



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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CHARLESTON 25305

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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 1981-82 Hunting and Trapping Regulations, designated Series IV of Chapter 20-1, a public hearing was held on September 8, 1980, as indicated in my letter of August 5, 1980.

As a result of this hearing, it has been determined that all of the original rules and regulations as submitted to your office on August 5, 1980 will be adopted.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Callaghan".

David C. Callaghan
Director

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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 suggested changes in Administrative Regulations for the 1981-82 hunting and trapping regulations designated 20-1, Series IV, Section 3, Paragraphs 3.03 (E) and 3.05. We have attempted to follow the necessary sequence of events to legally adopt these regulations as outlined in the July 31, 1979 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 1981 seasons open.

Your immediate attention to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Secretary of State
Wildlife Resources Division

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Adm. Reg. 20-1
Series IV

3.03. (E) No person shall hunt bear during the established bear firearms hunting season between $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise.

3.05. Raccoon hunting - ~~First Saturday in November through last day of January at 5:00 a.m. - prevailing time; Saturday~~ nearest October 15 through the last day in January.

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RESULTS FROM PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1981 FISHING REGULATIONS AND HUNTING
AND TRAPPING REGULATION CHANGES FOR 1981-82 SEASON

Eight persons attended the hearing conducted by the Wildlife Resources Division on September 8, 1980, between 7 and 8:30 p.m., in Room 674 of the Motor Vehicles Building, 1800 Washington Street East, Charleston, West Virginia. Those in attendance are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Association</u>
Clarence E. Riffiee	Route 1, Box 103-A, Red House	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc.
John E. Rucker	4 Pinewood Circle, St. Albans	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc.
Gene Hyre	843 Hughes Drive, St. Albans	Mountaineer Flintlock Rifle Club
Forrest Backus	4036 40th Street, Nitro	St. Albans Rod & Bow Club
James L. Evers	Star Rt. 34, Box 5300, Winfield	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc.
Randall McLane	Rt. 1, Box 8 ca, Red House	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc.
Gary D. Young	114 Melody Lane, Scott Depot	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc. & West Virginia Trappers Assoc.
Gary L. Bailey	Post Office Box 110, Eleanor	Putnam Co. Trappers Assoc.

DNR personnel attending were:

Jim Ruckel, Assistant Chief in charge of Game Management, Wildlife Division
Bernie Dowler, Assistant Chief in charge of Warmwater Fish Management,
Wildlife Division
Alpha Gerwig, Technical Assistant, Wildlife Division

Specific comments were made by Messrs. Backus, Young, Riffiee, Bailey, and Rucker stating that they, and the organizations they represent, are opposed to the early (mid-October) opening of raccoon hunting season. They favored the November 1 opening of raccoon hunting season along with the trapping season. Small, poor quality pelts that are harvested early resulting in reduced fur prices and over-harvesting of the resource during the first three weeks of hunting season were the primary reasons given for their objections to the change.

No objections were made concerning the proposed change in the bear hunting regulations.

The proposed fishing regulations were approved by the group.

After all comments regarding the proposed regulations were heard, the floor was opened to discussion of hunting and fishing programs throughout the state. Topics discussed were: muzzle loading rifle regulations and seasons; trout stocking; hatchery truck following; regulations enforcement; administrative process for establishing regulations; possible increase in trout stamp fees; concern that approved, printed regulations were changed for the 1980 raccoon hunting season; and, hunting and fishing in general.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.