



TREASURER

MERCER COUNTY

EXAMINATION REPORT OF LICENSE SALES

HUNTING - JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2005

FISHING AND DOG - JANUARY 1, 2003 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

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## Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Virginia S. Richardson  
Treasurer  
Mercer County  
Mercer, PA 16137

We have examined the accompanying statements of receipts and disbursements (Statements) of the Treasurer, Mercer 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*. 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 reported and promptly transmitted. *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 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 the Statements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our examination disclosed no 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.

October 10, 2006

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General

TREASURER  
MERCER COUNTY  
HUNTING LICENSE SALES  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
LICENSE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2004

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	201	\$ 19.00	\$ 3,819.00
Junior	36	5.00	180.00
Junior combination	17	8.00	136.00
Senior	56	12.00	672.00
Replacements	19	5.00	95.00
Non-resident			
Adult	49	100.00	4,900.00
Junior	2	40.00	80.00
Seven day	8	30.00	240.00
Replacements	2	5.00	10.00
Archery			
Resident	74	15.00	1,110.00
Non-resident	9	25.00	225.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	96	10.00	960.00
Non-resident	12	20.00	240.00
Replacements	4	5.00	20.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident landowners	14,965	5.00	74,825.00
Non-resident landowners	359	25.00	8,975.00
Armed forces	40	5.00	200.00
Disabled veterans	14	5.00	70.00
Replacements	31	5.00	155.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	16	19.00	304.00
Senior resident	2	12.00	24.00
Adult non-resident	1	80.00	80.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Migratory			
Resident	57	2.00	114.00
Non-resident	1	5.00	5.00
Bear			
Resident	37	15.00	555.00
Non-resident	3	35.00	105.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>16,113</u>		<u>98,109.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(97,980.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(129.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license year ending June 30, 2004			<u>\$ -</u>

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

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MERCER COUNTY  
HUNTING LICENSE SALES  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
LICENSE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	205	\$ 19.00	\$ 3,895.00
Junior	26	5.00	130.00
Junior combination	19	8.00	152.00
Senior	52	12.00	624.00
Replacements	14	5.00	70.00
Military	56	1.00	56.00
Non-resident			
Adult	34	100.00	3,400.00
Junior	3	40.00	120.00
Junior combination	1	50.00	50.00
Seven day	3	30.00	90.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Archery			
Resident	71	15.00	1,065.00
Non-resident	6	25.00	150.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	105	10.00	1,050.00
Non-resident	12	20.00	240.00
Replacements	2	5.00	10.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	16,206	5.00	81,030.00
Resident landowners	78	5.00	390.00
Non-resident landowners	709	25.00	17,725.00
Armed forces	61	5.00	305.00
Disabled veterans	17	5.00	85.00
Replacements	45	5.00	225.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	11	19.00	209.00
Senior resident	2	12.00	24.00
Adult non-resident	2	80.00	160.00
Migratory			
Resident	57	2.00	114.00
Non-resident	4	5.00	20.00
Bear			
Resident	32	15.00	480.00
Non-resident	3	35.00	105.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>17,838</u>		<u>111,984.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(111,840.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(144.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license year ending June 30, 2005			<u>\$ -</u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
LICENSE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	63	\$ 16.25	\$ 1,023.75
Replacements	2	4.25	8.50
Senior resident	1	3.25	3.25
Non-resident	15	34.25	513.75
Replacements	2	4.25	8.50
Tourist			
Three day	2	14.25	28.50
Seven day	3	29.25	87.75
Senior lifetime	221	15.25	3,370.25
Replacements	29	4.25	123.25
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>232</u>	5.00	<u>1,160.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>570</u></u>		6,327.50
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)			<u>(6,327.50)</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 year ending December 31, 2003			<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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LICENSE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	73	\$ 16.25	\$ 1,186.25
Replacements	1	4.25	4.25
Senior resident	2	3.25	6.50
Non-resident	13	34.25	445.25
Replacements	2	4.25	8.50
Tourist			
Three day	6	14.25	85.50
Senior lifetime	244	15.25	3,721.00
Replacements	16	4.25	68.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	246	5.00	1,230.00
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Totals (Note 2)	<u>603</u>		6,755.25
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)			<u>(6,755.25)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<hr/> -
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license year ending December 31, 2004			<u>\$ -</u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES  
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LICENSE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2005

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	89	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,869.00
Replacements	1	4.25	4.25
Senior resident	16	10.00	160.00
Non-resident	18	51.00	918.00
Replacements	1	4.25	4.25
Tourist			
Three day	2	25.00	50.00
Senior lifetime	165	50.00	8,250.00
Replacements	27	4.25	114.75
Lake Erie Stamp	30	8.00	240.00
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	119	14.00	1,666.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	75	8.00	600.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>543</u>		13,876.25
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)			<u>(13,876.25)</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 year ending December 31, 2005			<u>\$ -</u>

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DOG LICENSE SALES  
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LICENSE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	13,899	\$ 81,307.00
Senior citizen	3,858	14,450.00
Lifetime	134	4,030.00
Duplicates	<u>11</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>17,902</u></u>	99,842.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(99,842.00)</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 year ending December 31, 2003		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	13,850	\$ 80,798.00
Senior citizen	3,934	14,652.00
Lifetime	167	4,820.00
Duplicates	<u>5</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u>17,956</u>	100,295.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(100,295.00)</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 year ending December 31, 2004		<u>\$ -</u>

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<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	13,563	\$ 78,983.00
Senior citizen	3,998	14,942.00
Lifetime	71	5,280.00
Duplicates	<u>4</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u>17,636</u>	99,225.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(99,225.00)</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 year ending December 31, 2005		<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2003 TO JUNE 30, 2005 AND FOR  
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2003 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

1. Criteria

The Statements of Receipts and Disbursements (Statements) have been prepared in accordance with Title 72 P.S. Section 401 (d) of *The Fiscal Code*, which requires the Department of the Auditor General to determine whether all monies collected by all agents charged with assessing, appraising, or collecting license fees have been remitted properly to the licensing agencies.

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

License proceeds are remitted to the various licensing agencies with monthly reports of sales.

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.

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5. County Officer Serving During Examination Period

Virginia S. Richardson served as Treasurer during the hunting license period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 and during the fishing and dog license period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005.

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MERCER COUNTY  
REPORT DISTRIBUTION  
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THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2003 TO DECEMBER 31, 2005

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