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NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
AND
FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Department of Commerce, Labor, and Environmental
Resources, Division of Natural Resources

AGENCY: _____ TITLE NUMBER: 47

CITE AUTHORITY West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES ___ NO X

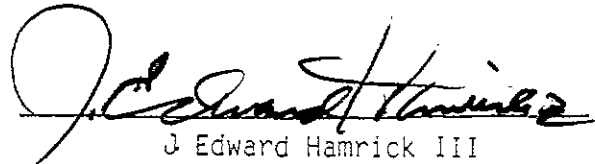
IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 11H

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: General Trapping Regulations

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.


J. Edward Hamrick III
Director

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: General Trapping Regulations.

Type of Rule: XX Legislative Interpretive Procedural

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

Address: Building 3, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, West Virginia 25305

1. Effect of Proposed Rule	Increase \$	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR	
		Decrease \$	Current \$	Next \$	Thereafter \$
Personal Services					
Current Expense					
Repairs and Alterations			NO CHANGE		
Equipment					
Other					

2. Explanation of Above Estimates: The purpose of these regulations is to establish standards that must be complied with when trapping wild game within the boundaries of this State. No new administrative expenditures are anticipated.

3. Objectives of These Rules: The objectives of this rule are to provide for the safety of the public and the proper management of the State's wildlife resources.

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government: No impact.

B. 1. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions: No impact.

2. Economic Impact on Specific Industries: No impact.

3. Economic Impact on Specific Groups of Citizens: No impact.
C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large: No impact.


J. Edward Hamrick III
Director

Date: August 12, 1991

DATE: October 15, 1991.

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: West Virginia Department of Commerce, Labor, and
Environmental Resources, Division of Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: "General Trapping Regulations."

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation:

West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30)

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing:

Notice of Comment period was filed
August 20, 1991.

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of
the public hearing?

None

c. Date(s) of hearing(s): Comment period ended on September
20, 1991.

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at the hearing,
comments received, amendments to the proposed rule, and
the reasons for those amendments.

Attached _____ No comments received XX

e. Date you filed in the State Register the agency-approved
proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing:

October 15, 1991

f. Name and phone number of agency person to contact for
additional information:

Michael E. Comer, Regulatory Analyst
Office of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs
348-2761

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted
rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made

as a condition precedent to their promulgation: NA

a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided: NA

b. Date of hearing: NA

c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor? NA

d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons: NA

PREAMBLE TO A PROPOSED RULE CONCERNING
GENERAL TRAPPING REGULATIONS

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

REGULATIONS: Title 47, Series 11H "General Trapping Regulations"

AUTHORITY: West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30).

ACTION: Filing of an Agency-Approved Rule.

SUMMARY: Today's filing proposes a new rule that establishes rules that must be followed when trapping wild game within the boundaries of this State. This Rule incorporates the provisions of Title 47, Series 11 "Hunting and Trapping Regulations" that were filed on August, 13, 1990.

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

SERIES 11H
GENERAL TRAPPING REGULATIONS

§47-11H-1. General.

1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- The purpose of these regulations is to establish standards that must be complied with when trapping wildlife or furbearing animals within the boundaries of this State.

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

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

§47-11H-2. Definitions.

2.1. All terms shall have the meaning prescribed to them in Title 47, Series 11A (47 C.S.R. 11A).

§47-11H-3. General Trapping Rules.

3.1. Trapping is prohibited in State parks and wildlife refuges, in safety zones in State forests, and in safety zones in State Wildlife Management Areas.

3.1.1. Federal regulations prohibit trapping in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and on federally-owned land within the boundaries of the New River Gorge National River.

3.2. A trapping permit is required for State Wildlife Management Areas. This permit may be obtained from the district game biologist in the district in which the State Wildlife Management Area is situated.

3.3. All traps set during the month of February must be water sets only for the taking of beaver, mink, or muskrat.

3.4. All traps must be checked and tended each calendar day.

3.5. Foot snares are legal when the snare loop is at and horizontal to ground level and does not exceed six and one-half (6-1/2) inches in diameter.

3.6. It is illegal to use or set deadfalls for taking wildlife.

3.7. It is illegal to set or maintain any trap or trapping device on human foot trails or livestock paths.

3.8. It is illegal to set or use traps with an open jaw spread of more than six and one half (6-1/2) inches unless such trap is used under water for beaver.

3.9. It is illegal to use conibear or mohawk type traps for terrestrial trapping. Conibear or mohawk type traps may be used in water sets.

3.10. It is illegal to set or maintain neck or body gripping snares or spring pole snares for terrestrial trapping. Neck or body-gripping snares may be used in water sets.

3.11. It is illegal to use steel jaw traps with any teeth on or attached to them.

3.12. It is illegal to set or maintain any trap, trap set, or snare upon any tree, post, or other natural or man-made object at any point more than three (3) lineal feet from the surface of the earth (whether such surface is water, soil, or rock) measured at a right angle from the surface to the trap or trap set, except as provided in Section 3.13 of these regulations.

3.13. The provisions of Section 3.12 of these regulations do not apply to traps or trap sets that are set or maintained on natural earthen mounds, such as ant hills or muskrat houses, that were constructed without human assistance.

3.14. It is illegal to use animal or bird carcasses, or parts thereof, to lure an animal to a trap set unless such carcasses, or parts thereof, are completely covered and concealed from sight.

3.15. It is illegal to take beaver, fisher, mink, or muskrat by any means other than by trap.

3.16. It is illegal to have in one's possession an untagged bobcat, or fisher hide, or parts thereof, longer than thirty (30) days following the close of the respective trapping season.

3.17. Should any person unintentionally trap and kill more than the limit fixed by Title 47, Series 11 "Hunting and Trapping Regulations" (47 C.S.R. 11), as a season possession limit, he must within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter deliver the excess animals to a conservation officer.

3.18. Each trapper must present bobcat or fisher pelts to an official game-checking station or a representative of the Department within thirty (30) days after the close of the trapping season for that animal. A tag provided by the division must be affixed to each bobcat or fisher pelt and remain attached to the

skin until such skin has been sold, tanned, or mounted.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONSENT
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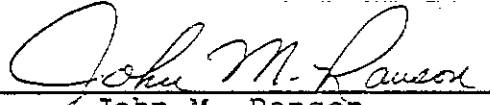
MEMORANDUM TO: J. Edward Hamrick III, Director
Division of Natural Resources

FROM: John M. Ranson, Secretary
Department of Commerce, Labor,
and Environmental Resources

SUBJECT: Consent to File Agency Proposed Regulations

The following regulations concerning hunting, trapping, and fishing have my approval to be proposed pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act set forth under Chapter 29A of the West Virginia Code [W. Va. Code §29A et seq.].

<u>Title</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Name</u>
47	11A	Terms To Be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
47	11B	Prohibitions When Hunting and Trapping.
47	11C	Special Bear Hunting Regulations.
47	11D	General Hunting Regulations.
47	11E	Deer Hunting Regulations.
47	11F	Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations.
47	11G	Wild Boar Hunting Regulations.
47	11H	General Trapping Regulations.
47	11I	Dog Training Regulations.
47	12A	Special Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.
47	13A	Special Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.
47	14A	Special Regulations for Waterfowl Hunting Areas.
47	21	Special Fishing Regulations.


John M. Ranson
Secretary

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Date

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