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I. Description of Agency

- a. The Putnam Federation of Sporting Clubs, Inc. was organized on February 10, 1954 is a membership-based organization committed to advocating for the interests of the outdoor sports community in Putnam County, New York.
- b. We collaborate closely with the county's sportsmen's clubs, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, elected representatives, and others dedicated to preserving wildlife and natural resources.
- c. In partnership with Putnam County, our 501c3 supports the sportsmen and sportswomen of Putnam County and New York State, working to ensure that the rich legacy and traditions of outdoor sports endure for generations to come.

II. Services Provided

- a. Trout and Walleye Stocking
 - i. We engage in the stocking of trout and walleye under permit by New York State DEC in lakes and streams throughout the county and actively support the DEC in their efforts to stock streams.
- b. Ringneck Pheasant Stocking
 - i. Additionally, we participate in the propagation of Ringneck Pheasants to the Cranberry Mountain MUA, Cornwall Meadows MUA, and DEP Horsepound Wildlife Management Unit. The Federation's stocking activities commence in November, following the completion of DEC's stocking efforts in October
- c. Junior Hunter Pheasant
 - i. Each September, we offer a chance for Junior Hunter small game license holders to participate in a pheasant hunt alongside trained dogs. This takes place on the Cornwall Meadows Multiple Use area, in the Town of Patterson. The Federation ensures that the

land is stocked for the occasion and provides light refreshments for the day. The day starts with a safety brief, given by one of our local Environmental Conservation Officers, fostering positive relationships between Junior Hunters and New York State DEC law enforcement.

III. Mission Statement

- a. At the heart of our Federation is the belief that 'One Voice Represents Many,' a sentiment embodied in the motto of the Federation Insignias Patch. As a unified amalgamation of diverse Sportsmen's Clubs in Putnam County, our mission is to serve as a centralized hub. We function as a clearing house for addressing challenges encountered by individual member clubs, ensuring a collective voice for the sporting community.
- b. Our commitment extends to representing Putnam County on the state level through the New York State Conservation Council and the New York State DEC Region 3 Fish & Wildlife Management Board. Through elected delegates, we participate in vital discussions at various meetings of the New York State Council and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. With a shared purpose, we strive to advocate, protect, and uphold the interests of our member clubs and the broader sporting community to ensure legacy of responsible conservation and outdoor sportsmanship.

IV. Population Served

- a. Putnam County Sporting clubs, youths wanting to enter in Fishing and Wildlife sports and Outdoor sportsmen and sportswomen in Putnam County.

V. Significant Events & Accomplishments in 2025

- a. In a cooperative effort involving the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and Federation Officers, a significant agreement was reached permitting the propagation of Ringneck Pheasants on the Horsepound Wildlife Management Unit owned by New York City's DEP. This marked the inaugural authorization by the DEP for the propagation of this species.
- b. Over 450 Ringneck Pheasants were released upon public lands in Putnam County open for hunting to residents and visitors to the County.

- c. Over 4000 Walleye fish were stocked on waters within Putnam County open to Public Fishing Access.
- d. We conducted youth fishing clinics at Veterans Memorial Park on September 6th and Lake Mahopac Park on July 20th with 50 participants each day.



- e. On September 27th, 2025, the Federation initiated the NYS DEC Youth Pheasant Hunt Weekend. We facilitated the event by offering proficient bird dogs and experienced bird hunters, aiming to cultivate and uphold the ethical traditions of bird hunting for junior hunters from Putnam and neighboring counties.



- f. On June 28th we participated in the Lake Carmel Fishing derby.



- g. May 31st We participated in the NYC DEP and DEC family fishing event assisting Family Fishing Day at Lake Gleneida.



- h. Participated in Kent Trunk or Treat on October 17th.



VI. Staffing

- a. Federation Officers are comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, representative to the Region 3 Fish & Game and a representative to the New York State Conservation Council. The general membership encompasses individuals from various sportsmen's clubs across Putnam County.
- b. Ray Merlotto will remain as consultant as needed. 2025-2026 term of Officers going forward are: President (Richard Litsky), Vice-President (Mike Tozzi), Secretary (Charles Langlitz), Treasurer (Jim Piekarski). Elections will be held December 2026.

VII. Sources of Revenue

- a. Revenues received through Putnam County, NY are utilized to purchase and release fish and ringneck pheasants on public lands. General operating revenue is received through membership dues levied against member clubs.

VIII. Goals for 2026

- a. In 2026, the Putnam Federation of Sporting Clubs, Inc will endeavor to increase educational outreach to Putnam County youth interested in hunting and fishing at local community events.

- b. The Federation will also look to increase awareness and participation in the NYS DEC Youth Pheasant Hunt Weekend through leveraging social media and engagement with its member clubs.
- c. In 2026, the Putnam Federation of Sporting Clubs, Inc will continue to engage with NYC DEP and NYS DEC to open new areas for public access to recreational sporting activities. Additionally, the Federation will engage with these partner agencies to request increased maintenance and enhancement of these habitats.