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Director

The Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Rockefeller:

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the West Virginia  
Administrative Regulations covering the 1972-73 Hunting  
Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Birds,  
designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1.

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

Sincerely,

Ira S. Latimer, Jr.  
Director

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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS  
Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1  
Series IX  
(1972)

Subject: 1972-73 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory  
Game Birds

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Section 1 - Opening and Closing Dates

- 1.01. Mourning doves - Split season - September 1 - October 6,  
October 14 - October 28, December 28 - January 15.
- 1.02. Sora & Virginia rails - October 14 - December 22.
- 1.03. Woodcock - October 14 - December 17.
- 1.04. Common snipe - October 14 - December 17.
- 1.05. Ducks - Split season - October 14 - November 1, December 11 -  
January 18.
- 1.06. Special scaup-only season - November 3 - November 18.
- 1.07. Mergansers - Split season - October 14 - November 1,  
December 11 - January 20.
- 1.08. Coots - Split season - October 14 - November 1, December 11 -  
January 20.
- 1.09. Gallinules - October 14 - December 22.
- 1.10. Geese - October 14 - December 22.

Section 2 - Bag and Possession Limits

- 2.01. Mourning doves - bag limit 12 per day, 24 possession limit.
- 2.02. Sora & Virginia rails - 25 per day, 25 possession limit.
- 2.03. Woodcock - 5 per day, 10 possession limit.
- 2.04. Common snipe - 8 per day, 16 possession limit.

2.05. Ducks - 3 per day, 6 possession limit. The daily duck bag limit of 3 can include only one (1) black duck. The duck possession limit of 6 can include only two (2) black ducks. During the period October 14 - October 22, a hunter may take an extra bag limit on blue-winged teal of two (2) daily and four (4) in possession. This extra limit is in addition to the regular duck bag limits.

2.06. Special scaup-only season - 5 per day, 10 possession limit. Special scaup-only hunting permitted on pools of navigation dams on the Ohio, Kanawha and Monongahela Rivers only.

2.07. Mergansers - 5 per day, 10 possession limit. The daily merganser bag limit can include only one (1) hooded merganser, and the possession limit for hooded mergansers is two (2).

2.08. Coots - 15 per day, 30 possession limit.

2.09. Gallinules - 15 per day, 30 possession limit.

2.10. No open season on snow geese, swans, king rails, brants, canvasbacks or redhead ducks.

2.11. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for all migratory birds except mourning doves which may only be hunted from noon (12:00 p.m. prevailing time) to sunset.

### Section 3 - General Regulations

3.01. Everyone who has attained the age of 16 years must have an unexpired Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp (commonly called a Duck Stamp) on his person validated by his signature in ink across the face of the stamp to hunt ducks and geese.

3.02. Persons who have not reached their 16th birthday do not need a Duck Stamp.

3.03. A Duck Stamp is not needed to hunt doves, coots, pigeons, rails, gallinules, snipe, or woodcock.

3.04. When hunting migratory birds you cannot use:

(a) A shotgun larger than 10-gauge, or one capable of holding more than three shells unless plugged with a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

(b) A trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, or machine gun.

(c) A sinkbox, aircraft, motor-driven conveyance, or motor vehicle.

(d) Live birds as decoys.

(e) Bait (shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other food) to lure or attract birds.

(f) Electronic recordings or electrically amplified imitation of bird calls.

(g) Livestock as a blind or means of concealment.

(h) Any motor-driven land, water, or air conveyance or a sailboat to concentrate, drive, rally, or stir up waterfowl.

3.05. When hunting migratory birds you can use:

(a) A motor boat as a shooting site if it is drifting, beached, resting at anchor, or tied to a hunting blind or fixed object. However, rails may be taken from a boat with the motor attached when the motor is shut off, forward progress from power has ceased, and the boat is immobile or being propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.

(b) Motor-driven boats to retrieve injured or dead birds, if you do not shoot.

(c) A motorboat from which to shoot cripples after motor is shut off, anchor dropped, and forward motion has ceased.

(d) Dogs.

(e) Long bow and arrow, or a shotgun not larger than 10-gauge and limited to three-shell capacity by construction or by plug as described on preceding page.

(f) A blind or other type of concealment except a sinkbox or livestock.

3.06. One fully-feathered wing or head must remain attached to all migratory game birds except doves at all times while being transported by any means whatsoever from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a commercial preservation facility.

3.07. Any package or container in which such birds are being transported by common carrier must have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

#### Section 4. Special State Regulations

4.01. That portion of Mason County including the Ohio River to the North of the Kanawha River shall be closed to hunting the Canada Goose.

4.02. It shall be lawful to hunt waterfowl on the major waterways, lakes and reservoirs of the state during the gun season for deer should the waterfowl season be open at that time.

4.03. Special McClintic Wildlife Station 1972-73 Regulations -

(a) A hunter registration booth and game check point is open 24 hours a day (self-service).

(b) A daily permit is required.

(c) Hunting hours for all game will be from legal shooting time until 12:00 noon (prevailing time) each day in the migratory game bird area, during the early waterfowl season. This area is enclosed by a wire fence and so marked. This includes ponds 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 17, 18 and 41.

(d) Return of daily permit and presentation of all game killed is required on the day of the hunt.