

## 2009 Legislative Summary

### **Game Damage**

**SB-24 passed the House and Senate and signed by the Governor.** The DOW worked with the agriculture community and the bill's sponsors to amend the legislation to make it more acceptable to all stakeholders.

Details of the legislation:

1. Clarifies (separates) provisions relating to game damage claims from materials in statute.
2. Includes a timeline within which the DOW shall respond to game damage inquiries:
  - a. 2 days for initial contact and set up meeting w/ landowner;
  - b. 5 days to meet w/ landowner;
  - c. 15 days to deliver temporary materials.
  - d. 45 days to deliver permanent materials;
3. Increases the amount a landowner may charge for big-game hunting access before being ineligible for game damage from \$100 to \$500
4. Provides an opportunity for landowners that charge over \$500 for hunting access to receive permanent materials if they meet the following requirements: Must have been denied by their local HPP chapter, DOW must determine there to be excessive damage and damage continuing into the future.
5. If the DOW determines excessive damage to be occurring, and the wildlife causing the excessive damage exceeds the herd objectives set by the Division in that unit, the DOW is encouraged to issue a kill permit.
6. The DOW shall report to the General Assembly each year regarding herd management objectives and how those objectives are being met, and regarding game damage requests, payments and denials.

### **Habitat Stamp**

**SB-235 passed the House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor.**

Details of the Legislation:

1. The sunset date for the habitat stamp has been extended until 2013.
2. \$500,000 may be made available for acquisition of in-stream flows if CWCB spends all of its in-stream flow program monies. The Commission may approve CWCB

application if it meets the necessary criteria for habitat conservation and benefits public fishing.

3. During the 2010 regular session of the General Assembly, the House and Senate Jt. Ag Committee shall meet at least once to study the issues raised by SB-235. If not amended during the 2010 legislative session, SB-235 will largely be enacted July 1, 2010. The details of enactment dates are as follows:

**SB-235 Provisions**

**Enactment date**

Section 1 (Lifetime Stamp fee increase to \$300)	April 1, 2011
Section 2 (Fee increase from \$5 to \$10)	April 1, 2011
Section 3 (Wildlife Passport)	July 1, 2010
Section 4 (Repeal sale of stamp not assoc. w/ hunting or fishing lic.)	July 1, 2010
Section 5, Part 2 (Repeal stamp requirement for SWA access)	90 days
Section 5, Remainder	
(Must purchase stamp prior to applying for or purchasing lic.)	July 1, 2010
(Set aside for In-stream flow)	July 1, 2010
(Third party conservation easement 15% match)	July 1, 2010
Section 6 (Jt. Ag review)	90 days