



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Director

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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:

Enclosed are two copies of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1981-82 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Birds, designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1, superseding those currently on file for 1980-81. Federal Guidelines have not been established for waterfowl at this time, and we will file an addendum to these regulations as soon as the Federal Guidelines are received.

In order to meet the opening date of September 1, as set by the Federal Government, in accordance with the provisions of 29A-3-14, these regulations are being filed on an emergency basis, to be effective August 31, 1981.

It has been determined that it is not necessary to place a legal advertisement concerning these regulations, since the Department has this date released a newsletter to all news media in the State (copy enclosed). Such information shall be available to all interested individuals in West Virginia prior to the opening of the migratory season. Also, such regulations have been submitted to your office for filing in the State Register, to be permanent after the thirty-day period.

Sincerely,

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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1981 Season Dates Established for
Dove, Woodcock, Rail, and Snipe

West Virginia season dates and bag limits for mourning doves, rails, woodcock, and snipe have been established for 1981 according to James M. Ruckel, assistant chief of the wildlife resources division. These regulations were established under guidelines established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A summary of seasons and bag limits is provided in the following table:

	<u>Open Season</u> <u>(All Dates Inclusive)</u>	<u>Daily Bag</u> <u>Limit</u>	<u>Possession</u> <u>Limit</u>
Mourning Doves	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	12	24
(Split Season)	Dec. 23 - Dec. 31		
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 7 - Nov. 14	25	25
Woodcock	Oct. 17 - Dec. 19	5	10
Common Snipe	Sept. 7 - Dec. 22	8	16

Dove hunting will be permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for rail, woodcock, and snipe are the same as for dove.

Persons interested in hunting the migratory birds noted above should obtain a copy of the 1981-82 West Virginia Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations. This publication will soon be available at DNR district offices. They may also be obtained by writing to the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, 1800 Washington Street East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

APPROVED BY: Bernie

DATE: 8/3/81

APPROVED BY: W.C. Calkins

DATE: 8/5/81