

TREASURER

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

EXAMINATION REPORT OF LICENSE SALES

HUNTING - JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2008

FISHING AND DOG - JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Edward W. Karpovich
Treasurer
Lackawanna County
Scranton, PA 18503

We have examined the accompanying statements of receipts and disbursements (Statements) of the Treasurer, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania (County Officer), for the license period identified on the contents page, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(d) of *The Fiscal Code*, 72 P.S. § 401(d). These Statements are the responsibility of the county office's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Statements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An examination includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are mandated by Section 401(d) of *The Fiscal Code* to audit the accounts of each county officer to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly assessed, reported and promptly remitted. *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States include attestation engagements as a separate type of audit. An attestation engagement performed pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards* involves additional standards that exceed the standards provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, this attestation engagement complies with both *Government Auditing Standards* and Section 401(d) of *The Fiscal Code*.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Statements referred to above present, in all material respects, the operations of the County Officer as it pertains to receipts made on behalf of the of the licensing agencies, for the license period identified on the contents page, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of significant deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Statements and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We are also required to obtain the views of management on those matters. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Statements are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over reporting on the Statements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the County Officer's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report data reliably in accordance with the applicable criteria such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the County Officer's Statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the County Officer's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Statements will not be prevented or detected by the County Officer's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over reporting on the Statements was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, as defined above, in internal control over reporting on the Statements.

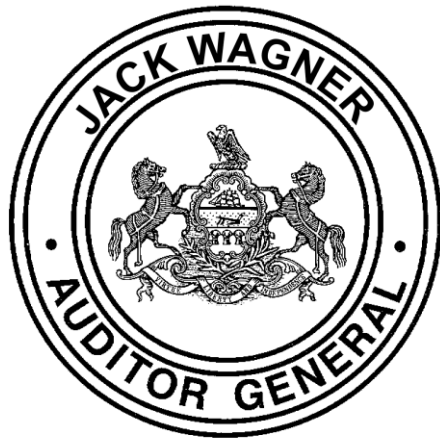
Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the County Officer and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

April 27, 2009

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General



TREASURER
LACKAWANNA COUNTY
HUNTING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	99	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,881.00
Junior	16	5.00	80.00
Senior	15	12.00	180.00
Replacements	4	5.00	20.00
Military	33	1.00	33.00
Non-resident			
Adult	4	100.00	400.00
Junior	1	40.00	40.00
Seven day	1	30.00	30.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Archery			
Resident	49	15.00	735.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	35	10.00	350.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	8,535	5.00	42,675.00
Resident landowners	3	5.00	15.00
Non-resident	856	25.00	21,400.00
Armed forces	37	5.00	185.00
Disabled veterans	20	5.00	100.00
Replacements	22	5.00	110.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	3	19.00	57.00
Migratory			
Resident	19	2.00	38.00
Bear			
Resident	43	15.00	645.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>9,796</u>		<u>68,979.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(68,924.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(61.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			(6.00)
Examination adjustment (Note 5)			<u>6.00</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2005			<u>\$ -</u>

Notes to the Statements of Receipts and Disbursements are an integral part of this report.

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LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	94	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,786.00
Junior	17	5.00	85.00
Junior combination	4	8.00	32.00
Senior	11	12.00	132.00
Replacements	6	5.00	30.00
Military	29	1.00	29.00
Non-resident			
Adult	4	100.00	400.00
Junior combination	1	50.00	50.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Archery			
Resident	39	15.00	585.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	43	10.00	430.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	6,933	5.00	34,665.00
Resident landowners	3	5.00	15.00
Non-resident	707	25.00	17,675.00
Armed forces	25	5.00	125.00
Disabled veterans	20	5.00	100.00
Replacements	9	5.00	45.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	4	19.00	76.00
Migratory			
Resident	18	2.00	36.00
Bear			
Resident	40	15.00	600.00
Non-resident	1	35.00	35.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>8,009</u>		<u>56,936.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(56,875.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(62.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			(1.00)
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2006			<u>\$ (1.00)</u>

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HUNTING LICENSE SALES
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LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	84	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,596.00
Junior	10	5.00	50.00
Junior combination	2	8.00	16.00
Senior	12	12.00	144.00
Replacements	2	5.00	10.00
Military	63	1.00	63.00
Non-resident			
Adult	6	100.00	600.00
Junior combination	1	50.00	50.00
Seven day	1	30.00	30.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Archery			
Resident	44	15.00	660.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	43	10.00	430.00
Non-resident	1	20.00	20.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	6,988	5.00	34,940.00
Resident landowners	5	5.00	25.00
Non-resident	417	25.00	10,425.00
Armed forces	49	5.00	245.00
Disabled veterans	24	5.00	120.00
Replacements	5	5.00	25.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	1	19.00	19.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Migratory			
Resident	19	2.00	38.00
Non-resident	1	5.00	5.00
Bear			
Resident	48	15.00	720.00
Non-resident	2	35.00	70.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>7,830</u>		<u>50,311.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(50,254.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(58.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			(1.00)
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2007			<u>\$ (1.00)</u>

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LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	82	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,558.00
Junior	13	5.00	65.00
Junior combination	4	8.00	32.00
Senior	11	12.00	132.00
Replacements	4	5.00	20.00
Military	15	1.00	15.00
Non-resident			
Adult	5	100.00	500.00
Junior	1	40.00	40.00
Seven day	1	30.00	30.00
Archery			
Resident	35	15.00	525.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	33	10.00	330.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	6,945	5.00	34,725.00
Resident landowners	4	5.00	20.00
Non-resident	461	25.00	11,525.00
Armed forces	23	5.00	115.00
Disabled veterans	24	5.00	120.00
Replacements	8	5.00	40.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	1	19.00	19.00
Migratory			
Resident	14	2.00	28.00
Non-resident	1	5.00	5.00
Bear			
Resident	36	15.00	540.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>7,722</u>		<u>50,389.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(50,323.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(66.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2008			<u>\$ -</u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	85	\$ 1,785.00
Replacements	1	4.25
Senior resident	10	100.00
National Guard/Armed Forces	1	1.00
Non-resident	1	51.00
Senior lifetime	149	7,450.00
Replacements	20	85.00
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	1	14.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>194</u>	<u>1,552.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>462</u></u>	11,042.25
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(11,032.25)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		10.00
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2005		<u><u>\$ 10.00</u></u>

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY
FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	66	\$ 1,386.00
Replacements	1	4.25
Senior resident	5	50.00
National Guard/Armed Forces	24	24.00
Senior lifetime	153	7,650.00
Replacements	17	72.25
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	1	14.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>206</u>	<u>1,648.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>473</u></u>	10,848.50
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(10,848.50)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2006		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY
FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	77	\$ 1,617.00
Replacements	1	4.25
Senior resident	5	50.00
One day resident	2	20.00
National Guard/Armed Forces	25	25.00
Non-resident	1	51.00
Tourist		
Three day	1	25.00
Senior lifetime	153	7,650.00
Replacements	23	97.75
Lake Erie Stamp	1	8.00
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	3	42.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>209</u>	<u>1,672.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>501</u></u>	11,262.00
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(11,262.00)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2007		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	55	\$ 1,183.70
Senior resident	7	73.50
National Guard/Armed Forces	2	3.40
Non-resident	1	51.70
Senior lifetime	73	3,690.60
Lifetime Upgrade Card	53	296.50
Replacements	20	114.00
Lake Erie Stamp	3	26.10
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	1	14.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>85</u>	<u>720.60</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>300</u></u>	6,174.10
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(6,174.10)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2008		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	10,302	\$ 56,844.00
Senior citizen	2,584	8,930.00
Lifetime	74	2,440.00
Duplicates	1	5.00
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Totals (Note 2)	<u>12,961</u>	68,219.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(68,219.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<hr/> -
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2005		<hr/> <u>\$ -</u>

Notes to the Statements of Receipts and Disbursements are an integral part of this report

TREASURER
LACKAWANNA COUNTY
DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	8,192	\$ 45,018.00
Senior citizen	2,138	7,378.00
Lifetime	130	3,960.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>10,460</u>	56,356.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(56,356.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2006		<u>\$ -</u>

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY
DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	7,222	\$ 39,482.00
Senior citizen	1,992	6,852.00
Lifetime	146	4,540.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>9,360</u>	50,874.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(50,874.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2007		<u>\$ -</u>

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DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	6,916	\$ 37,774.00
Senior citizen	2,019	6,937.00
Lifetime	135	4,040.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>9,070</u>	48,751.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(48,735.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		16.00
Examination adjustment (Note 6)		<u>(16.00)</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2008		<u>\$ -</u>

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LACKAWANNA COUNTY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2008 AND FOR
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. Criteria

The Statements of Receipts and Disbursements provide a summary of receipts and disbursements by category. The categories and the costs of licenses are based on Pennsylvania laws and regulations.

The Statements were prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the licensing agencies. Under this method, only the Commonwealth portion of cash receipts and disbursements are presented, revenues are recognized when received, and expenditures are recognized when paid.

The following schedule identifies the licensing agencies and the respective reporting period:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licensing Agency</u>	<u>License Period</u>
Hunting	Game Commission	July 1 to June 30
Fishing	Fish and Boat Commission	January 1 to December 31
Dog	Department of Agriculture	January 1 to December 31

With all of the license types listed above, there are licenses that are sold the month prior to the official license period beginning date. For our reporting purposes, these sales are included in the official first month of the license period.

2. Receipts

Receipts consist of monies collected on behalf of the licensing agency.

3. Disbursements

The proceeds from the sale of hunting and dog licenses for the license years were remitted by check to the appropriate licensing agency with the monthly reports of sales.

The proceeds from the sale of paper fishing licenses for the license years 2005 through 2007 were remitted monthly by check with the monthly reports of sales. The proceeds from the sale of fishing licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2007 and 2008 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

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4. Balance Due Licensing Agency (County) Per Settled Reports

This balance reflects the summary of monthly sales reports as settled by the appropriate licensing agency. It does not reflect adjustments disclosed by our examination. See Notes 5 and 6.

5. Examination Adjustment - Hunt License Year Ending June 30, 2005

During our prior audit, July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2004, we determined that there was a balance due to the Game Commission of \$6. This balance due was paid in July 2004.

6. Examination Adjustment - Dog License Year Ending December 31, 2008

Amount represents a credit taken for an overpayment in January 2008.

7. Prior Period Sales - Fish License Year Ending December 31, 2004

A transmittal in the amount of \$277.75 for licenses sold in the prior audit period (December 2004) and reported in the current examination period is not included in the 2005 statement of receipts and disbursements. This transmittal was not available for inclusion in the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements during the prior period.

8. County Officer Serving During Examination Period

Edward W. Karpovich served as Treasurer during the hunting license period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008 and during the fishing and dog license period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008.

TREASURER
LACKAWANNA COUNTY
REPORT DISTRIBUTION
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2008 AND FOR
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2005 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

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