

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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HESS, COHEN, DENLINGER, EVERETT AND MULLERY, MARCH 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 11, 2013

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 investigate the financial feasibility, impact, costs and  
3 savings potential of eliminating duplicated duties and  
4 services by combining the Pennsylvania Game Commission and  
5 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to create a new  
6 independent agency responsible for managing the fish and  
7 wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation to have  
9 separate, independently funded game and fish commissions; and

10 WHEREAS, Both the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the  
11 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission expect to experience a  
12 shortage of operating and reserve funds in the near future; and

13 WHEREAS, The public demands on the fish and wildlife  
14 resources of this Commonwealth are increasing; and

15 WHEREAS, Both the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the  
16 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission anticipate the need to  
17 increase revenues in the future or severely curtail programs;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The sportsmen and sportswomen of this Commonwealth  
20 deserve to receive the greatest benefit in programs for every

1 dollar expended; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
3 investigate the financial feasibility, impact, costs and savings  
4 potential of eliminating duplicated duties and services by  
5 combining the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania  
6 Fish and Boat Commission to create a new independent agency  
7 responsible for managing the fish and wildlife resources of this  
8 Commonwealth; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the committee explore a broad range of options  
10 with regard to how to structure our fish and wildlife agencies  
11 to best manage the fish and wildlife resources of this  
12 Commonwealth; and be it further

13       RESOLVED, That the committee study current and future funding  
14 trends and investigate various options of funding, including  
15 public funding, to determine which would provide the fish and  
16 wildlife agencies of this Commonwealth with adequate funding;  
17 and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the committee have the power to hold public  
19 hearings as it shall deem necessary; and be it further

20       RESOLVED, That the committee report to the Game and Fisheries  
21 Committee of the House of Representatives on its findings and  
22 recommendations within 180 days of the adoption of this  
23 resolution.