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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
AND
FILING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Department of Commerce, Labor, and Environmental
Resources, Division of Natural Resources

AGENCY: _____ TITLE NUMBER: 47

CITE AUTHORITY West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES _____ NO X

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 12A

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

"Special Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations"

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.


J. Edward Hamrick III
Director

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: "Special Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations"

Type of Rule: XX Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: Department of Commerce, Labor and Environmental
Resources Division of Natural Resources.

Address: Building 3, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, West
Virginia 25305

1. Effect of Proposed Rule	Increase \$	ANNUAL Decrease \$	Current \$	FISCAL YEAR	
				Next \$	Thereafter \$
Personal Services					
Current Expense					
			NO CHANGE		
Repairs and Alterations					
Equipment					
Other					

2. Explanation of Above Estimates: This rule adopts provisions currently in effect under an exemption from legislative review. The Division feels it necessary for these provisions to be legislatively approved, therefore, is resubmitting these rules to be subject to Legislative review. No new administrative expenditures are anticipated.

3. Objectives of These Rules: The objectives of this rule are to provide for the safe hunting and proper management of migratory birds within the boundaries of this State.

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

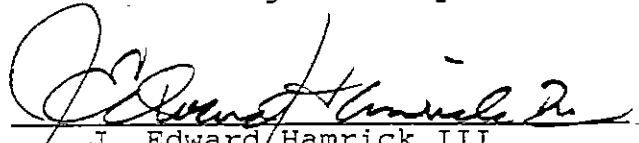
A. Economic Impact on State Government: No Impact.

B. 1. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions: No Impact.

2. Economic Impact on Specific Industries: No Impact.

3. Economic Impact on Specific Groups of Citizens: No Impact.

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large: No Impact.


J. Edward Hamrick III
Director

Date: August 21, 1991

DATE: October 15, 1991.

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: West Virginia Department of Commerce, Labor, and
Environmental Resources, Division of Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: "Special Migratory Bird Hunting
Regulations."

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation:

West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30)

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing:

Notice of Comment period was filed
August 20, 1991.

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of
the public hearing?

None

c. Date(s) of hearing(s): Comment period ended on September
20, 1991.

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at the hearing,
comments received, amendments to the proposed rule, and
the reasons for those amendments.

Attached ☐ No comments received ☒

e. Date you filed in the State Register the agency-approved
proposed Legislative Rule following public hearing:

October 15, 1991

f. Name and phone number of agency person to contact for
additional information:

Michael E. Comer, Regulatory Analyst
Office of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs
348-2761

3. If the statute under which you promulgated the submitted

rules requires certain findings and determinations to be made as a condition precedent to their promulgation: NA

- a. Give the date upon which you filed in the State Register a notice of the time and place of a hearing for the taking of evidence and a general description of the issues to be decided: NA
- b. Date of hearing: NA
- c. On what date did you file in the State Register the findings and determinations required together with the reasons therefor? NA
- d. Attach findings and determinations and reasons: NA

PREAMBLE TO A PROPOSED RULE CONCERNING
SPECIAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

STATE AGENCY: Department of Commerce, Labor and Environmental Resources, Division of Natural Resources.

REGULATIONS: Title 47, Series 12A, "Special Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations"

AUTHORITY: West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30).

ACTION: Filing of an Agency-Approved Rule.

SUMMARY: These regulations propose provisions currently incorporated into exempted regulations. The Division feels it necessary to seek legislative approval for provisions not exempted under West Virginia Code §29A-1-3(c).

TITLE 47
LEGISLATIVE RULES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, LABOR, AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SERIES 12A
SPECIAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

§47-12A-1. General.

1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- These rule establishes regulations when hunting migratory game birds in West Virginia.

1.2. Authority. -- West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30).

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5. Seasons in General. -- All seasons are subject to change under the provisions of W. Va. Code §20-1-7(7). Opening and closing dates are inclusive and time periods are prevailing time unless otherwise noted in these regulations. Sunday hunting is illegal.

§47-12A-2. Definitions.

2.1. "Aggregate" means the total bag or possession limit of similar kinds of migratory game birds.

2.2. "Bait" means shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

2.3. "Baited Area" means any area where baiting occurs.

2.4. "Baiting" means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of bait so as to constitute for migratory game birds a lure, attraction, or enticement to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

2.5. "Blind Area" means the area within seventy-five (75) yards of the hunter's assigned blind.

2.6. "Migratory Game Birds" means doves, rails, snipe, and woodcock for which open seasons are prescribed in Title 47, Series 12, Section 4, Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

2.7. "Prevailing Time" means either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time as established by the United States Congress.

§47-12A-3. General Migratory Bird Hunting Rules.

3.1. Dual Violation. Violation of any provision of these regulations is also a violation of federal migratory bird hunting regulations under 50 C.F.R. Part 20, Subpart H.

3.2. Illegal Methods of Taking Migratory Game Birds.

3.2.1. No person may take migratory game birds 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.

3.2.2. No person may take migratory game birds 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.

3.2.3. No person may take migratory game birds from a sink box (i.e., a low floating device having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).

3.2.4. No person may take migratory game birds from or with the aid or use of a motor vehicle, other land conveyance, or an aircraft of any kind.

3.2.5. No person may take migratory game birds from or by means of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off or the sail furled and progress therefrom has ceased.

3.2.6. No person may take migratory game birds by the use or aid of live birds as decoys.

3.2.7. No person may take migratory game birds by the use of records or tapes of bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically-amplified imitations of bird calls.

3.2.8. No person may take migratory game birds by concentrating, driving, rallying, or chasing such birds with any motorized land, water, or air conveyance or any sailboat.

3.2.9. No person may take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for ten (10) days after the removal of the bait, and is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation of federal regulations and Section 3.2 of these regulations.

3.3. Wanton Waste. All migratory game birds killed or crippled must be retrieved if possible and retained in the custody of the hunter in the field.

3.4. Tagging. No person may give, put, or leave migratory game

birds at any place, or in the custody of another person, unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- 3.4.1. The hunter's signature;
- 3.4.2. The hunter's address;
- 3.4.3. The total number of birds involved, by species; and
- 3.4.4. The date on which each bird was killed.

3.5. Field Dressing. No person may completely field dress migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, and then transport the birds from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility, as defined in 50 C.F.R. §20.11.

3.6. Shipment. No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with the following information:

- 3.6.1. The name and address of the person sending the birds;
- 3.6.2. The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent; and
- 3.6.3. The number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

3.7. Importation. For information regarding the importation of migratory game birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 C.F.R. §§20.61 through 20.66. One (1) fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility, as defined in 50 C.F.R. §20.11. No person may import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 50 C.F.R. §20.63), drawn, and the head and feet removed. No person may import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONSENT

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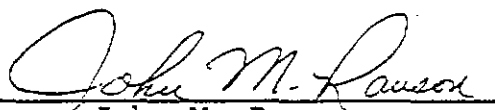
MEMORANDUM TO: J. Edward Hamrick III, Director
Division of Natural Resources

FROM: John M. Ranson, Secretary
Department of Commerce, Labor,
and Environmental Resources

SUBJECT: Consent to File Agency Proposed Regulations

The following regulations concerning hunting, trapping, and fishing have my approval to be proposed pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act set forth under Chapter 29A of the West Virginia Code [W. Va. Code §29A et seq.].

<u>Title</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Name</u>
47	11A	Terms To Be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
47	11B	Prohibitions When Hunting and Trapping.
47	11C	Special Bear Hunting Regulations.
47	11D	General Hunting Regulations.
47	11E	Deer Hunting Regulations.
47	11F	Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations.
47	11G	Wild Boar Hunting Regulations.
47	11H	General Trapping Regulations.
47	11I	Dog Training Regulations.
47	12A	Special Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.
47	13A	Special Waterfowl Hunting Regulations.
47	14A	Special Regulations for Waterfowl Hunting Areas.
47	21	Special Fishing Regulations.


John M. Ranson
Secretary

12/3/91
Date

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