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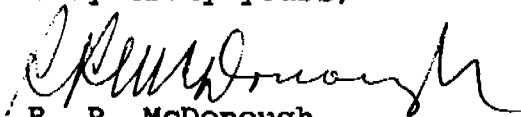
Honorable Robert D. Bailey, Jr.
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are two copies of regulations issued by this department relative to the 1965-66 Hunting and Trapping Regulations. These rules and regulations are designated Series IV, of Chapter 20-1 of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations.

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

Very truly yours,


R. P. McDonough
Director

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ROBERT D. BAILEY
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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1
Series IV
(1965)

Subject: 1965-66 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Section 1. Hunting Opening Dates

- 1.01. Gray Squirrel, Fox Squirrel, Red Squirrel, Ruffed Grouse, and Wild Turkey (gun or bow)--Opens October 16, 1965.
- 1.02. Raccoon (gun or bow)--Opens at 6:00 p.m., October 16, 1965.
- 1.03. Bobwhite Quail, Cottontail Rabbit, Varying Hare, Ringnecked Pheasant (gun or bow)--Opens November 11, 1965.
- 1.04. Deer (gun)--Opens November 22, 1965.
- 1.05. Deer, Black Bear (bow)--Opens October 16, 1965.
- 1.06. Black Bear (gun or bow)--Opens November 1, 1965.
- 1.07. Bobcat, Groundhog or Woodchuck, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel (gun or bow)--Continuous open, except October 1, 1965 to October 15, 1965.

Section 2. Trapping Opening Dates

- 2.01. Raccoon, Muskrat, Mink, Beaver--Opening date: No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 11, 1965.
- 2.02. Bobcat, Groundhog or Woodchuck, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Opossum, Skunk, Weasel--Continuous open.

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Section 1. Definition of Terms Used

1.01. Possession limit--means game which is in any way under the control of the hunter. Example: the total of all game in a car, trunk, home freezer, commercial food locker, or any other storage method or place.

1.02. Aggregate--means the total bag or possession limit of any similar kind of game animals or birds. Example: The possession limit for squirrels is 12, after the second day. This could be four gray squirrels, four fox squirrels, and four black squirrels; or any combination of 12 squirrels, but not more than a total of six per day, nor more than a total of 12 in possession.

1.03. Resident--means any person who is a citizen of the United States and who has resided continuously in the State of West Virginia for a period of six months or more immediately prior to the date of his application for a license or permit. (Absentee ownership of land in West Virginia does not constitute legal residence.)

1.04. Non-resident--means any person, regardless of age or other status, who does not meet the requirements for a resident.

1.05. Concurrent Hunting--hunting of other species during deer gun season.

1.06. Any hunter under 15 must be accompanied by a licensed adult.

1.07. No Sunday hunting, except that raccoon hunting may be continued until 5:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Section 2. General Hunting Laws and Regulations

2.01. No person may legally take under any conditions more than one deer per calendar year.

2.02. No person shall hunt deer with a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball, or a rifle using rim-fire ammunition of less than twenty-five caliber. Any rifle using center-fire ammunition may be used for hunting deer.

2.03. No person shall hunt deer between sunset and sunrise, or kill or wound any deer while the deer is in any stream, lake or pond.

2.04. It shall be unlawful at any time for any person to throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight or other artificial light, from any vehicle, on any animals or game bird, or attempt to do so, while having in his or their possession or under their control, or in any vehicle or conveyance in which they may be traveling, a cased or uncased firearm or other implement whereby any wild animal or bird could be killed, even though such animal be not shot at, injured or killed.

2.05. It shall be illegal for any person to have in his possession a loaded firearm or a firearm from the magazine of which all shells and cartridges have not been removed, in or on any vehicle or conveyance, or its attachment, within the state, except as may otherwise be provided by law or regulation.

Section 3. General Firearms Regulations

3.01. All hunting with firearms shall be unlawful from October 3, 1965 through October 15, 1965.

3.02. All seasons, unless otherwise stated, are state-wide. The opening and closing dates shall be inclusive, except as noted under exceptions.

3.03. All hunting, except for deer, shall be prohibited during the first three days of deer gun season in all territories having a firearms deer season.

3.04. **Concurrent Hunting During Deer Firearms Season.** No hunting for wild turkey or bear during deer firearms season. Small game hunting permitted, beginning November 25.

(a) Special Regulations for Concurrent Hunting. After a person has killed a deer he shall not participate further in a deer hunt with a gun or bow in his possession.

Hunting of wild animals and birds on which the seasons are open will be permitted statewide, provided that shotguns only are used.

After killing a legal deer, a successful hunter shall not be afield with solid ball ammunition in his possession, or with shot shells containing larger than #4 shot.

3.05. Only deer having one or both antlers 3 inches in length above the hair will be legal game, during bucks only hunting season.

Section 4. Hunting Seasons

1965 West Virginia White Tailed Deer Firearms Season

Nov. 22-Dec. 2—Bucks only
Dec. 3-Dec. 4—Hunter's choice

Berkeley
Calhoun
Doddridge
Gilmer
Grant
Greenbrier (E of US 219)
Hampshire
Hardy
Jefferson
Lewis
Mineral
Monongalia
Monroe
Morgan
Pendleton
Pocahontas (E of US 219)
Preston
Richie
Tyler
Wetzel
Wirt

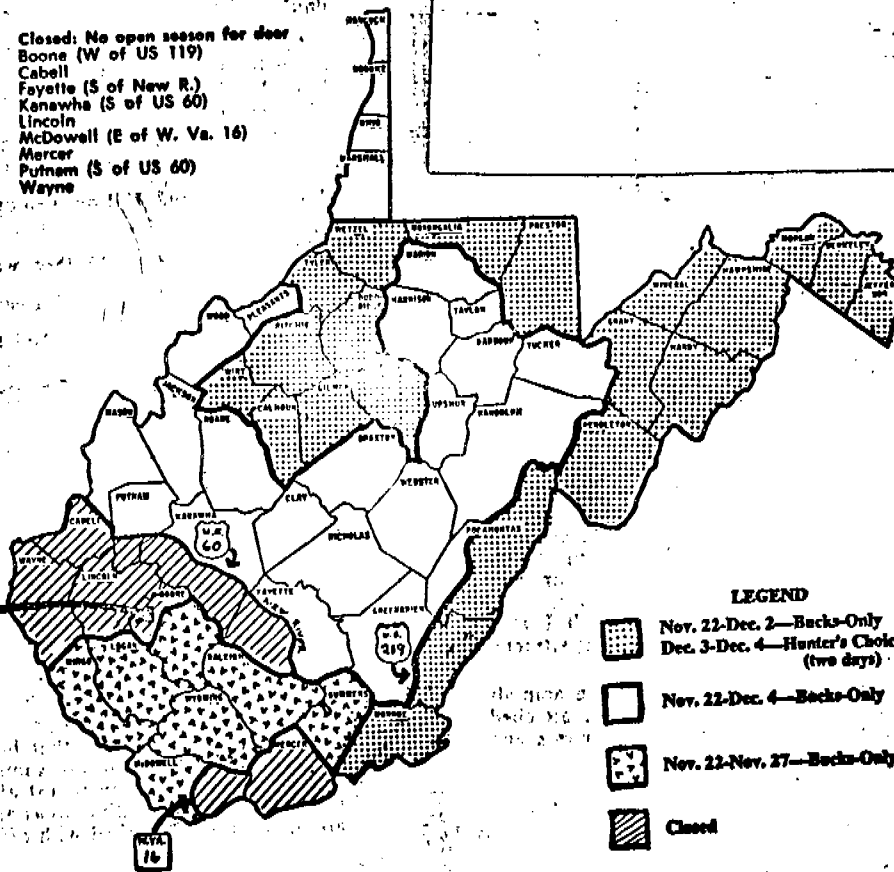
Closed: No open season for deer

Boone (W of US 119)
Cabell
Fayette (S of New R.)
Kanawha (S of US 60)
Lincoln
McDowell (E of W. Va. 16)
Mercer
Putnam (S of US 60)
Wayne





Nov. 22-Nov. 27
Bucks only—week
Boone (E of US 119)
Logan
McDowell (W of W. Va. 16)
Mingo
Raleigh
Summers
Wyoming

Nov. 22-Dec. 4—Bucks only

Barbour
Braxton
Brooke
Clay
Fayette (N of New River)
Greenbrier (W of US 219)
Hancock
Harrison
Jackson
Kanawha (N of US 60)
Marion
Marshall
Mason
Nicholas
Ohio
Pleasant
Pocahontas (W of US 219)
Putnam (N of US 60)
Randolph
Roane
Taylor
Tucker
Upshur
Weber
Wood



LEGEND

-  Nov. 22-Dec. 2—Bucks-Only
Dec. 3-Dec. 4—Hunter's Choice
(two days)
-  Nov. 22-Dec. 4—Bucks-Only
-  Nov. 22-Nov. 27—Bucks-Only
-  Closed

4.01. Deer. Opens November 22 and closes November 27, or December 4, as indicated by attached map. No open seasons in the following areas: Boone County west of US 119, Cabell County, Fayette County south of New River, Kanawha County south of US 60, Lincoln County, McDowell County east of W.Va. 16, Mercer County, Putnam County south of US 60, Wayne County.

4.02. Elk and Otter. No open season.

4.03. Squirrels. Gray, Black, Albino, and Fox - October 16, 1965 through January 1, 1966.

4.04. Ruffed Grouse (native pheasant). October 16, 1965 through January 29, 1966.

4.05. Wild Turkey. October 16 through November 20, 1965. Only in the following counties or parts of counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Monroe, Morgan, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, Webster, and that portion of Nicholas north-east of Summersville bounded by State Route 39 and U.S. Route 19. (The remainder of Nicholas is closed.)

October 16-October 23, 1965: Only in Boone, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Kanawha, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Preston, Wayne, Wetzel and Wyoming counties.

May 9-14, 1966 - Spring Gobbler Season-Bearded turkeys only. Shooting hours 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. No hunters allowed in woods after 11:00 a.m. In the following areas only: Cal Price State Forest, Coopers Rock S.F., Fork Creek Public Hunting Area, Greenbrier S.F., Kambrow S.F., Lewis Wetzel P.H.A., Nathaniel Mountain P.H.A., Seneca S.F., Short

Mountain Public Hunting Area, Sleepy Creek Public Hunting Area, and Williams River Public Hunting Area. No electronic calling devices or dogs may be used during spring gobbler season.

4.06. Bobwhite Quail - Statewide - November 11-January 1, 1966. November 11-January 29, 1966 in the following counties only: Berkeley, Boone, Cabell, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Kanawha, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Morgan, Putnam and Wayne.

4.07. Ring-Necked Pheasant (males only) - November 11-January 1, 1966. In all counties except Jackson, Nicholas and Hardy which shall be closed.

4.08. Cottontail Rabbit - November 11, 1965-January 29, 1966.

4.09. Varying Hare - November 11-January 29, 1966.

4.10. Raccoon Hunting - Opens 6:00 p.m., October 16, 1965-Closing January 29, 1966 at 6:00 a.m., in Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

Open 6:00 p.m. October 16, 1965-Closing 6:00 a.m. February 28, 1966 in all counties other than those listed above.

Note: Raccoon hunting in all counties of the State: 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. only.

4.11. Red Fox, Gray Fox, Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck or Groundhog - Continuous open season except that all hunting with firearms or bow shall be unlawful from October 3, 1965 through October 15, 1965.

4.12. Black Bear-(adult animals only)-November 1-November 13; December 20-December 25, 1965.

4.13. Song and Insectivorous Birds: No open season (English sparrow, European starling, crow and cowbird open year round.)

4.14. No open season on hawks and owls other than Cooper's Hawk, Sharpshinned Hawk and Goshawk.

4.15. Migratory game birds - Rails, sora and gallinules, October 16-December 24, 1965.

4.16. Mourning Dove - Season opens 12:00 noon September 11 through October 2, 1965; reopens October 16, 12:00 noon through December 2, 1965.

Note: Mourning Dove shooting from 12:00 noon to sunset EST only: by federal regulation.

4.17. Woodcock and Wilson's Snipe - October 16-December 4, 1965.

Section 5. Hunting Bag and Possession Limits

5.01. Deer. Only deer having one or both antlers three inches in length above the hair will be legal game, during bucks only hunting season.

5.02. Squirrels. Gray, Black, Albino and Fox: six in aggregate of all species per day. Possession limit is 12 after second day.

5.03. Ruffed Grouse (native pheasant). Four per day. Possession limit is 8 after second 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. Limit: seven per day, 14 in possession after second day.

5.06. Ring-Necked Pheasant (males only). Bag limit: 2 per day, 2 per season.

5.07. Cottontail Rabbit. Bag limit 5, possession limit, 10 after second day.

5.08. Varying Hare. Bag limit 3, possession limit 6 after second day.

5.09. Raccoon. In Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming counties, bag limit during any 12 hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 a.m. is two raccoons for one person or group of persons as a party and 20 per season. In all counties other than those listed above, bag limit during any 12 hour period beginning at 6:00 p.m. is four raccoons for one person or a group of persons hunting as a party and 40 per season.

5.10. Black Bear. Limit one adult bear by means of gun or bow in these counties only: Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Monroe, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, and that part of Webster east of Rts. 20 and 15. (Cubs average less than 80 pounds, while bear in the second season average more than 100 pounds).

5.11. Mourning Dove. Daily bag limit 12, possession limit 24 after second day.

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; unlawful to have both gun and bow in the field together; hunting with cross bow 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. For bow and arrow deer seasons: See Deer.

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

6.07. 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 a nonresident bow only hunting license.

Section 7. Bow and Arrow Hunting Seasons

7.01. Deer-Bow and Arrow Season - October 16-December 31, 1965. Deer of either sex, except that the type of deer to be hunted with bow during the firearms deer season shall be the

same as for the firearms deer season. Statewide, except that hunting is forbidden on: (1) all state parks and all 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.

7.02. Black bear (adult animals only). Bow season; October 16, through December 31, 1965 and statewide. Use of dogs legal only during firearms bear season.

7.03. Black bear (adult animals only). Limit one adult bear by means of gun or bow.

Section 8. General Trapping Regulations

8.01. It shall be unlawful to set or maintain more than eight (8) 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 unsealed beaver hide, or part thereof, between March 31, 1966 and December 1, 1966. A fee of one dollar is charged for sealing each beaver pelt. Seals may

be obtained from the Department, including its district conservation officers.

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.

Section 9. Trapping Seasons

9.01. Raccoon Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 11, 1965 or either set or left set after 12:00 noon, February 28, 1966.

9.02. Mink and Muskrat Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 11, 1965, or either set or left after 12:00 noon, February 28, 1966.

9.03. Beaver Trapping - No traps shall be set before 8:00 a.m., November 11, 1965, or either set or left set after 12:00 noon, February 28, 1966.

Exception: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties - 8:00 a.m., December 27, 1965, through 12:00 noon, February 28, 1966.

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. Beaver - Daily limit (15), season limit (15)

Exception: Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties - Limit ten (10) and ten (10).

Section 11. Controlled Public Hunting Areas

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

No dog training permitted on game birds and game animals from May 1 to August 15 except with written permission of landowner; provided organized groups may be permitted to hold field trials with a permit and under the supervision of a representative of the Department of Natural Resources.

(a) Bluestone Reservoir Public Hunting Areas Hunting and trapping as on adjacent lands, except as follows: Woodchuck or groundhog season - October 16, 1965, through January 1, 1966. 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) Chief Cornstalk Public Hunting Area: Hunting and trapping as on adjacent lands.

(c) Fork Creek and Big Ugly Public Hunting Areas: Hunting and trapping as on adjacent lands. (Deer season closed. Turkey season open on Fork Creek Public Hunting Area.)

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

(e) Elk River and Corps of Engineers Property (at Sutton Reservoir, under control of Game and Fish Division), Nathaniel Mountain, Short Mountain, Pleasant Creek, Sleepy Creek, Lewis Netsel, Hughes River, Laurel Creek, Plum Orchard, Williams River,

Brooke County Cooperative (written permission of landowner required), J.M. Huber Corporation lands, 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.

(f) State Forests (Greenbrier, Cabwaylingo, Camp Creek, Cooper's Rock, Kanawha, Kumbrow, 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. Turkey season closed on Cabwaylingo.