

PA General Assembly 2007-2008 session days left: The House and Senate will both be in session October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They will then be adjourning until after the November election. The Senate has stated that they will not hold any voting session days following the election. The House has stated that they will be returning for a 7 day *sine die* session in November, however it remains to be seen whether that will take place.

Legislative Committee – will be reviewed at October Board meeting, legislation being watched and letters/emails being written:

HR 642 – Deer Audit by 3<sup>rd</sup> party, audit being funded by General Assembly

HB 251 [HB 1862] – legalize hunting outside 150 yard perimeter around bait anywhere in commonwealth during any hunting season

HB 641 – Castle Doctrine – amends Title 18 providing for further increased property owner protection

HB 747 – Elk license lottery; 5-21-07 House Final passage [Vote Y: 196 / N: 1]; Senate amendment made to bill to remove PGC Deputy WCO's; legislation re-referred to Appropriations; Sen. Armstrong amendment being pulled; amendment to change proceeds to 20%-80%;

HB 779 – legalize Sunday Hunting through Game Law Title 34 [not by Regulation Title 54]

HB 863 – extend spring gobbler season to all day

HB 1214 – PGC Commissioner term limit, management by social and other recreational values; notified legislation will not come out of Committee as being passed over

HB 1676 – State Sales Tax revenue going to PGC and PFBC; 1/8 of 1%, with appx \$10 M going to PGC and \$5 M going to PFBC;  
Rereferred to Appropriations Committee

HB 1845 – Amend Titles 18 and 42, further provide tougher laws to penalize people who commit various gun related crimes, further protecting law-abiding gun owners; 4-07-08 House Final passage [Vote Y: 200 / N: 0]; currently in Senate Appropriations Committee

HB 1862 [HB 251] – legalize hunting over shelled or ear corn anywhere in Pennsylvania during any hunting season

HB 2205 – Wildlife poacher(s) fines and penalties increases

HB 2364 – Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact law – add Pennsylvania to list of states

HB 2381 – PGC should be guided and support by verifiable data with equal regard for social, economic, and recreational impacts; No longer permit current and former employees or DWCO to serve on Board of Commissioners; Rereferred to Appropriations Committee

HB 2525 – Amends dog law, including kennels and sporting dogs; on Version 3 in July. 9-16-08 House Final Passage (Vote Y: 187 / N: 17)  
Over 50 amendments voted on between Committee and House on this legislation, only a handful was passed.

HB 2575 – Amends Title 34 (Game) providing for deterrent fences for deer, bear, & elk & the payment of claims for damages by certain elk; imposing duties on Dept. of Agriculture; establishment of the Elk Damage Fund. 9-15-08 House Final Passage (Vote Y: 199 / N: 1)

HB 2653 – bow definition change, legalize crossbow for all hunting seasons

SB 151- HB 1543 – legislation to ban pigeon shooting

SB 740 -- Spring Creek Canyon land title to Penn State University and Brenner Township rather than PGC for game lands;  
5-08-07 Senate Final Passage (Vote Y: 48/ N: 0); 6-18-08 House Final Passage with amendments (Vote Y: 185/ N: 13);  
Referred to Senate Rules Committee; notified legislation will not come out of committee as being passed over

SB 1527 – Senate Legislative bill to increase hunting license back tag and antlerless deer tags 3 times over next 7 years