study Group.

State/Provincial Issues – 2006 to 2012

Alabama
- Opposed statewide extension of deer season for two weeks in February (2012).
- Opposed SB 346 and HB 419 which sought to legalize deer baiting (2012).
- Participated on a select 9-member ad hoc deer regulations committee to formulate recommendations for buck bag limits (2007).

Connecticut
- Supported SB 114 to allow Sunday archery hunting on private property (2010).
- Supported HB 5852 an act concerning the control of Lyme disease (2008).
- Provided a letter to the legislature to support the legalization of Sunday hunting (2007).

Delaware
- Supported Director Emory retaining his position at the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife (2010).
- Submitted letter to governor-elect transition team supporting Pat Emory as Director of Fish and Wildlife (2008).
- Supported the DNR&EC Fish and Wildlife Division’s hunting license fee increase (2007).
- Provided a letter and testified in opposition to HB 387 which would legalize the shooting of nuisance wildlife throughout the year without a permit (2006).
Florida
- Served on the state’s deer management stakeholders group. The Group identified a number of public wildlife management areas that qualified for the use of antler point restrictions to increase buck age structure (2007).

Georgia
- Opposed HB 1175 which would legalize baiting for deer in Georgia (2010).
- Submitted letter with input on draft comprehensive plan to Piedmont and Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuges (2009).
- Opposed HB 466 to legalize baiting for deer (2006).

Idaho
- Thanked Representative Hagedorn for sponsoring HB 85 that allowed the Fish and Game Commission to establish a mentored hunting program (2011).

Illinois
- Opposed HB 3425 that would divert wildlife management decision making away from the DNR and provide it to local governments (2007).

Indiana
- Supported continuing the one-buck rule for deer hunting (2012).
- Provided input on IN DNR’s proposed deer regulations (2011).
- Provided input on proposed deer season changes (2010).
- Submitted letter with input on draft management plan to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (2009).
- Opposed HB 1585 which would among other items require the director of the DNR to increase the bag limit for deer in counties with the highest number of deer-vehicle collisions (2009).
- Supported HB 1046 which created an apprentice hunting license (2008).

Kansas
- Supported HB 2709 which would establish an appropriate restitution value for white-tailed deer (2012).
- Supported SB 192 to create an apprentice hunting license for persons 16 years and older who have not already taken a hunter education course (2007).

Kentucky
- Partnered with KY Fish and Wildlife on KY Wild Pig Coalition (2012).
- Supported sandhill crane hunting season proposal (2011).
- Supported Kentucky Taxidermist Association’s suggestion to develop and implement a protocol for disposal of potentially infected animal parts as a means to prohibit CWD from entering the state (2010).
• Endorsed KDNR’s 10-year quail restoration plan (2008).
• Provided input to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on their long-term strategic plan (2007).
• Provided input on the Land Between The Lakes National Recreational Area deer management program (2007).

**Maine**
• Reviewed and commented on the Sportsmen’s Alliance of Maine’s deer action plan (2011);
• Supported LD 486 to create an apprentice hunting license program (2007).
• Supported LD 197 to prevent the domestication of deer and wild turkey (2007).

**Maryland**
• Commented on proposed 2012-13 deer season regulations (2012).
• Supported expanding Sunday hunting opportunities to private property in Carroll County (2011).
• Supported HB 1518 to support Sunday hunting (2010).
• Supported HB 877 to allow Sunday archery hunting on private property in Baltimore County (2010).
• Opposed HB 1309 which would expand the hunting safety zone from 150 to 300 yards around a dwelling house, residence, church, or other building or camp occupied by human beings (2009).
• Opposed Bill 1-2009 which would restrict firearm discharge in Howard County.
• Provided input on Antietam and Monocacy National Battlefield’s CWD Detection and Initial Response Plan (2008).
• Opposed HB 655 which would prohibit anyone under 13 years of age from receiving a hunting license (2008).
• Provided letter to the DNR with input on the state’s draft deer management plan (2007).
• Served on the state’s deer plan stakeholder committee to revise the DNR’s deer management plan (2006-07).
• Provided letter to the National Park Service with input on the Catoctin Mountain Park deer management plan (2006).

**Michigan**
• Supported SB 1340 and 1341 to increase poaching penalties and restitution value for deer (2012).
• Supported the Southern Lower Peninsula Deer Management Initiative’s Hunter’s Choice 4/4 proposal (2012).
• Commented on DNR’s updated CWD surveillance and response plan (2012).
• Opposed lifting Michigan’s baiting and feeding ban and supported increasing fines for violations and increasing the use of food plots on state lands (2011).
- Supported HB 4371 and SB 207 which would eliminate the minimum hunting age and create a mentored youth hunting program for those under the age of 10 (2011).
- Submitted letter to the Alpena News editor clarifying the QDMA and our mission (2010).
- Supported DNRE’s DMU 487 proposal to protect yearling bucks and shift some harvest effort to antlerless deer (2010).
- Provided comments to the DNRE on their draft deer management plan (2010).
- Expressed concern with MUCC and other groups regarding legislation on horseback riding on state-owned public lands (HB 4610 and SB 578; 2009).
- Engaged in the Natural Resources Commission’s “one buck rule” proposal (2007).
- Supported HB 5192 to reduce the minimum age to hunt big game from 14 to 12 years of age and small game from 12 to 10 years of age (2006).
- Supported SB 1105 to create an apprentice hunting license (2006).
- Supported hunting license fee increase to allow the DNR to increase its field staff to levels necessary to adequately manage the state’s deer herd (2006).
- Urged the DNR to develop a long-range plan for managing winter habitat in northern Michigan to provide adequate thermal protection and natural winter feed for deer (2006).
- Urged the DNR to consider a deer management approach to protect yearling bucks (2006).

**Minnesota**
- Commented on Senator Gazelka’s buck proposal (2012).
- Opposed the DNR’s loss of authority over the antler restriction program and other deer management tools (2011).
- Submitted letter to DNR director supporting antler restriction discussions in southeastern and central Minnesota (2010).

**Mississippi**
- Opposed HB 1432 and 1440 which would authorize and regulate deer breeding farms (2012).
- Opposed SB 2554 and 2555 which would authorize and regulate deer breeding farms (2012).
- Served on the state’s deer management task force (2007).
- Provided the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks with QDMA’s position on baiting (2007).
- Established a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a wildlife management cooperative around Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge (2007).

**Missouri**
• Supported proposal to indefinitely suspend issuing permits for new big-game hunting and breeding facilities that hold white-tailed or mule deer (2012).
• Opposed HB 1375 which would add deer to the definition of “livestock” (2012).
• Opposed HB 115 and SB 299 that would hold Missouri DOC financially liable for elk damage and allow property owners to kill an unlimited number of elk without proof of damage (2011).
• Supported HB 720 and SB 351 to clarify the language regarding fluorescent orange requirements (2007).

Montana
• Supported HB 382 which would create a resident apprentice hunting certificate (2009).

Nebraska
• Supported LB 690 which would create an apprentice hunter education exemption certificate (2008).

Newfoundland
• Supported efforts to lower the minimum age to hunt (2012).

New Brunswick
• Supported the Minister of Natural Resources’ efforts to remove illegally held captive deer (2012).
• Supported lowering age to hunt small game from 14 to 12 years (2012).

New Hampshire
• Supported HB 1551 which clarified the liability of landowners who allowed access to their property (2012).
• Participated in NH Task Force investigating buck age structure management (2010).
• Supported HB 604 to prohibit taking deer over bait, but not to include taking deer in food plots or agricultural fields (2007).
• Participated on an ad hoc deer management task force to formulate recommendations for buck harvest restrictions (2007).
• Supported the Fish and Game Department’s proposal to reduce the buck harvest in Wildlife Management Unit A by reducing the length of the season (2006).

New Jersey
• Opposed AB 507 which would establish a licensing program in the Department of Agriculture for farmed deer and other cervids (2012).
• Supported SB 1083 which would establish certain apprentice hunting licenses (2012).
• Supported HB 802 which would authorize Sunday hunting with a bow on private property and state-run WMAs (2008).
- Supported AB 2472 and SB 1029 to allow Sunday hunting during archery season (2007).
- Opposed SB 2041 to change the composition of and revise authority of the Fish and Game Council (2007).

New York
- Opposed AB 10583A that would remove the youth firearm’s season (2012).
- Supported habitat improvement project in Finger Lakes National Forest (2012).
- Commented on deer season proposals (2012).
- Opposed SB 5767 which would grant Department of Agriculture and Markets exclusive authority over captive cervids (2012).
- Commented on DEC’s revised draft supplemental generic environmental impact statement on oil, gas and solution mining regulatory program (2012).
- Supported a youth deer season (weekend; 2011).
- Provided comments on NY DEC’s draft deer management plan (2011).
- Submitted letter to Governor Paterson describing the benefits of protecting yearling bucks and having mature bucks in the deer population (2010).
- Submitted letter to Commissioner Grannis supporting DEC’s antler restriction proposal (2009).
- Opposed SB 3598 which would increase the minimum age for obtaining a hunting license (2009).
- Supported DEC’s antler restriction proposal in the northern and western Catskill region (2009).
- Supported AB 11033 and SB 8228 to allow 14 and 15-year-olds to hunt deer with firearms under specific conditions while being supervised (2008).
- Supported AB 6900 which would create a junior big game hunting license (2008).
- Requested DEC to open the Southern Zone’s archery season on the first Saturday in October (2008).
- Supported lowering the age to hunt big game with any implement to 12 years of age (2008).
- Supported AB 3878 and 4623 to reduce the age to 12 years for big game hunting with a bow or firearm (2007).
- Supported SB 113 and 857 to reduce the age to 12 years for big game hunting with a bow or firearm (2007).
- Provided a letter of support for the Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership’s deer management cooperative (2007).
- Provided technical assistance to the Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership for their deer management program (2007).
- Provided technical assistance to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for their deer management program (2007).
- Supported AB 1537 to allow 12 and 13-year-olds to hunt big game with archery equipment (2006).
- Supported AB 1536 to provide for the issuance of junior licenses to 14 to 20-year olds (2006).
- Provided technical assistance to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for their deer management program (2006).

**North Carolina**
- Opposed proposals H22 to H27 which would expand captive cervid operations (2012).
- Supported restoring funding in Natural Resource Trust Funds (2012).
- Urged Farm Services Agency to provide formal status to Management Activity Development Team as called for in the Farm Bill (2012).
- Provided technical assistance in the preparation of a questionnaire regarding management strategies to be mailed to deer hunters.

**Ohio**
- Opposed HB 389 which would transfer additional authority of captive deer from DNR to the Department of Agriculture (2012).
- Supported an initiative to extend the legal shooting hours to one half hour after sunset (2012).
- Opposed HB 410 and SB 225 which would transfer authority over captive cervids from the DNR Division of Wildlife to the Dept. of Agriculture (2010).
- Opposed HB 354 that would prohibit anyone less than 21 years of age from possessing a firearm without adult (over 21 years of age) supervision (2007).
- Supported HB 238 to revise provisions governing the restitution value of a wild animal that is unlawfully held, taken, bought, sold or possessed (2007).
- Provided a letter to the National Park Service with input on the Cuyahoga Valley National Park deer management plan (2006).

**Ontario**
- Provided letter to House of Commons – Committee on the Status of Cooperatives in Canada with information on QDMA (2012).
- Urged Shaw Media to put hunting content shows back on television (2012).

**Oregon**
- Supported SB 892 to establish a mentored youth hunting program (2007).

**Pennsylvania**
- Opposed HB 2073 which would put PGC under IRRC review (2012).
- Supported HB 881 which would allow the use of leashed blood-tracking dogs for recovering wounded big game (2012).
• Urged Governor Corbett to uphold the moratorium on leasing additional state forest lands for gas drilling (2012).
• Provided input to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners on the 2012 deer season (2012).
• Opposed HB 1904 which would have severely restricted the U.S. Forest Service’s ability to manage surface impacts related to drilling on the Alleghany National Forest (2011).
• Supported HB 1760 which would allow Sunday hunting (2011).
• Supported HB 881 which would allow the use of leashed tracking dogs to help recover wounded big game animals (2011).
• Supported the Game Commission obtaining regulatory authority of Sunday hunting (2011).
• Provided input to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners with input for the 2011-12 deer season (2011).
• Supported HB 2526 which would allow the use of leashed tracking dogs to help recover wounded big game animals (2010).
• Submitted letter to Pennsylvania Game Commission board of commissioners with input on recent deer management changes (2010).
• Supported SB 1272 to enhance mentored youth hunting opportunities (2010).
• Provided a letter to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners with input for the 2010-11 deer season (2010).
• Provided a letter to the Game Commission on their draft deer management plan (2010).
• Supported HB 779 to remove the restriction on Sunday hunting from legislation and provide authority to the Game Commission (2009).
• Supported HB 97 which would increase fines and penalties for wildlife violations (2009).
• Supported the use of prescribed fire on State Game Lands (2009).
• Supported HB 281 which would enhance mentored youth hunting opportunities (2009).
• Supported HB 92 which would allow the vendor transaction fees for point-of-sale licenses to be passed on the purchaser (2009).
• Provided a letter with input on Valley Forge National Historic Park’s draft deer management plan (2009)
• Provided a letter to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners with input for the 2009-10 deer season (2009).
• Supported HB 779 to repeal provisions to prohibit Sunday hunting (2008).
• Supported SB 1527 which would increase certain license fees beginning with the 2009-10 hunting season (2008).
• Supported HB 1676 which would provide an alternative funding stream for the Game Commission (2008).
• Supported HB 2205 and HB 2364 which would increase fines and penalties for wildlife violations and allow Pennsylvania to join the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact (2008).
• Opposed HB 1214 which would change the seat terms of the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners (2008).
- Opposed the Game Commission’s changes to rifle season in WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C and 4B that would make these units buck-only during the first five days of rifle season (2008).
- Provided a letter to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners with input for the 2008-09 deer season (2008).
- Supported HB 13 to limit the liability for landowners allowing recreation on their properties (2007).
- Provided a letter to the Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners with input for the 2007-08 deer season (2007).
- Supported HB 779 to repeal provisions to prohibit Sunday hunting (2007).
- Opposed HB 251 that would change the state’s baiting and feeding laws and allow statewide baiting (2007).
- Supported the Game Commission’s recommendations to allow baiting for deer in urban counties specifically to increase the deer harvest and balance those deer herds with the habitat (2006).
- Provided letter of support for the Beaver Run Hunting and Fishing Club to receive a conservation easement for their property (2007).
- Participated in a formation meeting for a Prescribed Fire Council (2007).
- Supported HB 420 to allow the use of leashed tracking dogs to help recover wounded big game animals (2006).
- Supported HB 2861 to ensure “no net loss” of public hunting lands (2006).
- Provided a letter to the Game Commission's board of commissioners with input for the 2006-07 deer season (2006).
- Provided a letter to the National Park Service with input on the Valley Forge National Historic Park's deer management plan (2006).

Quebec
- Supported Federation of Hunters and Fishermen of Quebec's deer proposal (2012).

South Carolina
- Urged Governor to re-authorize the SC Conservation Bank (2012).
- Supported SB 1320 to prohibit hunting deer over bait in Game Zones 1 and 2 (2012).
- Submitted letter to legislature supporting full funding of the DNR, Conservation Bank, Forestry Commission, Department of Agriculture, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism (2010).
- Opposed HB 4616 which would place a $1 surcharge on hunting licenses to provide hunter-harvested venison (this bill would have jeopardized the DNR's receipt of Pittman-Robertson funds; 2010).
- Attended meeting of the Wildlife Subcommittee of the South Carolina Legislature to oppose HB 3770 which would revise the season for antlered deer in Game Zone 4 (2009).
- Attended several public meetings and provided comments regarding the establishment of a 5-buck limit in the eastern portion of the state (2007).

Tennessee
• Opposed SB 3399 which would allow deer breeding facilities (2012).
• Opposed HB 3164 which would allow deer farming and ranching (2012).
• Provided input on the Land Between The Lakes National Recreational Area deer management program (2007).

Texas
• Supported Texas Wildlife Association’s white-tailed deer management committee’s suggested changes to a spring release (2012).
• Served as a member of Texas Outdoor Partners (TOP), a group representing hunters, fishermen, trappers, and other outdoor enthusiasts in support of natural resource utilization and enjoyment (2007).

Vermont
• Supported HB 91 to return regulatory authority over captive cervid facilities to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (2011).
• Supported HB 243 to create an apprentice hunting license (2010).

Virginia
• Supported SB 151 which would allow hunting on Sundays (2012).
• Supported DGIF’s proposal to extend antler point restriction program into Rockingham County (2011).
• Opposed SB 868 which would allow landowners or their designees to kill deer, elk or bears without a site visit by DGIF staff (2011).
• Supported DGIF’s antler restriction proposal in Region 4 (2010).
• Supported DGIF’s proposal for a youth deer hunting day (2009).
• Opposed USFS George Washington National Park proposal to add 130,000 acres to Wilderness Areas (2008).
• Supported HB 1175 which authorized the DGIF to issue an apprentice hunting license (2008).
• Provided a letter of support to Virginia Tech University for the Cooperative Eastern Oak Initiative (2007).

Washington D.C.
• Provided a letter to the National Park Service with input on the Rock Creek Park deer management plan (2006).

West Virginia
• Opposed HB 2527 which would transfer regulatory authority of captive cervids from DNR to Department of Agriculture (2012).
• Supported SB 478 which would expand the apprentice license (2012).
• Opposed SB 421 which would transfer regulatory authority of captive cervids from DNR to Department of Agriculture (2012).
• Requested the National Park Service enhance hunting programs at New River Gorge National River.

Wisconsin
• Submitted letter describing QDMA and why we would like to review the DNR’s deer management plan (2009).
• Provided a letter of support for reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund to ensure there are places open to hunting in the state (2007).
• Responded to a Wisconsin deer forum clarifying our position on baiting (2007).
• Provided a letter to the DNR with input on the 2006 CWD-zone deer season proposal (2006).