

2006 PANWTF Member Survey

These were to be returned to Carl by August 31st, 2006. There were 303 returned. The questions and responses were as follows:

- 1) Currently Sunday hunting is prohibited by law except for certain instances. A change in the statute would give the Game Commission the discretion to decide what type of hunting might take place on Sundays. How do you feel about the possibility of legislation allowing the Game Commission to make decisions on the availability of Sunday hunting?

35 said...I strongly favor allowing the Game Commission to regulate Sunday hunting

15 said...I somewhat favor allowing the Game Commission to regulate Sunday hunting

3 said...I have no opinion of this issue

10 said...I somewhat oppose allowing the Game Commission to regulate Sunday hunting

22 said...I strongly oppose allowing the Game Commission to regulate Sunday hunting

- 2) If the Game Commission were able to make decisions on Sunday hunting, would you support establishing a second youth spring gobbler hunting day on Sunday the week before the regular season opener?

42 said...Yes

42 said...No

3 said...No opinion

- 3) Do you support the Pennsylvania Chapter's efforts to eliminate the regulation requiring spring hunters to wear an orange hat while moving during the spring gobbler season? No discernable change in spring turkey hunting related shooting incident rates has occurred since orange was required (the number of annual incidents did not change). If the regulation were changed, hunters could still wear an orange hat if they care to.

63 said...Yes

18 said...No

6 said...No opinion

- 4) Did you purchase a second tag for the 2006 spring gobbler season in Pennsylvania?

35 said...Yes

50 said...No

- 5) If yes, did you harvest a second gobbler in Pennsylvania?

7 said...Yes 34 said...No

- 6) Extending the spring hunting season through May 31st would provide turkey hunters with three or four more days of spring gobbler hunting in most years. Adding days to the end of the season would not have a negative affect on turkey populations. Do you favor extending the season?

61 said...Yes 18 said...No 9 said...No opinion

- 7) The Pennsylvania legislature recently passed a bill establishing a Mentored Youth Hunting Program (MYHP) in Pennsylvania. Such programs are thought to generate more interest in hunting among young persons by introducing them to the sport at an earlier age. The Game Commission will allow mentors to take youth hunters under the age of 12 spring gobbler hunting starting with the 2007 special youth spring gobbler hunting season. When participating in the Mentored Youth Hunting Program, mentors will take a youngster out but the pair will take only one firearm. This will allow the mentor to give full attention to safety and instruction of the young hunter. Do you plan to participate in this program by taking a young hunter out?

37 said...Yes 48 said...No

- 8) Did you participate in the 2006 spring youth hunt?

2 said...Yes, as a youth hunter 12 said...Yes, as an adult mentor
73 said...No

- 9) Many states allow spring gobbler hunters to hunt all day. This provides more hunting opportunity to hunters with a tough work schedule and to young hunters who need to be in school early in the morning. Do you favor all-day hunting during the special youth spring gobbler hunting day as a means of giving young hunters more time?

48 said...Yes 32 said...No 5 said...No opinion

- 10) Are you in favor of establishing all-day hunting for the entire spring gobbler season?

43 said...Yes 38 said...No 2 said...No opinion

- 11) The Game Commission is experiencing some difficult financial times. A coalition of hunting organizations has developed recommendations for increasing funding for the Game Commission that includes an increase in license fees. There are at least 2 bills in the legislature that would increase the cost of hunting licenses and

require some additional stamps for certain hunters. Do you support a general hunting license increase to provide funding for commission programs?

62 said...Yes

23 said...No

1 said...No opinion

12) Two of the hunting license increase bills currently in the legislature would create a turkey hunting stamp costing resident hunters \$5. The stamp would be required of all spring and fall hunters, and some of the funds generated by the stamp sales would be used to fund important projects presented in the Management Plan for Wild Turkeys in Pennsylvania. Do you support the establishment of a turkey hunting stamp?

65 said...Yes

21 said...No

1 said No opinion