
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 22, 2016

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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on 150
2 years of service to the Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, A convention held in Harrisburg to investigate water
4 pollution and the halting of American Shad runs by dams on the
5 Susquehanna River resulted in Governor Andrew Curtin signing the
6 act of March 30, 1866, establishing what is known today as the
7 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the last 150 years, the commission has evolved
9 from a one-man operation supported solely by the General Fund to
10 a professional agency funded primarily by anglers and boaters
11 through license and registration fees and the Federal excise
12 taxes on fishing and boating equipment; and

13 WHEREAS, With the guiding philosophy of "Resource First," the
14 commission protects, conserves and enhances this Commonwealth's
15 aquatic resources while provide fishing and boating
16 opportunities; and

1 WHEREAS, The commission provides the public with some of the
2 best recreational fishing and boating in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, An estimated 1.1 million anglers and more than 3
4 million boaters enjoy Pennsylvania's waters each year,
5 generating \$1.2 billion in annual fishing-related expenditures;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of
8 Pennsylvania provides:

9 The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to
10 the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and
11 esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public
12 natural resources are the common property of all the
13 people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of
14 these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and
15 maintain them for the benefit of all the people;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, With more than 86,000 miles of streams and nearly
18 4,000 lakes, ponds and reservoirs in the state, this
19 Commonwealth's aquatic resources are extensive, rich and
20 diverse; and

21 WHEREAS, The commission is responsible for managing and
22 safeguarding both aquatic habitat and species resources;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate the Pennsylvania Fish
25 and Boat Commission on 150 years of service to the Commonwealth
26 and wish the agency well as it embarks on another 150 years of
27 service to the Commonwealth, its aquatic resources and our rich
28 recreational fishing and boating heritage.