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MAFWA Annual Meeting – Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
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Rick Young, Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever;
Dan Forster, Archery Trade Association – enjoying friendly competition
MAFWA - Getting Together

Jon Gassett, WMI
Bill Creighton, Fresh Air Educators

Jason Lupardus, NWTF
Dale Garner, IA DNR
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
Keith Sexson, Jerrod Alley, KY

Wildlife Biologist of the Year
Keith Sexson, Max Alleger, MO
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

Fisheries Biologist of the Year
Keith Sexson, Mark Flammang, IA

Spirit of the Shack
Keith Sexson, Thomas Draper, MO
Excellence in Conservation
Keith Sexson, Mark Reiter for Joe Caudell & IN Bovine Team

Special Recognition
Kelley Myers, USFWS

MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners
Nebraska Audubon
Corrinne Kolm – Marian Langan’s daughter, Jim Douglas, Bill Taddicken

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Thomas Draper, Max Alleger, Kelley Myers, Mark Reiter for Joe Caudell, Jerrod Alley, Mark Flammang, Corrine Kolm, Bill Taddicken
MAFWA Speakers

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MAFWA – Good Food
Henry Doorly Zoo – Supper
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Networking & Having Fun

Ollie Torgerson, MAFWA
Greg Sheehan, USFWS

Becky Humphries, John Frampton, Gary Sheehan, Mitch King, Carol Bambery
Platte River State Park
Friendly Competition - Archery
Platte River State Park
Friendly Competition – Rifle & Shotgun (& Fire Pit)
Platte River State Park
Friendly Competition Winners?!?
MAFWA – More Good Food & Good Friends
Platte River State Park – WOW!

The View

The Tower
Government Relations

TAKING ARCHERY INTO COMMUNITIES, AND COMMUNITIES INTO ARCHERY
State Bowhunting Regulation Survey

“Equipment”

Stimulus: Members Practitioners

GOALS: Clarity Compliance
ARCHERY TRADE ASSOCIATION

Regulations Survey

All 50 states – Public Sources
2016-17 Hunting Season
Reviewed >60 Metrics w/variability
: Potential Barriers - 4
: Complexity - 15
: Outliers - 19
Results

*Incredible variability – “Complex”*
*Lack of clarity – “Confusing”*

Summary Findings Report
Model Regulations (Presentation)
State Specific Summary Sheet
Results – Complexity

**Arrow Length Minimum:** Most states do not regulate arrow length. Eleven states regulate the minimum length that an arrow must be for use in hunting. Minimum lengths range from 18 - 26 inches. One state requires that the arrow must be longer than the bows brace height.

**Arrow Weight Minimum:** Most states do not regulate arrow weights. However, seven states regulate the minimum allowable weight of a hunting arrow. Minimum weights range from 275-350 grains.
Crossbow Draw Weight Minimum: Seventeen states do not regulate crossbow draw weight, 32 regulate minimum draw weight and only 2 states specify a maximum draw weight at 200lbs. Minimum draw weights are highly variable ranging from 75 - 150 lbs.

Bolt Length: Most states do not regulate bolt length. However, 15 states currently regulate the minimum length that an arrow must be for use in hunting. Minimum lengths range from 12 - 18 inches.
Results – Complexity

## "Your state" Summary Findings 2017 (Complexity)

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Bow Draw Weight Minimum: Most states (33/50) specify a minimum poundage draw weight that must be used for hunting. Eleven states are silent on required minimums, and six states have no minimum draw weight. Specified draw weights include 30lb, 35lb and 40lb minimums.
Results – Potential Barriers

Bow Let-off Maximum: Five states reported limitations on maximum bow let-off ranging from 80 - 85%.

Bowhunter Education: Most states (38) do not require bowhunter education certification in addition to basic hunter education. In 12 states, however, additional bowhunter-specific education is required.

Crossbow Allowance: Twenty-five states currently allow crossbows to be used during regular archery seasons. Additionally, 22 states allow for their use during archery season by individuals with disabilities and by certain age groups.
### Your state” Summary Findings 2017 (Potential Barriers)

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Results – Outliers

Broadhead Cutting Diameter (Fixed, Mechanical & Crossbow Mechanical): Most state wildlife agencies do not specify a maximum cutting diameter for fixed or mechanical broadhead blades. One state, however, specifies that no fixed broadhead with blades greater than 1.5 inches may be used. Another state specifies that no mechanical broadhead with a diameter greater than 2.0 inches may be used.
Results – Outliers

**Bow Length Minimum:** There are two states that specify the overall length of a bow must be a minimum of 28 inches in length...

**Casting Distance (Arrows and Bolts):** One state requires that bows and crossbows must be able to cast (throw forcefully) the arrow or bolt, respectfully, a minimum distance of 130 yds. One state specifies that bows (no restriction on crossbows) must cast an arrow a minimum distance of 150 yds...
Outliers: “Your State” is one of four states that impose a minimum weight for crossbow bolts.

Outliers include: Arrow Materials, Broadhead Blade Thickness for Fixed Broadheads, Broadhead Cutting Diameter, Bow Length Minimum, Broadhead Maximum Length, Casting Distance, Crossbow Draw Length, Crossbow Bolt Weight, Crossbow Broadhead Width, Crossbow Manufacture Date, Crossbow Width, Crossbows with Scopes, Electronic Tracking Devices, Laser Sights, Lighted Nocks, Mechanical Broadheads, Mechanical Broadhead Weight, and Overdraw Arrow Rest.
Model Regulations – Part 1

(Majority Position)

“Bows and broadheads used for hunting must have a minimum draw weight of 30 lbs and 7/8th inch cutting diameter, respectively. Crossbows used for hunting must have a minimum draw weight of 100 lbs and may be used during archery only seasons.”
In addition, arrow/bolt length, arrow material, arrow weight, barbs on broadheads, bolt length, bow let-off, bow length, bowhunter education, broadhead blade thickness, broadhead cutting edges, broadhead diameter, broadhead length, broadhead material, broadhead width, casting distance, crossbow draw weight, crossbow width, crossbows with scopes, drawlocks, laser sights, lighted nocks, lighted pins, mechanical broadheads, overdraw rests and sight magnification are NOT restricted.
State Wildlife Agency
Partner Feedback

Thoughts
Errors
Improvements
Communicate
Information and Background
Assistance and Support
Resulting Actions
Policy Constraints on Managers

Pittman-Robertson Modernization

*Identifies Hunter and Recreational Shooter Recruitment as a legitimate use of PR funding
*Increase MSCGP to support recruitment efforts
Government Relations

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