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The Honorable A. James Manchin  
Secretary of State of West Virginia  
State Capitol Building  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed are two copies of Pages 1 and 2 of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1983-84 Hunting Seasons for Migratory Game Birds, designated Series IX of Chapter 20-1, superseding those currently on file for 1982-83. Pages 3-7 remain unchanged. 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. These regulations are to be effective September 1, 1983, in accordance with the opening date as set by the Federal Government. ✓

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. C. Callaghan".  
David C. Callaghan  
Director

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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Department of Natural Resources  
Chapter 20-1  
Series IX  
1983

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Subject: 1983-84 Hunting Seasons for Migratory Game Birds

Section 1. General

1.01. Scope. To regulate the hunting of migratory game birds in West Virginia.

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

1.03. Filing Date. These regulations become effective on the 1st day of September 1983, at 12:01 a.m., and shall expire at midnight on the 31st day of January 1984, 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.

Section 2. General Purpose

2.01. 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

3.01. Mourning Doves - September 1 - October 31, 1983.  
Shooting hours in first segment are from 12:00 noon to sunset. Second segment December 23 - December 31. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.02. Sora and Virginia Rails - September 5 - November 12, 1983. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.03. Woodcock - October 15 - December 17, 1983. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.04. Common Snipe - September 5 - December 20, 1983. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

3.05. King and Clapper Rails - No open season.

#### Section 4. Bag and Possession Limits

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

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

4.03. Woodcock - 5 per day, 10 possession limit.

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

#### Section 5. Federal Regulations

5.01. 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.

(b) With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

(c) From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface