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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Secretary Rockefeller:

By virtue of the powers and authority granted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Article 1, Section 7, Chapter 20, Code of West Virginia, the following changes in Administrative Regulations 20-1, Series IV, 1972-73 Hunting and Trapping Regulations are hereby made.

Section 5, paragraph 09 (5.09) dealing with "Bag and possession limits for raccoon," is hereby rescinded in its entirety and changed to read: "Bag limit during any 11-hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. is four raccoons for one person or group of persons as a party and 40 per season in the following counties: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Grant, and Pendleton. Bag limit during any 11-hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. is two raccoons for one person or group of persons as a party and 20 per season for the remainder of the state."

Section 6, paragraph 07 (6.07) dealing with "Having a strung bow in your possession or control while in or on any vehicle, conveyance or their attachments within this state," is hereby rescinded and is to be deleted from the current Administrative Regulations 20-1, Series IV.

I hereby certify that this supplement to Administrative Regulations 20-1, Series IV, dated this 12th day of September 1972 is a true and accurate copy of the official amended

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regulations as adopted by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. These regulation changes shall become effective on the 14th day of October 1972.

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cc: Chief Raymond Eye
Mr. Charles W. Lewis

4.14. Deer - Gun - November 20, 1972 - December 2, 1972. (See map for various seasons.)

Section 5. Hunting Bag and Possession Limits:

5.01. Deer - One per day, two per season, one with gun and one with bow.

5.02. Squirrels - Gray, Black, Albino, and Fox - Six in aggregate of all species per day. Possession limit is 12 after first day.

5.03. Ruffed Grouse - native pheasant - Four per day. Possession limit is eight after first day.

5.04. Wild Turkey - Bag and possession limit: one turkey of either sex in fall season; one bearded turkey in spring season.

5.05. Bobwhite Quail - Seven per day, 14 in possession after first day.

5.06. Ring-necked Pheasant - Two per day, two per season.

5.07. Cottontail Rabbit - Five per day, possession limit ten after first day.

5.08. Varying Hare - Two per day, possession limit four after first day.

5.09. Raccoon - Bag limit during any 11-hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 a.m. is two raccoons for one person or group of persons as a party and 20 per season.

5.10. Black Bear - One adult bear by means of gun or bow. Adults weigh 100 pounds or more.

5.11. Mourning Doves, Ducks, Geese, Woodcock, Snipe, Gallinules, Virginia and Sora Rails - Federal Regulations will apply and be in effect as state regulations.

Section 6. General Bow and Arrow Hunting Regulations:

6.01. A long bow may be substituted for a gun during any season for which firearms are lawful, except those having already killed a deer with a bow shall not substitute a bow for a gun during the firearms season for deer. It is unlawful to have both a gun and a bow in the field together; hunting with crossbow is illegal.

6.02. Arrows must have at least two sharp cutting edges measuring more than three-fourths of an inch in width, to hunt turkey, bear or deer.

6.03. Unlawful to use arrow with explosive head or shaft.

6.04. Unlawful to shoot across public highway, from aircraft, motor driven watercraft, motor vehicle or other land conveyance.

6.05. Unlawful to hunt on Sunday except for legal aquatic life.

6.06. Unlawful to kill more than one deer with bow.

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~~6.07. Unlawful to have a strung or energized bow in your possession or control while in or on any vehicle, conveyance or their attachments within the state.~~

6.08. For bow and arrow fishing, a resident is required to have a fishing license; a nonresident is required to have a nonresident bow or gun hunting license or nonresident bow only hunting license.

6.09. Unlawful to have bow in woods, during closed season on game animals and game birds.

Section 7. Bow and Arrow Hunting Seasons:

7.01. Deer - Bow and arrow - October 14, 1972 - December 30, 1972 - Deer of either sex may be hunted statewide with a bow, except that bucks only may be hunted statewide with a bow November 20, 1972 -

December 2, 1972 inclusive. Statewide, except that hunting is forbidden on (1) all state parks and game refuges; (2) Harpers Ferry National Monument; (3) all safety zones on state forests and public hunting areas and grounds. All refuges are appropriately marked with official Department signs. The exception noted under deer gun season pertains to bow hunting of bear also.

7.02. Bear - Bow and Arrow - October 14, 1972 - December 30, 1972 - Adult bear only (100 pounds or more). The exception noted under 4.09 pertains to bow hunting of bear also.

7.03. Small Game and Turkey - Bow season coincides with small game firearms season and turkey firearms season respectively.

Section 8. General Trapping Regulations:

8.01. It shall be unlawful to set or maintain more than eight beaver traps or trap sets in counties with season bag limits.

8.02. It shall be unlawful to set or maintain traps, having a jaw spread of more than 4-3/4 inches when open, in or adjacent to any stream inhabited by beavers except during the beaver trapping season. All traps set within an area three feet in diameter shall constitute one trap set. It shall be unlawful: (1) to trap, except on one's own lands, without first having obtained the written permission of the landowner as required by law; (2) to trap within 15 feet of the waterline of any beaver house; or (3) to destroy, disturb, or in any manner interfere with the beaver dam, house or burrow while trapping; (4) to have in possession an untagged beaver hide, or part thereof, between March 26, 1972, and November 3, 1973. All beaver must be tagged prior to selling the pelt. Tags may be obtained from District

Conservation Offices and Game Checking Stations.

8.03. All traps used for taking game or fur-bearing animals shall be marked with a durable plate or tag, attached to the trap, chain or set, bearing the owner's name and address.

8.04. No nonresident may trap furbearers in West Virginia.

Section 9. Trapping Seasons

9.01. Raccoon Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 4, 1972, or either set or left set after 12:00 noon, February 24, 1973.

9.02. Mink, Muskrat, and Fisher Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 4, 1972, or either set or left set after 12:00 noon, February 24, 1973, prevailing time.

9.03. Beaver Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m. November 4, 1972, or either set or left set after 12:00 noon, February 24, 1973. Exception: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties - 8:00 a.m., December 18, 1972 through 12:00 noon, February 24, 1973.

Section 10. Trapping Bag and Possession Limits

10.01. Raccoon - Daily (any 24-hour period) and seasonal bag limits for raccoon trapping shall be the same as for hunting.

10.02. Mink and Muskrat - No limit.

10.03. Fisher - Daily limit one; season limit two.

10.04. Beaver - Daily limit (15); season limit (15).

Exception: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties - Daily limit (10), season limit (10).

Section 11. Controlled Public Hunting Areas:

11.01. Rules and regulations governing hunting and trapping on state-owned and leased lands shall be as follows:

(a) Bluestone Public Hunting and Fishing Area - Hunting and trapping as on adjacent lands, except as follows: Woodchuck or groundhog season, October 14, 1972, through January 6, 1973. A free permit to trap furbearers available at area office, Indian Mills. It is unlawful to have a rifle on the area at any time.

(b) McClintic Wildlife Station: Hunting as on adjacent lands, except as follows: Waterfowl hunting only in accordance with special rules set up for the station. A free permit to hunt, available at the checking station, is required. Checking station will open at 7:00 a.m. Trapping by permit from Area Manager.

(c) Elk River and Corps of Engineers Property (at Sutton Lake, under control of the Division of Wildlife Resources), Fork Creek, Big Ugly, Chief Cornstalk, Nathaniel Mountain, Short Mountain, Pleasants Creek, Sleepy Creek, Lewis Wetzel, Hughes River, Laurel Creek, Plum Orchard, Handley, West Virginia Pulp and Paper (WESTVACO) lands in Hampshire County, Public Hunting and/or Fishing Areas: Hunting as on adjacent lands. No permit is required to hunt. Trapping only under permit which is available from the office of the District Game Manager.

(d) State Forests (Greenbrier, Cabwaylingo, Camp Creek, Cooper's Rock, Kanawha, Kumbrabow, Panther, Cal Price and Seneca): Hunting as on adjacent lands, except as noted below. A free permit available from the Forest Superintendent is required to hunt or trap on all state forests, except Cal Price. Raccoon trapping season closed on all state forests.

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Section 12. Class A-1 Small Arms Hunting License Regulations

12.01. Procedure for obtaining a Class A-1 License:

- (a) Applicant must be a bona fide resident of West Virginia, 21 years of age or older.
- (b) Must possess a valid Class A or AB License, or Senior Citizen License for those residents 65 years of age or older. (Such license must be presented to agent when obtaining Class A-1 License.)
- (c) A-1 License may be obtained from any authorized hunting and fishing license agent (excluding county clerks).
- (d) Accreditation card must be presented to agent in order to obtain A-1 License. If the accreditation card has not been issued, a valid West Virginia driver's license may be substituted.
- (e) The A-1 License must be signed in the presence of the issuing agent.
- (f) The cost of Class A-1 License shall be \$5.00 plus 25¢ issuing fee. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year.

12.02. A Class A-1 License shall entitle the licensee to hunt with a pistol or revolver not to exceed .22 caliber (rimfire or center fire) having a barrel at least four inches in length.

12.03. While hunting, the licensee shall carry the .22 caliber pistol or revolver in a holster, outside his person, in an unconcealed and easily visible place. At all other times, the revolver or pistol shall be cased or dismantled in a way to cause it not to operate.

12.04. When being transported in a vehicle, the .22 caliber pistol or revolver shall be unloaded and locked in a compartment not accessible from the inside of such vehicle.

When being transported in a vehicle which does not have an exterior locked compartment, the pistol or revolver shall be unloaded and carried in a locked box or compartment, which shall not be readily accessible to the occupants of the front seat.

When being transported in an off-road recreation vehicle, the pistol or revolver must be unloaded and carried in a locked box or compartment.

12.05. A .22 caliber pistol or revolver may be carried while trapping.

12.06. A .22 caliber pistol or revolver may be used only during small game and big game season, as established.

12.07. It shall be unlawful to:

(a) Take beaver, muskrat, mink or fisher with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(b) Take migratory game birds with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(c) Have a bow and firearm of any kind in the fields or woods at the same time.

(d) Carry a pistol or revolver while fishing.

(e) Take bear or deer with a .22 caliber pistol or revolver.

(f) Carry a .22 caliber pistol or revolver during the first three days of deer season.

(g) To have the .22 caliber pistol or revolver loaded when
not actually hunting.