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1.2 Authority - These regulations are issued under authority of the West Virginia Code, Chapter 20, Article 1, Section 17.

1.3 Filing Date - These regulations become effective on the 2nd day of September 1985, at 12:01 a.m., and shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of January 1986, unless otherwise amended or new regulations are issued by the Director. The opening and closing dates shall be inclusive, except as noted under exceptions. All time periods shall be prevailing time except as otherwise noted.

1.4 This rule amends West Virginia Administrative Regulations "Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 20-1, Series IX, (1984) amended", filed September 1, 1984.

Section 2. General Purpose

2.1 To establish opening and closing dates, shooting hours, and bag limits for the hunting of migratory game birds in West Virginia. All seasons are subject to change.

Section 3. Opening and Closing Dates

3.1 Mourning Doves - September 2 - November 2, 1985. Shooting hours in first segment are from 12:00 noon to sunset. Second segment December 24 - December 31. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.2 Sora and Virginia Rails - September 2 - November 9, 1985. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.3 Woodcock - October 12 - November 23, 1985. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.4 Common Snipe - September 2 - December 17, 1985. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

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3.4 Common Snipe - September 2 - December 17, 1985. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.5 King and Clapper Rails - No open season.

Section 4. Bag and Possession Limits

4.1 Mourning Doves - bag limit 12 per day, 24 possession limit.

4.2 Sora and Virginia Rails - (in combination) - 25 per day, 25 possession limit.

4.3 Woodcock - 3 per day, 6 possession limit.

4.4 Common (Wilson's) Snipe - 8 per day, 16 possession limit.

Section 5. Federal Regulations

5.1 No persons shall take migratory game birds:

(a) With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND FINAL FILING - EXEMPT RULE

EXEMPT RULE: Hunting Seasons for Migratory Game Birds

The attached exempt rule is hereby adopted and final filed with the  
Secretary of State by Department of Natural Resources  
as authorized by Chapter 20, Article 1, Section 17

These regulations are exempt from the provisions of Chapter 29-A  
(see 29A-1-3-c).

Amending existing regulations: opening and closing dates, bag and  
possession limits by substituting pages 1 and 2.

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Date

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