Course Title: Wildlife and Fisheries Management

**Board Approval Date:** September 15, 2020

Credit / Hours: 1.0

# Course Description:

This course is designed for students who want to learn about the wildlife, habitat, and fisheries management techniques and technologies used by state/ federal agencies to balance interactions between wildlife, natural resources, and humans. Topics covered include wild game management, habitat protection, and enhancement, and current environmental issues like the impacts of introduced species and the role of fire and top predators in maintaining ecosystem balance. Activities will include field trips to identify and/or collect native plants, birds, fish, and insects.

# Learning Activities / Modes of Assessment:

- Bell ringers
- Discussions
- Coloring guides
- Collaboration
- Worksheets
- Video guides
- Labs
- Projects
- Quizzes
- Tests

#### Instructional Resources:

- PA Hunting and Trapping Digest
- PA Furtaking Student Manual
- PA Wild Activity book
- PA Wet Activity book
- Various field guides
- Various worksheets and activities
- Power Point, Schoology, iPads, Nearpod,
- Quizlet, Kahoot, etc.
- Youtube videos

Curriculum: High School Science

Course: Wildlife and Fisheries Management

Know: Understand: Do:

#### Intro to Wildlife and Fisheries MGMT

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- What is Wildlife/Fisheries
   Management
- History of Management and Conservation in the US and PA
- Early Conservationists
- The role of each player in the management of wildlife and fisheries

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- Refresh and renewal of habitats
- Biodiversity of habitats and importance
- Population control within ecosystems
- Identification, control and eradication of invasives
- Predator-prey relationships
- Food chains and webs
- Top predators and keystone

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- Aquatic habitats
- Watersheds and wetlands
- Stream health indicators
- Sampling methods
- Identification of Macroinvertebrate types and stream/river locations
- Identification of fish anatomy, types, and aquatic locations
- Fisheries management and population control

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- 4.2.10.C Explain the relationship between water quality and the diversity of life in a freshwater ecosystem.
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- Explain how limiting factors affect the growth and reproduction of freshwater organisms.
- 4.2.12.A Examine environmental laws related to land use management and its impact on the water quality and flow within a watershed.
- 4.2.12.B Analyze the effects of policies and regulations at various governmental levels on wetlands and their surrounding environments.
- Examine various public policies relating to wetlands.
- Investigate the intended and unintended effects of public policies and regulations relating to wetlands.
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- Conservation, connection, and history
- Specific wildlife habitats
- Identification of birds and mammals
- Specific information about certain PA birds and mammals
- Hunting and population control/management of this wildlife

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- Analyze how technologies such as modern mining, harvesting, and transportation equipment affect the use of our natural resources.
- Describe how local and state agencies manage natural resources.
- 4.3.10.B Analyze how humans manage and distribute natural resources.
- Describe the use of a natural resource with an emphasis on the environmental consequences of extracting, processing, transporting, using, and disposing of it.
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# Pacing Guide

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Intro to Wildlife/Fisheries MGMT	10 days
Population Dynamics	30 days
Aquatics	25 days
US and PA Wildlife	25 days