

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CHARLESTON 25305

IRA S. LATIMER, Jr. Director

September 15, 1976

The Honorable James R. McCartney Secretary of State of West Virginia. State Capitol Building Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary McCartney:

Your attention is invited to my letter of August 3, 1976, transmitting the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1976-77 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Birds, designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1. Federal Guidelines have now been established for waterfowl, and we are enclosing an addendum, designated Series IXa.

In order to meet the opening date of October 6, as set by the Federal Government, these regulations are being filed on an emergency basis, to be effective October 6, 1976. It is our desire that these regulations be made permanent at the earliest date permitted according to the provisions of 29A-Code of West Virginia.

As stipulated in 29A-3-8 of the Code, all interested parties may submit data, objections, amendments, views, evidence or arguments, in writing, to the Department of Natural Resources, 1800 Washington Street East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, anytime prior to the effective date of these regulations.

Information relating to these regulations will be disbursed to all news media of the State in the form of a news release, and will be available to all interested individuals prior to the effective date of the migratory waterfowl hunting regulations.

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,

Ira S. Latimer, Jr.

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