

## FISH & WILDLIFE AGENCY COMMISSION SUMMARIZED DATA (2015 by NWF)

- **1 state split up their responsibilities between “Fish” and “Game/Wildlife”**
  - Pennsylvania
- **Average number of Commissioners = 9**
  - Connecticut has lowest at 2
  - Colorado has most at 14
  - Mode = 7
- **Average Number of Term years = 6**
  - AK, DE, IN, ME has lowest at 3 years
  - Pennsylvania Game Commission with most at 8 years
    - Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission only have 4 year terms
  - Mode = 4
- **Male:Female Ratio**
  - 96% of states have more men than women
  - Approximate 7:1 ratio of men to women for all commissions and per commissions
  - 35% of commissions have 0 females
  - 74% of commission have 1 or less females
  - Biggest differential is in Georgia with 17 men and 2 women
- **Race**
  - 100% of commissions have at least 1 white individual
  - 20% of commissions have at least 1 person of color (Black, Latino, Asian pacific, Indian)
- **Appointment Process**
  - 100% of commissioners are appointed by the Governor
- **Prequalifications**
  - 20 states (50%) require interests, knowledge, or experience in wildlife/wildlife conservation
  - 6 states (15%) require interests, knowledge, or experience in fish/fisheries
  - 11 states (28%) require actual experience, knowledge, or education in agriculture/farming
  - 2 states (5%) require experience in public policy/policy decision-making
  - 1 state (HI) (3%) requires a formal degree in some form related to conservation and natural resources
  - 10 states (25%) require or are interested in commissioners that have experience or are active hunters, fishermen, and sportsmen
  - 1 state (CO) (3%) has quotas limits for voting vs non-voting members
  - 7 states (18%) have county, districts, geographical requirements
  - 2 states (5%) (AK and CA) explicating state they want to diversity the expertise among commissioners on their boards
  - 2 states (5%) require water resource conservation background/expertise
  - 4 states (10%) have political party quotas
- **Powers & Duties**
  - Powers and duties vary too much to effective summarize
  - Some responsibilities are very detailed, while others don't articulate their powers at all