

Pennsylvania Federation Sportsmen's Clubs Report

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For PA Chapter NWTF Board meeting, January 11, 2009

Prepared handout on wild turkey management and turkey hunting recommendations for PA Chapter Board and PFSC Board meetings, and PGC Staff and Commissioner's.

PFSC "On Target" January-February 2009 HTE issue has been distributed. PANWTF safety article and JAKES membership form included with turkey hunting safety article.

PFSC Board meeting on January 24, 2009 in State College, as part of my report to the Board will be the Wild Turkey Management Committee recommendations.

PFSC Spring Convention is March 20-22, 2009 in Meadville, PA. PANWTF reports for PFSC Board meeting, Game and Trapping Committee, and Delegates voting session will be presented.

2009 issues PFSC will be working:

License Increase for the PGC.

Stable Funding for Both Agencies.

Increased Penalties for Wildlife Violators.

Participation in the Wildlife Violators Compact.

Commissioner slots filled with qualified individuals, not political favors.

Continued protection of our 2nd Amendment Rights.... supporting Castle Doctrine legislation being signed; accountability for the mayors and city

councils that are breaking the law by enacting illegal firearm ordinances.

Increasing revenues to support state-wide organization events and programs, and legislative issues and events on Capitol Hill.

Increased individual memberships, sportsmen's clubs, and state-wide conservation organization memberships.

Increased outreach and education programs.

Work to bring sportsmen together in a more cohesive working relationship to protect our Outdoor Heritage for future generations.