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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: DCL&ER, Division of Natural Resources

TITLE NUMBER: 47

RULE TYPE: Legislative

CITE AUTHORITY § 20-1-7(30)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES _____ NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

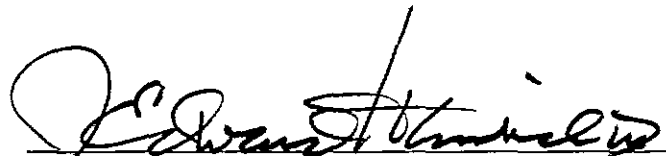
IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 11A

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Regulations Defining the Terms to be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON August 31, 1992 AT 4:00 pm

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS Bob Miles, Chief, Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, Capitol Complex, Building 3, Room 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE PROPOSED RULE.



J. Edward Hamrick III, Director
Division of Natural Resources

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, LABOR & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
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July 22, 1992

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J. Edward Hamrick III, Director
Division of Natural Resources
Building 3, Room 669
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

WATER RESOURCE SECTION

RE: Proposed Rules - Title 47, Series 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D,
11E, 11F, 11G, 11H, 11I, 12A & 13A (Regulations relating
to Wildlife Resources)

Dear Ed:

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §5F-2-2(a)(12), I hereby
consent to the proposal of the rules specified above.

You may attach a copy of this letter to your filing with the
Secretary of State as evidence of my consent.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Ranson
John M. Ranson
Cabinet Secretary

JMR:cjb
B:RULDNR-W.RUL

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULE

Rule Title: Regulations Defining the Terms to be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations, 47 C.S.R. 11A

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: Division of Natural Resources

Address: Building 3, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia

1. Effect of Proposed Rule	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	Increase	Decrease	Current	Next	Thereafter
Estimated Total Cost	\$				
Personal Services	\$				
Current Expenses	\$				
Repairs & Alterations	\$	No Change			
Equipment	\$				
Other	\$				

2. Explanation of above estimates: There is no change anticipated to administrative expenses as a result of this rule.

3. Objectives of this rule: This rule defines the terms that are applicable to all other rules related to hunting and trapping.

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government. No impact

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific groups of citizens. No impact.

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/ Public at Large. No impact,

Date: July 27, 1992

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative


Director, Division of Natural Resources

PREAMBLE TO A PROPOSED RULE
CONCERNING
REGULATIONS DEFINING THE TERMS TO BE USED CONCERNING ALL
HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, Labor, and Environmental Resources; Division of Natural Resources.

REGULATION: Title 47, Series 11A, "Regulations Defining the Terms to be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations."

ACTION: Filing of a thirty day Public Comment Period Notice for the proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule defines the terms that are applicable to all other rules related to hunting and trapping.

Written comments received prior to 4:00 pm August 31, 1992 will be accepted. Written comments should be sent to:

Bob Miles
Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
Capitol Complex
Building 3, Room 812
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

TITLE 47
LEGISLATIVE RULES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SERIES 11A
REGULATIONS DEFINING THE TERMS TO BE USED CONCERNING ALL HUNTING
AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

§ 47-11A-1. General.

1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- This regulation defines the terms to be applied to all rules concerning the regulation of hunting and trapping within the boundaries of this State.

1.2. Authority. -- West Virginia Code § 20-1-7(30).

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

§ 47-11A-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Aggregate" means the total bag or possession limit of similar kinds of game animals or game birds. For example, the possession limit for squirrels is twenty-four (24) after the third day of the open season. This could be ten (10) gray squirrels and fourteen (14) fox squirrels, or fourteen (14) gray squirrels and ten (10) fox squirrels, or any combination of twenty-four (24) squirrels, but not more than a total of six (6) per day nor more than a total of twenty-four (24) in possession.

2.2. "Antlered Deer" means deer having at least one antler that is over three (3) inches in length, as measured from the hairline.

2.3. "Antlerless Deer" means deer having no antler that is over three (3) inches in length, as measured from the hairline.

2.4. "Bait" means shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, or any other feed or edible enticement.

2.5. "Baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of bait so as to constitute for wildlife a lure, attraction, or enticement to or on any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

2.6. "Bow" means a longbow, recurved bow, or compound bow that is hand-held and hand-drawn.

2.7. "Cub Bear" means a bear less than one year old and is

identified by its having upper canine teeth of less than five-eighths ($5/8$) inch in length when measured from the gum.

2.8. "Legal Small Game Hunting Season" means the period commencing on the Saturday prior to the Saturday nearest to October 15 and ending on the last day of February of the following year.

2.9. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.

2.10. "Permanently Disabled in the Lower Extremities" means an individual who is paraplegic, who is missing both legs, or who has a disability affecting both legs which requires permanent use of a wheelchair or crutches.

2.11. "Possession Limit" means game taken in this State which is in any way under the control of the hunter (i.e., the total of all game in a vehicle, home freezer, commercial food locker, or other storage place).

2.12. "Prevailing Time" means either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time as established by the United States Congress.

2.13. "Protected" means no open season (i.e., hunting protected wildlife is illegal at all times).

2.13.1. Protected mammals include: elk and mountain lion and those mammals covered by federal regulations under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

2.14. "Concurrent Hunting" means hunting of the same and/or other species during legally prescribed season.

2.15. "Public Lands" means lands owned, leased, licensed to or under the control of the State of West Virginia or Federal government.

All other terms shall have the meaning prescribed in W. Va. Code § 20-1-2.