

ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

Treasurer

Northampton County, Pennsylvania

For the Period

Hunting - July 1, 2016 to June 20, 2019

Fishing and Dog - January 1, 2016 to
December 31, 2018

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Nancy Poplawski
Treasurer
Northampton County
Easton, PA 18042

We have examined the accompanying statements of receipts and disbursements (Statements) of the Treasurer, Northampton 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). The county office's management is responsible for presenting these Statements in accordance with the criteria set forth in Note 1. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statements are presented in accordance with the criteria described above, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the statements of receipts and disbursements. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Statements, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide 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, for the license period identified on the contents page, are presented in accordance with the criteria set forth in Note 1, in all material respects.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws or regulations that have a material effect on the Statements; and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that has a material effect on the Statements. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. 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 internal control over reporting on the Statements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the Statements are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over reporting on the Statements that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our engagement we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the County Officer's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of Statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our engagement, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

The purpose of this report is to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly assessed, reported and promptly remitted. This report is not suitable for any other purposes.

We appreciate the courtesy extended by the Treasurer, Northampton County, to us during the course of our examination. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.



Eugene A. DePasquale
Auditor General

January 13, 2020

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TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
HUNTING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident		
Adult	69	\$ 1,387.10
Junior	3	17.70
Junior combination	6	53.40
Senior	9	116.10
Senior Lifetime Combo	5	504.50
Senior Lifetime Hunting	1	50.90
Military	10	21.00
Reserves	1	1.90
Spring Turkey	1	20.90
Mentored Youth	2	3.80
Non-resident		
Adult	6	605.40
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	67	1,095.30
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	27	314.30
Antlerless deer		
Resident	10,310	60,829.00
Resident landowners	2	11.80
Non-resident	72	1,864.80
Armed forces	16	94.40
Disabled veterans	29	171.10
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	4	43.60
Bobcat	2	11.80
Federal Duck Stamp	1	27.40
Furtaker		
Adult resident	4	79.60
Senior resident	1	12.90
Disabled veterans	1	2.90
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	15	43.50
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	31	492.90
DMAP - Resident and Non-resident	6	59.40
Replacements	79	466.10
Donations for the Game Commission	1	5.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>10,781</u>	68,408.50
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)		(68,332.50)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		<u>(75.00)</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 July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017		<u>\$ 1.00</u>

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

TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident		
Adult	39	\$ 790.10
Junior	1	5.90
Junior combination	2	17.80
Senior	7	90.30
Senior Lifetime Combo	2	201.80
Military	10	23.00
Spring Turkey	3	62.70
Non-resident		
Adult	4	403.60
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	46	731.40
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	24	281.60
Antlerless deer		
Resident	9,980	58,882.00
Non-resident	85	2,201.50
Armed forces	8	47.20
Disabled veterans	30	177.00
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	2	21.80
Bobcat	1	5.90
Adult Pheasant	10	259.00
Federal Duck Stamp	1	27.40
Furtaker		
Adult resident	2	39.80
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	14	40.60
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	29	461.10
DMAP - Resident and Non-resident	6	59.40
Replacements	50	295.00
Hunting & Trapping Digest	19	95.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>10,375</u>	<u>65,220.90</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)		(65,160.60)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		<u>(77.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		(16.70)
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018		<u>\$ (16.70)</u>

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FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident		
Adult	34	\$ 676.60
Senior	9	116.10
Senior Lifetime Combo	5	504.50
Senior Lifetime Hunting	1	50.90
Senior Lifetime Upgrade Combo	1	50.90
Military	14	33.60
Spring Turkey	6	125.40
Mentored Youth	1	1.90
Non-resident		
Adult	5	504.50
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	52	856.80
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	21	238.90
Antlerless deer		
Resident	9,705	57,259.50
Non-resident	81	2,097.90
Armed forces	18	106.20
Disabled veterans	27	159.30
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	1	10.90
Bobcat	4	23.60
Fisher	1	5.90
Adult Pheasant	7	181.30
Federal Duck Stamp	2	54.80
Furtaker		
Adult resident	3	59.70
Senior resident	1	12.90
Disabled veterans	2	5.80
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	12	40.80
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	31	492.90
DMAP - Resident and Non-resident	5	49.50
Replacements	19	112.10
Hunting & Trapping Digest	17	85.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>10,085</u>	<u>63,918.20</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)		(63,843.10)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		<u>(73.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		2.10
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019		<u>\$ 2.10</u>

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TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	37	\$ 820.10
Voluntary Youth	1	1.70
Replacements	1	5.90
Senior resident	4	42.80
National Guard/Armed Forces	4	7.20
Reduced Disabled Veterans	4	7.20
Senior lifetime	8	495.80
Lifetime Upgrade Card	8	85.80
Replacements	4	23.20
Lake Erie Stamp	1	6.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	37	322.90
1 Year Trout/Salmon	9	78.70
5 Year Trout/Salmon	1	40.70
Angler and Boater Magazine	1	12.90
Annual Fishing Button	1	4.00
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Totals (Note 2)	121	1,954.90
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Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		(1,954.90)
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Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		-
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Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016		\$ -
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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	24	\$ 525.60
3 Year Resident	1	63.90
Voluntary Youth	2	3.80
Replacements	1	5.90
Senior resident	8	87.20
National Guard/Armed Forces	1	1.90
Reduced Disabled Veterans	1	1.90
Tourist		
Seven day	1	33.90
Senior lifetime	10	509.00
Lifetime Upgrade Card	4	43.60
Replacements	1	5.90
Trout/Salmon Stamp	22	195.80
1 Year Trout/Salmon	6	53.40
3 Year Trout/Salmon	2	49.80
10 Year Trout/Salmon	1	80.90
Annual Fishing Button	<u>9</u>	<u>36.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>94</u></u>	1,698.50
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(1,698.50)</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 January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

License Type	Licenses Sold	Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission
Resident	17	\$ 372.30
Senior resident	1	10.90
3 Year Senior Resident	1	30.90
Reduced Disabled Veterans	3	5.70
Non-resident	1	51.90
Senior lifetime	10	509.00
Lifetime Upgrade Card	5	54.50
Replacements	2	11.80
Trout/Salmon Stamp	18	160.20
1 Year Trout/Salmon	8	71.20
3 Year Trout/Salmon	1	24.90
5 Year Trout/Salmon	1	40.90
Angler and Boater Magazine	1	12.90
Annual Fishing Button	4	16.00
	73	1,373.10
Totals (Note 2)	73	1,373.10
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		(1,373.10)
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		-
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018		\$ -

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TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	8,154	\$ 44,266.00
Senior citizen	2,323	7,683.00
Lifetime	<u>1,584</u>	<u>47,010.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>12,061</u></u>	98,959.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(98,959.00)</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 January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	9,403	\$ 51,137.00
Senior citizen	2,649	8,763.00
Lifetime	<u>1,541</u>	<u>45,090.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>13,593</u></u>	104,990.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(104,990.00)</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 January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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 DOG LICENSE SALES
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
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<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	11,623	\$ 63,133.00
Senior citizen	3,015	10,003.00
Lifetime	<u>1,566</u>	<u>46,640.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>16,204</u></u>	119,776.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(119,776.00)</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 January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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

TREASURER
 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
 NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AND FOR
 THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

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 licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2016 through 2018 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

The proceeds from the sale of fishing licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2016 through 2018 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

The proceeds from the sale of dog licenses for the license years 2016 through 2018 were remitted by check to the appropriate licensing agency with the monthly reports of sales.

TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
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THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

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.

5. Prior Examination Period Balance Due

We noted that there was a prior examination balance due the Commonwealth of \$13 which was not paid as of the end of our current examination period.

6. County Officer Serving During Examination Period

Nancy Poplawski served as Treasurer during the hunting license period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 and during the fishing and dog license period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

TREASURER
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REPORT DISTRIBUTION
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2019 AND FOR
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

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