

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Maryland Wildlife Advisory Commission

**Will Meet at 10:30 AM
On Wed., April 20, 2022
Department of Natural Resources
Google Meet**

Meeting Agenda:

Approval for April 20, 2022, Meeting Agenda

Approval for Minutes from March 16, 2022 Meeting

2022 Legislative Session Outcome (Director Paul Peditto and Associate Director Tim Larney)

WAC Legislative Session Review (Group Discussion)

Natural Resources Police Update (Sergeant Bradley Lowe or Lieutenant Charles Fawley)

Maryland Farm Bureau Update (Colby Ferguson)

Old Business:

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 2022 meetings
Of the Wildlife Advisory Commission is as follows:**

January 19th	Google Meet
February 16th	Google Meet
March 16th	Google Meet
April 20th	Google Meet
May 18th	No Meeting
June 15th	In-Person Meeting at Tawes State Office Building
July 20th	No Meeting
August 17th	Google Meet
September 21st	TBD - Google Meet or No Meeting or Field Day
October 19th	Google Meet
November 16th	Google Meet
December 22nd	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 Meeting. When meeting in person, the meetings will be held in the C-1 Conference Room Department of Natural Resources - Tawes State Office Building beginning at 10:30 am. Available parking is located at the Navy Stadium Parking Lot.

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THE MARYLAND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2022

Chairman Lou Compton called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. This meeting was held via teleconference and videoconference. Chairman Compton asked for a roll call of individuals on the “call.” Unfortunately, because of the anonymity of Google Meet callers, it was impossible to determine the identity of every participant.

Approval for April 20, 2022, Meeting Agenda

- Motion to Approve the Agenda:
 1. Commissioner Schroyer moved to accept the April 20, 2022, Wildlife Advisory Commission meeting agenda.
 2. Commissioner Gregor seconded.
 3. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval for Minutes from March 16, 2022, Meeting

- Motion:
 1. Commissioner Wagner moved to accept the March 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes.
 2. Commissioner Gulbrandsen seconded.
 3. All in favor. Motion passed.

2022 Legislative Session Update – Associate Director Tim Larney gave the presentation.

- The list of the Summary of 2022 Legislation Wildlife and Heritage Service as of April 20, 2022, was sent to the Commission. [ATTACHMENT A]
- Associate Director Larney summarized the 14 bills passed. [ATTACHMENT B].
- Chairman Compton requested that the report with the bills passed include live links to the bills. Associate Director Larney agreed.
- Wildlife and Heritage Service (WHS) received a \$250,000 ‘bonus’ in General Funds thanks to Hunters of Maryland’s support. The bonus in General Funds will support the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation (R3) efforts and match. In the past, Wildlife and Heritage Service would get \$85,000 to \$100,000 in General Funds, so \$250,000 is helpful.
- The Recovering America Wildlife Act just cleared the Senate committee markup. Maryland is hoping to gain anywhere from \$13-18M annually in new funds. Maryland will need to find matching funds if the Recovering America Wildlife Act passes. Any funding sources that are not federal monies would be suitable for matching funds, including dollars used to purchase WMAs.

Legislative Session Review – Group Discussion

- Commissioner Wagner expressed his disappointment that all the Sunday hunting bills passed this session have a 10:30 a.m. limit. It is a dangerous slope to go down and could create complexities and conflicts in the future – especially in the field for landowners, hunters, and law enforcement.
- Commissioner Wagner communicated that the time restriction is a concern because the Horse Council may decide to move time restrictions to other days during the week, which is an alarming trend. In addition, Commissioner Wagner heard from constituents that the time restriction was sending a wrong message.
- Director Peditto summarized the outcome of the DMP night shooting and groundhog bills.
- Commissioner Wagner asked about how the Commission can strengthen WHS’s position during the Legislative Session process to clarify things for the legislature. There should be some expert representation from WHS when the legislature is considering changing the game laws. It is dangerous for DNR not to have representations at these hearings.
- The hunting community does not have organized groups like the Fisheries side where there are well-organized and substantial organizations representing recreational and commercial fish interests.

Commissioner Keithley has been trying to get access to some lawmakers but it's a heavy lift.

- Commissioner Keithley echoed the concerns that Commissioner Wagner outlined. Commissioner Keithley mentioned it is frustrating trying to communicate game laws to the legislature. Many do not have an interest in game laws, which makes it more challenging. Commissioner Keithley expressed that he supports the need to have more representation at these hearings. There were people that put a lot of time and money into these bills, and the results were not good.

Natural Resources Police Update – Captain Garren gave a presentation.

- Captain Garren outlined the NRP activity for March of 2022. The total of NRP statewide citations and warnings is 1,125. NRP statewide issued 297 citations and 827 warnings. In addition, there were 16% wildlife violations, 11% boating, 17% public lands, 29% fisheries, and 27% traffic violations.
- Chairman Compton voiced that the 27% traffic violations are alarming for the Commission. The Commission is very attentive to the traffic violations trend. NRP officers are not intended to be traffic patrol. NRP officers should maintain their focus on natural resources and not on enforcement of traffic violations.
- Captain Garren responded that NRP officers must maintain order going into the parks and public safety. Also, there is highway grant money that NRP officers have to use in order to receive the highway grant funds in NRP.
- Captain Garren agreed to try to separate citations, such as DWI, from the traffic violations.
- Chairman Compton reminded Captain Garren that the Commission does not want to see NRP stopping people on highways, etc., but protecting our natural resources as the primary focus.
- Captain Garren explained different situations that may be traffic violations but added to protecting our natural resources.
- When there is an increase in traffic violations, Chairman Compton requested to please justify.
- Captain Garren responded that Colonel Baker is on the same page as the Commission to protect Maryland's natural resources.

Maryland Farm Bureau Update – No Report.

Old Business – No Report.

New Business –

- Chairman Compton asked for an update on a replacement for Commissioner Michael.
 1. Director Peditto replied that he understands there may be new applicants for the vacancy.
 2. WHS is not involved in the appointment details.
 3. Director Peditto reminded members of the Commission that if a member wants to remain on the Commission and your term has expired, request a reappointment online <https://govapps.md.gov/appointments/apply/>.
 4. Ms. Spencer sent the members' terms, along with reappointment instructions.
 5. Chairman Compton encouraged the members that if they want to stay on the Commission, members may wish to email the Governor's Appointments Office expressing interest in staying on after submitting the reappointment application.

Public Comment

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Attendance

Members:	L. Compton, T. Gregor, S. Boyles Griffin, E. Gulbrandsen, S. Keithley, J. Schroyer, and C. Wagner
Absent:	TJ. Jenkins
Guest:	
Staff:	B. Eyler, C. Fawley, S. Garren, T. Larney, J. McKnight, P. Peditto, T. Spencer, H. Spiker, and K. Stonesifer

**Summary of 2022 Final Legislation
Wildlife and Heritage Service
(as of April 20, 2022)**

Current Status 2022 Regular Session - For Tracking list: 2022 Wildlife and Heritage Service-Related Bills 04/20/2022 02:02 a.m.

Number/ Chapter (Cross File) Total: 39	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
<u>HB0015</u> <u>(SB0007)</u>	Invasive and Native Plants - Classification, Listing, and Use	<u>Delegate Luedtke</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Ways and Means</u> 1/26/2022 - 1:00 p.m. <u>Environment and Transportation</u>	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> <u>Budget and Taxation</u>
<u>HB0051</u> <u>(SB0140)</u>	Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays	<u>Delegate Mautz</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 3/11/2022 - 2:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0052</u> <u>(SB0381)</u>	Natural Resources – Wildlife Trafficking Prevention	<u>Delegate Love</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 1/19/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0143</u> <u>(SB0098)</u>	Somerset County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Delegate Otto</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0170</u> <u>(SB0220)</u>	Calvert County - Sunday Hunting	<u>Delegate Clark</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/2/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0221 / CH0090</u> <u>(SB0665 / CH0091)</u>	Natural Resources – Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund – No– Cost Licenses and Stamps	<u>Delegate Thiam</u>	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 90	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/2/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0485</u>	Montgomery County - Deer Hunting - Sundays MC 25-22	<u>Montgomery County Delegation</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/25/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/22/2022 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB0514</u> <u>(SB0388)</u>	Charles County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Charles County Delegation</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 3/11/2022 - 2:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0556</u> <u>(SB0342)</u>	Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Queen Anne's County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Delegate Arentz</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/18/2022 - 11:00 a.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0592</u> <u>(SB0497)</u>	Deer Management Permit - Hunting on State Land Leased by	<u>Delegate Jacobs</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/18/2022 - 11:00 a.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>

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	Permit Holder - Authorization				
<u>HB0631</u>	Caroline County – Sunday Hunting – Authorizations	<u>Delegate Ghrist</u>	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>	
<u>HB0672</u>	Worcester County – Turkey Hunting – Sundays	<u>Delegate Otto</u>	First Reading Environment and Transportation	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>	
<u>HB0682</u> (<u>SB0427</u>)	Baltimore County - Hunting - Nongame Birds and Mammals	<u>Delegate Brooks</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>
<u>HB0784</u>	Department of Natural Resources - Irreplaceable Natural Areas Program - Establishment	<u>Delegate Stein</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/23/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/22/2022 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB0875</u>	Hunting and Fishing - Recreational License Fees - Moratorium	<u>Delegate Cox</u>	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/23/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB0884</u>	State Conservation Land - Old-Growth Forests - Management	<u>Delegate Gilchrist</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 2/25/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/30/2022 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB0934</u>	Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers - Sale, Offering for Sale, and Use - Prohibition	<u>Delegate Foley</u>	Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters; Withdrawn	<u>Economic Matters</u> 2/25/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB0956</u>	Natural Resources - Recreation on Private Land - Hunting	<u>Delegate Clark</u>	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 3/2/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB1067</u>	Natural Resources - Wildlife Management - Nighttime Hunting	<u>Delegate Stein</u>	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 3/2/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>HB1279</u>	Sunday Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones -	<u>Delegate Hornberger</u>	Unfavorable Report by Environment	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>	

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	Statewide Authorization and Establishment		and Transportation	3/9/2022 - 2:15 p.m.	
<u>HB1298</u> <u>(SB0960)</u>	Criminal Procedure - Hunting Offenses - Expungement	<u>Delegate Ghrist</u>	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Judiciary</u> 3/8/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial</u> <u>Proceedings</u> 3/29/2022 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB1304</u>	Natural Resources - Offshore Blind Sites - Licensing Process	<u>Delegate Mautz</u>	Hearing 3/09 at 2:15 p.m.	<u>Environment and</u> <u>Transportation</u> 3/9/2022 - 2:15 p.m.	
<u>HB1386</u>	Natural Resources - Black Bear Hunting - Permit Requirements	<u>Delegate Cox</u>	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation	<u>Environment and</u> <u>Transportation</u> 3/9/2022 - 2:15 p.m.	
<u>HB1452</u>	Natural Resources - Female Deer Hunting Contests - Authorization	<u>Delegate Mautz</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Rules and</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Nominations</u>	
<u>HB1465</u> <u>(SB0982)</u>	Kent County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone	<u>Delegate Jacobs</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Rules and</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Nominations</u>	
<u>SB0007</u> <u>(HB0015)</u>	Invasive and Native Plants - Classification, Listing, and Use	<u>Senator Elfreth</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Education, Health,</u> <u>and Environmental</u> <u>Affairs</u> 1/25/2022 - 1:30 p.m. <u>Budget and</u> <u>Taxation</u>	<u>Ways and Means</u> 3/23/2022 - 1:00 p.m. <u>Environment and</u> <u>Transportation</u>
<u>SB0042</u>	Natural Resources - Canada Geese - Bag Limits	<u>Senator Bailey</u>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	<u>Education, Health,</u> <u>and Environmental</u> <u>Affairs</u>	
<u>SB0098</u> <u>(HB0143)</u>	Somerset County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Senator Carozza</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Education, Health,</u> <u>and Environmental</u> <u>Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Rules and</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Nominations</u>
<u>SB0140</u> <u>(HB0051)</u>	Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays	<u>Senator Eckardt</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Education, Health,</u> <u>and Environmental</u> <u>Affairs</u>	<u>Rules and</u> <u>Executive</u> <u>Nominations</u>

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				3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>SB0160</u>	Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting - Migratory Game Birds	<u>Senator Carozza</u>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>	
<u>SB0220</u> <u>(HB0170)</u>	Calvert County – Sunday Hunting	<u>Calvert County Senators</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u>
<u>SB0233</u> <u>(HB0874)</u>	Prince George’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones	<u>Senator Jackson</u>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u>	
<u>SB0342</u> <u>(HB0556)</u>	Caroline County and Queen Anne’s County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Senator Hershey</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u>
<u>SB0388</u> <u>(HB0514)</u>	Charles County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting	<u>Senator Jackson</u>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u>
<u>SB0427</u> <u>(HB0682)</u>	Baltimore County - Hunting - Nongame Birds and Mammals	<u>Senator West</u>	Returned Passed	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>
<u>SB0497</u> <u>(HB0592)</u>	Deer Management Permit - Hunting on State Land Leased by Permit Holder - Authorization	<u>Senator Gallion</u>	Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u> 3/23/2022 - 1:00 p.m.
<u>SB0582</u>	Natural Resources - Recreation on Private Land - Hunting	<u>Senator Bailey</u>	Passed Enrolled	<u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u> 3/9/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	<u>Environment and Transportation</u>

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<u>SB0960</u> <u>(HB1298)</u>	Natural Resources - Hunting and Fishing Offenses - Expungement	<u>Senator Bailey</u>	Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.	<u>Judicial Proceedings</u> 3/17/2022 - 1:00 p.m.	
<u>SB0982</u> <u>(HB1465)</u>	Kent County - Archery Hunting - Safety Zone	<u>Senator Hershey</u>	First Reading Senate Rules	<u>Rules</u>	

**Wildlife and Heritage Service
End of General Assembly Session
Legislative Update
April 20, 2022**

Bills Passed

Talbot County-Deer and Turkey Hunting

House Bill 0051

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0051?ys=2022RS>

(Senate Bill 0140)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0140>

Somerset County-Natural Resources-Sunday Hunting

House Bill 143

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0143>

(Senate Bill 0098)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/0098>

Calvert County-Sunday Hunting

House Bill 170

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0170>

(Senate Bill 0220)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0220>

Natural Resources-Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund-No-Cost License and Stamps

House Bill 221

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0221>

(Senate Bill 0665)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0665>

Montgomery County-Deer Hunting-Sundays

House Bill 485

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0485>

Charles County-Natural Resources-Sunday Hunting

House Bill 514

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0514>

(Senate Bill 0388)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0388>

Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Queen Anne's County-Natural Resources-Sunday Hunting

House Bill 556

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0556>

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Bills Passed

(Senate Bill 0342)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0342>

Deer Management Permit-Hunting on State Land Leased by Permit Holder-Authorization

House Bill 592

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0592>

(Senate Bill 0497)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0497>

Baltimore County-Hunting-Nongame Birds and Mammals

House Bill 682

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0682>

(Senate Bill 0427)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0427>

Natural Resources-Recreation on Private Land-Hunting

Senate Bill 582

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0582>

(House Bill 956)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0956>

Department of Natural Resources-Irreplaceable Natural Areas Program-Establishment

House Bill 784

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0784>

State Conservation Land-Old Growth Forests-Management

House Bill 884

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0884>

Natural Resources-Wildlife Trafficking Prevention

House Bill 52

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0052>

(Senate Bill 0381)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0381>

Invasive and Native Plants-Classification, Listing, and Use

House Bill 15

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0015>