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**June 25-28, 2017
Eugene T. Mahoney SP**



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
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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



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Keith Sexson, Thomas Draper, MO



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Excellence in Conservation

**Keith Sexson, Mark Reiter for
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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,
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MAFWA Annual Meeting Networking & Having Fun



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Platte River State Park Friendly Competition - Archery



Platte River State Park

Friendly Competition – Hatchet Throwing



Platte River State Park

Friendly Competition – Rifle & Shotgun (& Fire Pit)



Platte River State Park Friendly Competition Winners?!?



MAFWA – More Good Food & Good Friends



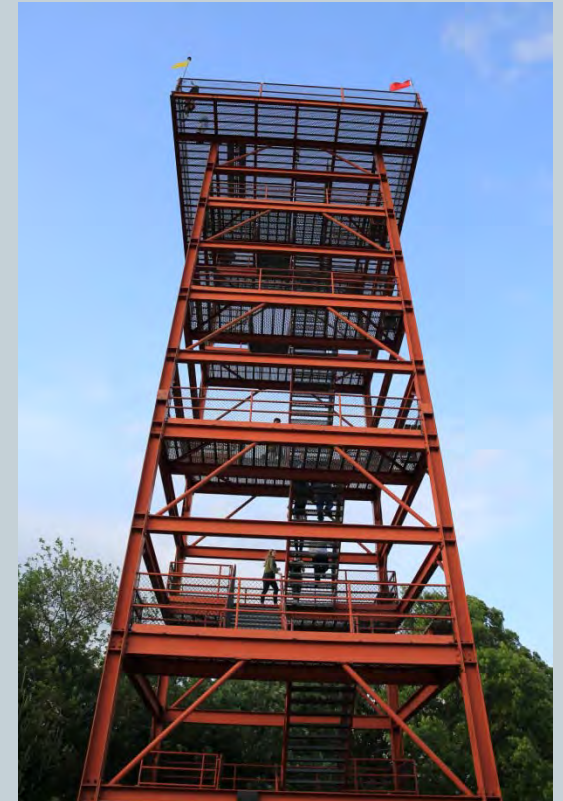
Platte River State Park – WOW!



The View



The Tower





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State Bowhunting Regulation Survey “Equipment”



Stimulus:
Members
Practitioners

GOALS:
Clarity
Compliance



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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



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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.



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Results – Complexity

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.



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Results – Complexity

METRICS: Arrow Length Minimum, Arrow Weight Minimum, Airbows, Barbed Broadheads, Bolt Length, Broadhead Cutting Edges, Broadhead Diameter, Broadhead Materials, Crossbow Broadhead Diameter, Crossbow Length, Crossbow Draw Weight Minimum, Crossbow Mechanical Safety, Drawlock, Sights – Lighted Pins, Sights – Magnification.



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State Report

“Your state” Summary Findings 2017 (Complexity)

<u>Regulatory Metric</u>	<u>Majority Position</u>	<u>State Position</u>
Arrow Length Minimum:	No Constraint	No Constraint
Arrow Weight Minimum:	No Constraint	No Constraint
Airbows:	Not Allowed	Not Stated
Barbed Broadheads:	No Constraint	No Constraint
Bolt Length:	No Constraint	Not Stated
Broadhead Cutting Edges:	No Constraint	2 edges
Continued.....		



Results – Potential Barriers

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.



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State Report

“Your state” Summary Findings 2017 (Potential Barriers)

<u>Regulatory Metric</u>	<u>Majority Position</u>	<u>State Position</u>
Bow Draw Weight Minimum:	0 – 30 lbs.	40 lbs.
Bow Let-off Maximum:	No Constraints	Not Stated
Bowhunter Education:	NO-Basic	NO-Basic
Crossbow Allowance:	Allowed	Allowed



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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.



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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...



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State Report

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 100lbs and may be used during archery only seasons.”



Model Regulations – Part 2 (*Recommended*)

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.



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State Wildlife Agency Partner Feedback

Thoughts
Errors
Improvements
Communicate
Information and Background
Assistance and Support
Resulting Actions



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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*



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