



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CHARLESTON 25305
January 17, 1979

DAVID C. CALLAGHAN
Director

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WEST VIRGINIA

THIS DATE 1-19-79

Mr. John R. Homburg
Attorney-at-Law
West Virginia Legislative Services
Joint Committee on Government and Finance
Room E-132, State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Homburg:

In compliance with House Bill 1257, enclosed are 17 copies of the 1979 hunting and trapping seasons, bag limits, and rules and regulations. We have attempted to follow the necessary sequence of events to legally adopt these regulations as outlined in the December 6, 1976 letter to the Secretary of State.

I urge you to act upon these regulations as soon as possible since they should be available for distribution to the license agents before the 1979 seasons open.

Your immediate attention to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Callaghan".

David C. Callaghan
Director

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Enclosures (17)
cc: ✓ Secretary of State
Wildlife Resources Division



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

Dear Secretary Manchin:

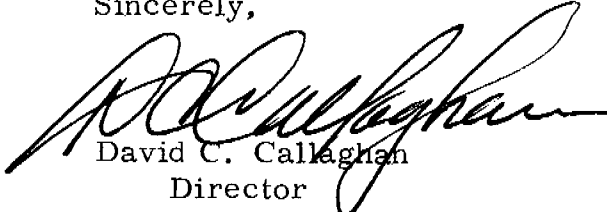
In regard to the 1979-80 Hunting and Trapping Regulations, designated Series IV of Chapter 20-1, a public hearing was held on December 7, 1978 as indicated in my letter of November 2.

As a result of this hearing, the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources in their regular quarterly meeting voted to retain all of the original rules and regulations as submitted to your office on November 2 with the following exception:

3.03 Black Bear - (Adult Animals Only) - Firearms
Season - ~~November 9, 1979 -- November 10, 1979 and December 10, 1979~~ -- December 28, 1979 - December 10, 1979 - December 29, 1979.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David C. Callaghan
Director

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1979 Game & Trapping Season Regulations Hearing
December 7, 1978
Motor Vehicles Building, Rm. 811, 1-4 p.m.
Attendance Approximately 35
Signatures on Register 19

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Dan Cantner, Chief Division of Wildlife Resources. Mr. Cantner explained the legal process of setting hunting and trapping seasons and regulations in compliance with Chapter 29A of the Code of West Virginia and in compliance with Chapter 20 of the Code of West Virginia.

A paper was passed out to those participating in the meeting, listing the 1979 seasons in an abbreviated form. Mr. Cantner also read the proposed seasons so that everyone had an opportunity for discussion. He also asked that all those in attendance sign a register stating their name, address and any organization that they were representing.

Most of the individuals present represented fox hunting interests and a few represented coon hunting organizations. It was the consensus of the group that they would like to see above ground trapping eliminated and the trapping season shortened by one month to end the last of January.

Many of the suggestions pertaining to trapping dealt with items that were already established in our hunting and trapping regulations. One of the big complaints was illegal trapping because of no name tag on the trap or trap chain and also of illegal trapping taking place in foot paths or livestock trails. Both of these items are covered in our existing hunting and trapping regulations.

One individual felt that the bucks only deer season was too short in length and should be extended.

One individual felt that the antlerless deer license permit system should be reviewed and perhaps changes made so as to allocate more such licenses or prohibit individuals from getting such a license for two or three years in a row.

Several comments were made dealing with the need for additional law enforcement activities in some areas. It was the consensus of the group that more officers were needed and perhaps the law could be changed to permit the appointment of deputy conservation officers or deputize additional DNR personnel to carry out law enforcement activities in association with their existing duties.

It was the consensus of the group that the penalties now on the law books are not stringent enough for the illegal killing of a deer or a bear. The majority of the crowd present felt that an mandatory 60-day jail sentence upon conviction would stop a lot of the illegal drain on the deer and bear population that now exists.

One individual felt that fox and raccoon pelts should be required to be tagged at the time of sale so a record could be kept to enforce the season bag limit.

The group felt a separate trapping license should be required. Since furs are sold for profit, this license should require a higher fee than the hunting license.

One individual was overly concerned about the use of electronic callers for attracting various species of game, since they were being used for illegal night hunting. As a result of their illegal use at night, he suggested that such calls should be made illegal at all times in West Virginia.

Mr. John Rider, Jr. of Rainelle, representing the West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, asked that that organization be put on record as being in favor of the 1979 bear firearms season as established by the Commission of the Department of Natural Resources.

The meeting was officially closed after Mr. Rider's statement at 3:45 p.m.

NAME	ADDRESS	AFFILIATION (CLUB)
BILL GOODY	1800 WASHINGTON CHARLESTON	DNR - WILDLIFE
DAN E. CANTNER	"	"
SAM VANDEENDER	"	"
HAROLD BELCHER, RT. 3, Box 699 Princeton, MERCER COUNTY W. VA. Bald Rabbits RT 340 (1/2 mi. W of WVA) Game 45522. MERCER LIN CO. FOR HUNT HS.		
JERRY B. KISER RT. 3 BOX 195 BRANCHLAND W. VA.		
TULLUS SWEETHAND WVA "		
Miss Broomey Hamlin WVA Box 179		
Zwinn Beck West Hamlin Rt 3-		
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Paul Welch Oak Hill WVA Phone 465-5549 Gayette System member		
Frank ...		
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a result of the public hearing held December 7, 1978 dealing with the 1979-80 Hunting-Trapping Regulations, I concur with the original recommendations approved by the members of the Natural Resources Commission at their regular quarterly meeting on October 15, 1978 at Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia. *Approved, subject however, to a review of the season on hunting bear at the January, 1979, meeting.*

Dec. 20, 1978
Date

Charles A. Duffield, Jr.
Member, Natural Resources Commission

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a result of the public hearing held December 7, 1978 dealing with the 1979-80 Hunting-Trapping Regulations, I concur with the original recommendations approved by the members of the Natural Resources Commission at *their* regular quarterly meeting on October 15, 1978 at Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia.

12-20-78
Date

William H. Bowers
Member, Natural Resources Commission

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As a result of the public hearing held December 7, 1978 dealing with the 1979-80 Hunting-Trapping Regulations, I concur with the original recommendations approved by the members of the Natural Resources Commission at their regular quarterly meeting on October 15, 1978 at Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia.

Dec. 27, 1978
Date

William D. Stapp
Member, Natural Resources Commission

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As a result of the public hearing held December 7, 1978 dealing with the 1979-80 Hunting-Trapping Regulations, I concur with the original recommendations approved by the members of the Natural Resources Commission at their regular quarterly meeting on October 15, 1978 at Lost River State Park, Mathias, West Virginia.

12/22/78
Date

L. W. Deit
Member, Natural Resources Commission

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As a result of the public hearing held December 7,
1978 dealing with the 1979-80 Hunting-Trapping Regulations,
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I concur with the ~~original~~ recommendations approved by the
members of the Natural Resources Commission at their
regular quarterly meeting on October 15, 1978 at Lost River
State Park, Mathias, West Virginia.

*I do not approve of the seasons as set
for turkey & bear.*

12-22-78
Date

Seldon E. Haynes
Member, Natural Resources Commission

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12/20/78
Date

Charles L. Clemons
Member, Natural Resources Commission



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CHARLESTON 25305
November 2, 1978

DAVID C. CALLAGHAN
Director

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

Dear Secretary Manchin:

Enclosed are two copies of the proposed West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1979-80 Hunting and Trapping Regulations, designated Series IV of Chapter 20-1. The enclosed hunting-trapping regulations are to become effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 1979.

The Department of Natural Resources Commissioners and the Director plan to hold a public hearing on December 7, 1978 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Room 811, Motor Vehicles Building, 1800 Washington Street East, to solicit public comments concerning the above-cited regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Callaghan".

David C. Callaghan
Director

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