



## Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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Providing leadership and advocacy for the enhancement of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all hunters, anglers and conservationists.

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Good Morning, Chairman Staback and members of the Committee. My name is Jeff Souders. I am the Legislative Liaison for the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (PFSC). The PFSC is one of the oldest and largest sportsmen's organizations in Pennsylvania. I come here today representing nearly 100,000 sportsmen and conservationists.

Currently, the process for obtaining an antlerless license is inefficient and cumbersome. To address this issue, at our Fall Convention, our Delegates voted to support changing the current antlerless license allocation process to a method that employs the new technologies available to us. Sending the antlerless envelope to your County Treasurer was an adequate system in the past. But, in this age of improving technology, systems such as the Pennsylvania Automated License System, or PALS, renders the antlerless envelopes to County Treasurers system obsolete.

The Federation does not come here today to tell any one how to do their job. We are here today to challenge everyone involved to find a better way to allocate antlerless licenses. If we can find a way to eliminate the antlerless envelopes and improve the current system, it will increase efficiency, the Pennsylvania Game Commission would see a significant cost savings because they would not have to print antlerless envelopes, and applicants would no longer have to submit two postage stamps, which is a savings nearly equal to the issuing agent fee.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs has heard complaints about county treasurers holding antlerless applications until they are assured that applicants' checks have cleared. By using the technology available to us, this would no longer be a concern, and the PGC and issuing agents would have the money in their accounts immediately. There is a better way, and we are confident that the professionals at the Pennsylvania Game Commission, along with Pennsylvania sportsmen will find and develop the most practical and efficient antlerless license allocation procedure. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify here today.

Thank you,

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