



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CHARLESTON 25305
August 27, 1975

IRA S. LATIMER, Jr.
Director

The Honorable James R. McCartney
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary McCartney:

Enclosed are two copies of an addendum to the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1975-76 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Birds, designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1. This addendum becomes effective October 1, 1975.

I hereby certify that the attached addendum is a true and accurate copy of the official regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ira S. Latimer, Jr.".

Ira S. Latimer, Jr.
Director

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Enclosures (2)

cc: Mr. Charles W. Lewis
Mr. Dan E. Cantner
Colonel Raymond Eye

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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
Department of Natural Resources
Chapter 20-1
Series IX
(1975)

Subject: Addendum to the 1975-76 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl
and Other Migratory Game Birds

By virtue of the authority granted to the Natural Resources Commission of the Department of Natural Resources by Article 1, Section 17, Chapter 20 of the Code of West Virginia, the following hunting seasons and regulations for waterfowl are hereby promulgated and shall become effective at 12:00 noon on October 1, 1975, and shall expire at sunset on January 17, 1976, unless otherwise amended or new regulations are issued by the director. All seasons, unless otherwise noted, are statewide and subject to change. The opening and closing dates shall be inclusive, except as noted under exceptions. All time periods shall be prevailing time except as otherwise noted.

Section 1 - Opening and Closing Dates

1.06. Ducks - Split season - October 1 - October 18; December 17 - January 17, 1976.

1.07. Mergansers - Split season - October 1 - October 18; December 17 - January 17, 1976.

1.08. Coots - Split season - October 1 - October 18; December 17 - January 17, 1976.

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- 1.09. Gallinules - October 11 - December 19, 1975.
- 1.10. Canada Geese - October 1 - December 9, 1975.
- 1.11. Snow and Blue Geese - December 17 - January 15, 1976.

Section 2 - Bag and Possession Limits

2.05. Ducks - 4 per day, 8 possession limit. The daily duck bag limit of 4 can include only two (2) black ducks and two (2) wood ducks. The duck possession limit of 8 can include only four (4) black ducks and four (4) wood ducks. During the period October 2 - October 10, a hunter may also take two (2) blue-winged teal daily and four (4) in possession. This extra limit is in addition to the regular duck bag limits. Also, hunters may take two (2) additional scaup (bluebills) statewide. This extra limit is in addition to the regular duck bag limits.

2.06. 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).

2.07. Coots - 15 per day, 30 in possession.

2.10. On opening days October 1 and December 17 waterfowl cannot be hunted until 12:00 noon prevailing time to sunset.

Section 4 - Special State Regulations

4.01. McClintic Wildlife Station - Hunting hours for all game will be from legal shooting time until 12:00 noon (prevailing time)



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CHARLESTON 25305
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IRA S. LATIMER, Jr.
Director

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The Honorable James R. McCartney
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary McCartney:

Enclosed are two copies of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1975-76 Hunting Seasons for Waterfowl and Other Migratory Game Birds, designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1. Federal Guidelines have not been established for waterfowl at this time and we will file an addendum to these regulations as soon as Federal Guidelines are received. These regulations become effective September 1, 1975.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ira S. Latimer, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ira S. Latimer, Jr.
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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ~~THIS DATE~~ 8-1-75
Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1
Series IX
(1975)

Subject: 1975-76 Hunting Seasons for Migratory Game Birds

By virtue of the authority granted to the Natural Resources Commission of the Department of Natural Resources by Article 1, Section 17, Chapter 20 of the Code of West Virginia, the following hunting seasons and regulations for migratory game birds are hereby promulgated and shall become effective at 12:00 noon on September 1, 1975, and shall expire at sunset on December 19, 1975, unless otherwise amended or new regulations are issued by the director. All seasons, unless otherwise noted, are statewide and subject to change. The opening and closing dates shall be inclusive, except as noted under exceptions. All time periods shall be prevailing time except as otherwise noted.

Section 1 - Opening and Closing Dates

- 1.01. Mourning doves - September 1 through November 8, 1975.
- 1.02. Sora and Virginia rails - October 11 - December 19, 1975.
- 1.03. Woodcock - October 11 - December 13, 1975.

- 1.04. Common snipe - October 11 - December 13, 1975.
- 1.05. Gallinules - October 11 - December 19, 1975.

Section 2 - Bag and Possession Limits

- 2.01. Mourning doves - bag limit 12 per day, 24 possession limit.
- 2.02. Sora and Virginia rails - (in combination) - 25 per day, 25 possession limit.
- 2.03. Woodcock - 5 per day, 10 possession limit.
- 2.04. Common (Wilson's) snipe - 8 per day, 16 possession limit.
- 2.08. Gallinules - 15 per day, 30 in possession.
- 2.09. King rails - No open season.
- 2.10. Shooting hours are one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) 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. A "Duck Stamp" is not needed to hunt doves, coots, rails, gallinules, snipe, or woodcock.

3.03. It is 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.

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 or machine gun.

(c) Live birds as decoys.

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

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

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

(g) 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 motorboat as a shooting site if it is beached, resting at anchor, or tied to a hunting blind or other fixed object.

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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 for both flushing and retrieving waterfowl.

(e) Long bow and arrow, or a shotgun not larger than 10-gauge and limited to three-shell capacity by construction or by plugging, as described on the 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 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 birds are being transported by common carrier must have the name and address of

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the shipper and consignee, and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein conspicuously marked on the outside.

July 22, 1975
(Date)

Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sir:

In response to your recent letter transmitting a summary of the approved frameworks for the 1975-76 seasons on doves, rails, woodcock, snipe, and gallinules, open season dates on the species applicable to this State have been selected as follows (all dates inclusive):

MOURNING DOVES: (between Sept. 1 and Jan. 15)

- ☒ 70 consecutive half-days
or
☐ 2 or 3 periods totaling not more than 70 half-days

From September 1 To November 8

From _____ To _____
and

From _____ To _____
and

From _____ To _____

RAILS (SORA AND VIRGINIA): (between Sept. 1 and Jan. 20)

70 consecutive full days

From October 11 To December 19

WOODCOCK: (between Sept. 1 and Feb. 28)

- ☒ 65 consecutive full days
or
☐ 2 periods totaling 65 days

From October 11 To December 13

From _____ To _____
and

From _____

COMMON SNIPES (WILSON'S): (between Sept. 1 and Feb. 28)

- ☒ 65 consecutive full days
or
☐ 2 periods totaling 65 days

From October 11 To December 13

From _____ To _____
and

From _____ To _____

GALLINULES: (between Sept. 1 and Jan. 20)

- ☒ 70 consecutive full days
or
☐ 2 periods totaling 70 days


From October 11 To December 19

From _____ To _____
and

From _____ To _____

SNIPES and GALLINULES seasons may be selected in August along with waterfowl seasons.

West Virginia
(State)


(Signature)
Chief, Division of Wildlife
Resources (Title)
Department of Natural Resources.

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