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RE: Use of suppressor while hunting

ATTN: Joshua Prince

Dear Mr. Prince:

Thank you for your question outlined in your letter of October 19, 2009. As I understand the question, you desire to know whether there are any prohibitions by the Pennsylvania Game Commission to use of a suppressor while hunting. The person must, of course be licensed by other federal or state authorities as necessary by law.

You have correctly noted there are no prohibitions against using a suppressor in the Game and Wildlife Code. Because licenses for suppressors are still relatively rare, I would suggest having evidence of your license with you while hunting, as our officers will have no way of knowing you are licensed and may feel obliged to investigate if they come upon you. However, there is nothing illegal in the Game and Wildlife Code with a properly licensed person choosing to use a suppressor while hunting.

Thank you again for your interest in wildlife, our hunting and trapping heritage and being a safe, ethical, and legal hunter.

Sincerely,

Bradley C. Bechtel
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