



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CHARLESTON 25305
August 30, 1978

DAVID C. CALLAGHAN
Director

The Honorable A. James Manchin
Secretary of State of West Virginia
State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 8-30-78

Dear Secretary Manchin:

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I hereby certify that the enclosed regulations are true and accurate copies of official regulations to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,


David C. Callaghan
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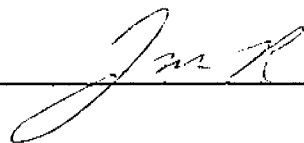
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I, David C. Callaghan, Director,
Title or Position

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Department or Division

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- () proposed rules and regulations concerning topics of material not covered by existing rules and regulations;
- (x) proposed rules and regulations superseding rules and regulations already on file;
- () notice of hearing;
- () findings and determinations;
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addendum to
- (x) other - specify (emergency regulations and newsletter) .


This filing pertains to

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- () proposed rules and regulations are required to go to Legislative Rule Making Committee;
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The daily aggregate bag limit of four ducks can include the following combinations: one canvasback, one redhead, a maximum of two black ducks and/or two wood ducks. The aggregate possession limit of eight ducks can include the following combinations: one canvasback, one redhead, a maximum of four black ducks and/or four wood ducks. The possession and daily bag limit of Canada geese shall be one.

"Duck hunters are urged to obtain a copy of the official state and/or migratory bird regulations for further details before going afield to avoid violating any state or federal migratory bird regulation," said Ruckel.

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first phase of waterfowl season in the
controlled hunt area even if other seasons
run concurrently.

(iii) No more than one hen mallard may be taken
daily.

(m) No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the
blind area.

(n) A hunter in the controlled area who violates
regulations or conducts himself in an unsportsman-like manner
at the McClintic Wildlife Station will be denied a permit.