

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Maryland Wildlife Advisory Commission

**Will Meet at 10:30 AM
On Wed., April 15, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Google Meet
Department of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building**

Meeting Agenda:

Approval for April 15, 2026, Meeting Agenda

Approval of March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

2026 Legislative Session Outcome (Associate Director Brian Eyler)

WAC Legislative Concepts Review (Group Discussion)

Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation (R3) Program Update (Associate Director Chris Markin)

Maryland Farm Bureau Update (Tyler Hough)

Natural Resources Police Update (Lieutenant Brian Miller or Lieutenant Bill Davis)

Old Business:

- **Non-Lead Hunting Ammunition – (Group Discussion)**
- **Reptile and Amphibian Regulation Concepts – (Group Discussion)**
- **Conservationist, Employee, and Farmer of the Year Nominations**

New Business:

Public Comment:

Adjourn

NOTE: Free Parking will be available on the Navy Stadium Parking Lot, which is the third entrance on right off of Taylor Avenue.

**The Proposed Schedule for the 2026 Meetings
Of the Wildlife Advisory Commission is as follows:**

January 21st	Google Meet
February 18th	Google Meet
March 18th	In-Person Meeting at Tawes State Office Building
April 15th	Google Meet
May 20th	No Meeting
June 17th	Google Meet
July 15th	No Meeting
August 19th	Google Meet
September 15th?	Field Trip (Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge)
October 21st	Google Meet
November 18th	In-Person Meeting at Tawes State Office Building
December 16th	No Meeting

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETING DATES ARE HELD
ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH***

Note: Unless notified otherwise, all meetings will be held via Google Meet. When meeting in person, they will be held in the C-4 Conference Room of the Department of Natural Resources—Tawes State Office Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. Parking is available at the Navy Stadium Parking Lot.

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THE MARYLAND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2026

Chair Wagner called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. This meeting was held by teleconference. Chair Wagner requested a roll call from individuals by teleconference. Unfortunately, due to Google Meet's anonymous caller system, it was impossible to identify every participant.

Approval of April 15, 2026, Meeting Agenda

- Motion:
 1. Vice Chair Schroyer moved to accept the agenda for the April 15, 2026, Wildlife Advisory Commission meeting.
 2. Commissioner Parks seconded.
 3. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of March 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- Motion:
 1. Commissioner Smith Parks moved to approve the March 18, 2026, meeting minutes.
 2. Commissioner Rossignuolo seconded.
 3. All in favor. Motion passed.

2026 Legislative Session Update – Associate Director Brian Eyler and Science Program Manager Gwen Brewer

Associate Director Eyler presented the 2026 Legislative Session Summary Update. [ATTACHMENT A]

- The Commission members can track the bills online at the Maryland General Assembly website at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>.
- The Commission reviewed the outcomes of the 2026 Legislative Session.
- Key updates included the passage of a deer donation tax bill (HB0175), which removed the \$300 cap, allowing for a \$75 tax credit per deer with no upper limit.
- Legislation (HB0578/SB0431) regarding endangered and threatened species and migratory birds passed with amendments, notably excluding a provision related to incidental take for migratory birds. DNR is required to update the irreplaceable natural areas list every 10 years. There is language related to endangered and threatened species listing and the designation of essential habitat.
- Legislation (HB0613) Calvert & St. Mary's Counties – Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures passed with amendments; instead of the Soil Conservation District being involved, it removed a specific reference to Calvert and St. Mary Counties, moved the oversight to the Maryland Department of the Environment to be involved in the waiver process, and set up what the criteria are going to be.
- The vernal pool bill (SB0523) passed with amendments. It is no longer a Department of the Environment bill, but it is a Department of Natural Resources bill. It was renamed in honor of the late Jack Cover, who was a longtime employee and supporter of reptile and amphibian conservation at the National Aquarium. Mr. Cover passed away recently. The bill will require DNR to create a list of vernal pools and make that list available, but it does not require mapping of vernal pools.
- A significant Sunday hunting bill (HB1063/SB0643) passed with a lot of amendments, granting DNR the authority to adopt regulations for Sunday hunting across codified species, excluding migratory game birds, over a three-year trial period, with a report due in 2030. WHS will, next year, as an interim measure, adopt a regulatory cycle instead of the traditional biannual process to identify where those opportunities might exist in jurisdictions that do not already have the full suite of Sunday hunting opportunities, notwithstanding the fact that no one has Sunday migratory game birds.
- Other legislation discussed and passed included an archery safety zone for Baltimore City (50-yard safety zone), taxidermy licensing, and the designation of the megalodon as the State Shark.
- Legislation (HB1067/SB0181) Hunting – Lead and Lead-Based Ammunition - Phase-out failed. Staff

anticipated that this bill would return next year.

- Commissioner Parks thanked Associate Director Eyler for tracking the bills and sharing the updates with the Commission.

WAC Legislative Concepts Review – Commission’s Discussion

- This agenda item is for the Commission to discuss topics for the upcoming legislative session.
- Chair Wagner decided it is too early to discuss future legislative topics for the 2027 Legislative Session.
- Chair Wagner noted that the Commission may want to keep before them the lead ban. Chair Wagner mentioned that Virginia may have signed its lead ban bill. The lead ban bill will continue to resurface in the legislature, so the Commission should take a proactive approach to this issue.
- Chair Wagner recognized that there is a wide range of opinions on what needs to be done. The Commission has had discussions on non-lead ammunition. The Commission should plan to discuss some approaches to this topic at a future meeting.
- Chair Wagner also outlined that the Sunday hunting issue is not going to go away, with 75 to 80 percent of the hunting community supporting it for migratory waterfowl. This year's bill was supposed to fix Sunday hunting. Still, as mentioned earlier, it left one of the biggest parts related to Sunday hunting for migratory waterfowl, which was disappointing.
- Chair Wagner emphasized that it is the task of the Commission to advise the Department and to represent our constituents as things arise or should be addressed either through the regulation process, which the Commission already does, or through the legislative process.
- Chair Wagner asked to leave WAC Legislative Concepts on the schedule for the next session. The Commission members will do some homework and come back with some ideas on these continuing items.
- There were no further comments from the Commission members.

Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) Program Update – Associate Director Chris Markin

- The Outreach and Community Engagement Program Update slide was presented to the Commission. **[ATTACHMENT B]**
- Staffing updates were provided, including the addition of a new R3 specialist, Steve Domena, and the transition of hunter education staff into the Wildlife and Heritage Service.
- Recent activities included hosting a mentor turkey hunt, leadership training for instructors, and outreach efforts to increase NRP involvement in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP).
- The Hunter Education Staff conducted 25 classes across the state and certified 422 students who passed a field course or the traditional classroom. Also, there were 486 registered, with 55 no-shows. Staff will try to find a way to address the number of no-shows. There were 881 seats available in those 25 classes, and again, we had 486 actually register. These instructors are opening up their doors, but we are not getting people, at least in these early classes, to come. Staff members are brainstorming ways to get the message to register for the hunter safety course earlier. Please get in touch with Associate Chris Markin if the Commission members have any recommendations or suggestions to encourage early enrollment for the hunter safety courses.
- The Hunter Education Staff conducted 20 instructor classes, including advanced training that instructors need to complete every couple of years and new instructor training classes.
- Commissioner Parks recognized the amazing work that the Outreach and Community Engagement Program team is doing.
- Commissioner Rossignuolo announced that their women’s group is in the very early stages of planning a youth shed hunt in the Baltimore area for the following spring and is looking for hunters to donate sheds. Chair Wagner noted that the youth shed hunt is a fantastic idea that extends the hunting season.
- Q&A Section
 1. Commissioner Parks asked about the number of people who can go online and sign up and get their certification elsewhere. Commissioner Parks asked whether staff could determine whether,

of the 486 who signed up, 422 showed up; whether the 55 no-shows hunted this year and obtained their hunting certification through an online service; and whether that was really impacting field day and traditional course participation.

- a. Associate Director Chris Markin responded, maybe if they're registered, then in theory, staff may be able to pull their names, and then possibly compare that to who purchased a hunting license to see if the names cross over. This process would require some legwork from our staff.
2. Chair Wagner asked if staff could provide the number of new license sales to first-time license holders before turkey or deer season to provide the statistical data if those no-shows are using another state's online hunter education system to get certified to hunt.
 - a. Director Stonesifer noted that, in the long term, that would be a good metric for us to review.
 - b. Director Stonesifer mentioned that, most likely, the 422 who went through hunter safety education and received their hunter safety certification from January to April, staff would not really see whether those individuals purchase a license until the new licensing year.
 - c. Director Stonesifer informed the Commission that she had the opportunity to attend the Earl Zoeller Leadership Academy and had discussions with other instructors about the lack of enrollment in hunter safety education from January to April. Apparently, that is uniform across the board. One of the instructors indicated that during that time of year, it's really hard to get people to enroll in hunter safety education courses and show up for classes. With these issues, staff definitely have some work to do as they jump in.
 - d. Director Stonesifer concluded that reviewing the number of students who go through hunter safety education courses and seeing how many of them actually go on to purchase a hunting license is something that staff is interested in tracking.
3. Chair Wagner asked whether WHS received requests from people or youth to pair them with mentors during the turkey season, and whether staff held an outreach program with the National Wild Turkey Federation.
 - a. Associate Director Markin responded no, and he recalled having a conversation with Chair Wagner about that. Many NWTF chapters host Youth Turkey Day.
 - b. Associate Director Markin confirmed that the mentor turkey hunt would be well received and that staff would like to offer that in the future by building partnerships with organizations like NWTF.

Maryland Farm Bureau Update (MFB) – Commissioner Rasche

- Commissioner Rasche informed the Commission that MFB Director Hough was unable to attend the WAC meeting due to other meetings.
- Commissioner Rasche mentioned that the MFB sent a message out to the Wildlife Farm Bureau Committee for the Farmer of the Year Award criteria. The MFB has not received nominations.
- Chair Wagner suggested that since Commissioner Rasche is a committed member of the MFB, the Commission should rely on Commissioner Rasche for MFB updates instead of MFB Director Hough, who is often unavailable. MFB Director Hough is always welcome to attend the WAC meetings.
- Chair Wagner asked for the input of the Commission on his suggestion to have Commissioner Rasche provide the MFB Update at the WAC meetings.
- Commissioner Parks, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Herrera, and Commissioner Schroyer supported the recommendation.
- There was no motion.
- Chair Wagner did not think that any further action was needed except to change it on the meeting agenda with MFB Update without attaching a name.

Natural Resources Police Update (NRP) – Lieutenant Bill Davis gave an update.

- Lieutenant Davis indicated that he was trying to compile the statistics for March, noting 492 fisheries violations, 50 wildlife violations, 150 public lands violations, and 505 boating violations.
- There were 1,197 total violations.

- Chair Wagner thanked Lieutenant Davis for the report, emphasizing the importance of documenting where the police service spends its time and efforts.

Old Business

- Non-Lead Ammunition Discussion – Commissioner Bowman suggested circulating a report from the Wildlife Management Institute that summarized the efforts of a group working on voluntary lead reduction across the Northeast to guide future Commission conversations.
 1. Chair Wagner thanked Commissioner Bowman for sharing that information with the Commission. The non-lead partnership put on a great presentation and demonstration. It was very eye-opening and informative.
 2. Director Stonesifer informed the Commission that the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies was the one that put together the multi-grant proposal that funded that workshop. Staff applied for a new grant this past year, and unfortunately, we were notified that our application was denied at the administrative level, which means staff cannot plan many of those non-lead workshops in the coming year.
- Reptile and Amphibian Regulation Concepts- Director Stonesifer informed the Commission that, with the Legislative Session ended, staff has plans to dive back into these concepts and the issues related to them. Staff will have more information at the next meeting.
- Conservationist, Employee, and Farmer of the Year Nominations – Chair Wagner encouraged all commissioners to vote online for the Employee of the Year. For the Farmer of the Year, the Commission will rely on the MFB for nominations. Regarding the Conservationist of the Year, all commissioners were encouraged to submit appropriate nominations for that category.

New Business

- Atlantic Flyway Council Meeting Update on Season Approval – Director Stonesifer informed the commission that the USFWS has not yet published the previously approved 2026-27 migratory game bird hunting seasons in the Federal Register, and time is running short to complete this necessary task before the seasons open on September 1, 2026. Although the federal frameworks have been approved by all four flyway councils and the USFWS Service Regulation Committee, publication of this language is a necessary annual step that allows states to hold migratory game bird seasons under federal law. If this language is not published prior to September 1, no state will be allowed to hold legal migratory game bird hunting seasons. One potential solution is for the USFWS to approve an emergency rule adopting the most recently published set of migratory game bird seasons for 2026-27, i.e., reverting to the 2025-26 set of federal frameworks. This would result in hunting seasons that are at odds with those published by MD DNR and could mean the AP Canada goose hunting season would be shorter than anticipated.
 1. Season Approval Update: Game Bird Section Leader Josh Homyack explained the situation, noting that the delay stems from the administrative burden of the federal approval process and the failed implementation of a new annual policy document intended to streamline it.
 2. Seasonal Publication Strategy: In light of the potential delay, Director Stonesifer confirmed that DNR will proceed with printing the approved regulations but with a notice instructing hunters to confirm the seasons and bag limits on the website before the season. Game Bird Section Leader Homyack noted that historically, before 2016, migratory game bird dates were often supplemental to the main hunting and trapping manual.
 3. Historical Season Setting Process and Administrative Changes: Before 2016, the data from summer surveys and banding were compiled and analyzed by early August, allowing the flyways council meetings to make decisions and publish Federal Register documents within two months to establish supplemental late migratory game bird hunting seasons. This process, which was completed in two months, became too onerous for the USFWS, leading to a shift toward setting seasons a year in advance. Even with an extra year built into the timeline, ever-increasing administrative burdens resulted in the final rule publication occurring in late August, meaning annual hunting seasons were barely being finalized in time for the traditional openers for species

like resident Canada geese and mourning doves. The administrative effort required to compile data, establish regulations, and publish them in the Federal Register within two months is a “terribly heavy lift.”, however, we note it had been done successfully for 70 years.

4. Discussion of Proposed Three-Year Stabilized Regulations: A new policy document under discussion with the US Fish and Wildlife Service included the concept of three-year stabilized regulations, meaning migratory game birds hunting seasons will be set in three-year packages. Within these three years, seasons may become more restrictive if monitoring indicates a need, but they will not be allowed to become more liberal. The flyway councils raised concerns that this concept might reduce monitoring efforts and that the proposal has not been properly vetted for social and biological impacts, as well as potential cost savings.
5. Concerns Regarding Policy Vetting and Public Comment: The flyways and DNR have written letters protesting the proposed policy changes to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The concept might have some merit, but it has not been vetted. There is hope that when the policy is published, there will be an opportunity for public comment to debate whether the changes are beneficial or harmful. Still, there are “rumblings” that a public comment period might not be guaranteed. The potential implementation of these changes without public comment or proper vetting, including the three-year regulations, is considered frustrating by Game Bird Section Leader Homyack.
6. Anticipated Negative Impacts from Outfitters and Hunters: Chair Wagner stated that potential changes in regulations could create issues for outfitters who have already booked clients, potentially leaving them with booked dates when hunting may not be permitted. Game Bird Section Leader Homyack agreed that this has the potential to be a “terrible mess”, and the DNR will have to absorb the resulting criticism despite efforts to communicate the changes through outreach. Chair Wagner also noted that if the three-year stabilized regulations are implemented, the regulations will prevent the liberalization of seasons.
7. Administrative Nature of the Regulatory Issues: Chair Wagner reiterated that the surrounding seasonal changes are based on administrative processes, not biological or scientific concerns. Game Bird Section Leader Homyack confirmed that the matter is strictly administrative.
8. Concerns Over Linking the Federal Three-Year Structure with the New Approval Process: Associate Director Eyler pointed out that the decision to link the three-year season structure with the new approval process makes the situation worse because it will likely cause greater pushback during a public comment period, stalling the entire policy implementation. It may have been possible for the agencies to agree if it were the new approval process without the three-year provision; the states would likely agree to it, increasing the odds of moving the federal administrative process forward.
9. Outreach Strategies and Preparedness for Regulatory Federal Changes: Director Stonesifer acknowledged that any change will be a “disaster” but noted that the DNR now has improved means, including different tools, for reaching customers and hunters to provide notifications. Staff plan to start the notification process and will work closely with NRP and other partners to disseminate the information as effectively as possible.
10. Discussion of Species Fragility and Monitoring: Chair Wagner asserted that the current situation sends a message that species like the Atlantic Population Canada Goose do not represent a “fragile ecosystem,” as their breeding and reproduction are well-understood. The DNR and flyway councils continuously monitor these species to ensure that restrictions never escalate into a moratorium.

Public Comment –

- There were no other public comments.
- The public may contact the Members of the Commission at wac.dnr@maryland.gov.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10:30 am, and will be held via Google

Meet.

Attendance

Members:	J. Bowman, E. Cohen, D. Herrera, K. Kullberg, J. Parks, W. Rasche, K. Rossignuolo, J. Schroyer, M. Smith, and C. Wagner
Absent:	
Guest:	C. Pickett and A. Ward
Staff:	G. Brewer, C. Coriell, B. Davis, B. Eyler, K Harvey, J. Homyack, K. Lamp, C. Markin, J. Moulis, P. Peditto, T. Spencer, K. Stonesifer, J. Tabora, and J. Trudeau

**Summary of 2026 Proposed Legislation
Wildlife and Heritage Service
(as of April 14, 2026)**

ATTACHMENT A

Number/ Chapter (Cross File) Total: 34	Title	Primary Sponsor	Current Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Passed?
HB0091	Agriculture - Neonicotinoid Pesticides - Prohibitions	Delegate Healey	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB0175 (SB0961)	Income Tax Credit - Venison Donation - Alterations	Delegate Ziegler	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/20/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
HB0186	Natural Resources - Bow Hunting - Sundays	Delegate Bouchat	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB0197 (SB0118)	Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act	Delegate Mireku-North	In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/05/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB0420 (SB0242)	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Delegate Rogers	In the House - Reassigned to Government, Labor, and Elections and Health	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/17/2026 - 1:00 PM Health	N
HB0447	Natural Resources - Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Wildlife	Delegate Grammer	In the House - Hearing 3/16 at 12:00 p.m.	Rules and Executive Nominations 3/16/2026 - 12:00 PM	N
HB0578 (SB0431)	Fish and Wildlife - Endangered and Threatened Species and Migratory Birds - Regulations, Lists, Petitions, Essential Habitats, and Takings	Delegate Palakovich Carr	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
HB0613 (SB0368)	Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures	Delegate Morgan, T.	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
HB0701 (SB0523)	Department of the Environment - Water Resources - Protection of Vernal Pools (Vernal Pool Wetlands Protection Act of 2026)	Delegate Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB0716 (SB0545)	Land Surveyors and Property Line Surveyors - Private Property Access - Prohibition	Delegate Pippy	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB0780 (SB0918)	Wicomico County - Sunday Hunting Time Restrictions - Repeal	Wicomico County Delegation	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N

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HB0949 (SB0613)	Agriculture – Noxious Weeds – Palmer Amaranth	Talbot County Delegation	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Environment and Transportation 2/27/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB1063 (SB0643)	Natural Resources - Hunting - Management	Delegate Boyce	In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/27/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
HB1067 (SB0181)	Hunting - Lead and Lead-Based Ammunition - Phase-Out	Delegate Guyton	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB1120 (SB0418)	Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses	Delegate Rogers	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:30 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters 3/04/2026 - 1:30 PM Health	Y
HB1237	Pesticide Applications - Subscription Contract Requirements and Registry Establishment	Delegate Ruth	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
HB1324 (SB0879)	Baltimore City - Natural Resources - Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones	Delegate Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/11/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
HB1637	State Designations - State Amphibian - Long-Tailed Salamander	Delegate McComas	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	N
SB0118 (HB0197)	Comprehensive Community Safety Funding Act	Senator Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/11/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0181 (HB1067)	Hunting - Lead and Lead-Based Ammunition - Phase-Out	Senator Lewis Young	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0242 (HB0420)	Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act	Senator Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/12/2026 - 2:00 PM Finance	Y
SB0304	Collisions With Wild Animals - Prohibited Actions by Insurer	Senator Bailey	In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	N

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SB0368 (HB0613)	Calvert and St. Mary's Counties - Living Shorelines and Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization Measures	Senator Bailey	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0418 (HB1120)	Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses	Senator Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM Finance	Y
SB0431 (HB0578)	Fish and Wildlife - Endangered and Threatened Species and Migratory Birds - Regulations, Lists, Petitions, Essential Habitats, and Takings	Senator Brooks	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (44-1)	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/17/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
SB0523 (HB0701)	Department of the Environment - Water Resources - Protection of Vernal Pools (Vernal Pool Wetlands Protection Act of 2026)	Senator Washington, M.	In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Y
SB0545 (HB0716)	Land Surveyors and Property Line Surveyors - Private Property Access - Prohibition	Senator Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0588	Natural Resources - Complimentary Fishing and Hunting Licenses - Alterations	Senator Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0613 (HB0949)	Agriculture - Noxious Weeds - Palmer Amaranth	Talbot County Senators	In the Senate - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0643 (HB1063)	Natural Resources - Hunting - Management	Senator Bailey	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
SB0754	Land Use - Preservation of Natural Resources	Senator Washington, M.	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N

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<u>SB0879</u> <u>(HB1324)</u>	Baltimore City - Natural Resources - Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones	<u>Senator Attar</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Energy, and the Environment</u> 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
<u>SB0918</u> <u>(HB0780)</u>	Wicomico County - Sunday Hunting Time Restrictions - Repeal	<u>Senator Mautz</u>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Energy, and the Environment</u> 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	N
<u>SB0961</u> <u>(HB0175)</u>	Income Tax Credit - Venison Donation - Alterations	<u>Senator Salling</u>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	<u>Rules</u>	N

Outreach and Community Engagement Program

ATTACHMENT B



- **Welcomed:**
 - Steve Domena – R3 Specialist (Shooting Sports)
 - Hunter Education staff
- **Pennsylvania State NASP Tournament**
- **First Shot Mentored Turkey Hunt**
 - Orientation: March 29
- **Earl Zoeller Leadership Academy**
- **NRP Archery Range Day**
- **Hunter Education (01-01-26 - 04/13/26) :**
 - Classes: 45
 - Certified students: 422