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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CHARLESTON 25305

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
Governor

October 27, 1981

DAVID C. CALLAGHAN
Director

WILLIS H. HERTIG, JR.
Deputy Director

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 a proposed amendment to the West Virginia Administrative Regulations covering the 1982 Fishing Regulations, designated Series III of Chapter 20-1, which are to become effective at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1982.

The Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on November 30, 1981, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the DNR Operations Center, Ward Road, Elkins, West Virginia, to solicit public comments concerning the proposed amendment.

I hereby certify that the enclosed regulations are true and accurate copies of official regulations to be adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

David C. Callaghan
David C. Callaghan
Director

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV

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STATE REGISTER FILING

I, David C. Callaghan, Director,
 Title or Position

Department of Natural Resources, hereby submit to record in
 Department or Division

the State Register on 8 1/2 x 11" paper two (2) copies of

- proposed rules and regulations concerning topics of material not covered by existing rules and regulations;
- proposed rules and regulations superseding rules and regulations already on file;
- notice of hearing;
- findings and determinations;
- rules and regulations; or
- other - specify (Amendment to 1982 Fishing Regulations) .

This filing pertains to

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 Series III
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- proposed rules and regulations are required to go to Legislative Rule Making Committee;
- proposed rules and regulations are excluded from Legislative Rule Making Committee;

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 Date Submitted

David C. Callaghan
 Signature of Person Authorizing
 this Filing

FILING OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
Department of Natural Resources
Chapter 20-1
Series III
1982 Fishing Regulations

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| Section 1. | Opening and Closing Dates |
| Section 2. | Daily Creel Limits and Possession Limits |
| Section 3. | Size Limits |
| Section 4. | Catch and Release Trout Fishing Areas |
| Section 5. | Fly Fishing Only Areas |
| Section 6. | Game Fish Defined |
| Section 7. | Other Methods of Fishing |

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Beech Fork lakes, Wayne County; Conaway Run Lake, Tyler County; and that portion of the Potomac River between the states of Maryland and West Virginia.

- 3.02. Trout--(Rainbow, Brook, Brown, Golden Rainbow)--No size limit.
- 3.03. Muskellunge, Tiger Musky, Northern Pike--Minimum size limit is 28 inches total length.
- 3.04. Walleye--No size limit.
- 3.05. Channel Catfish--No size limit.
- 3.06. Other Species--No size limit.
- 3.07. Frogs--(Bullfrog and Green Frog)--No size limit.

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SECTION 4.0 CATCH AND RELEASE TROUT FISHING AREAS

- 4.01. Back Fork of Elk River--A section in Webster County beginning two miles upstream from Webster Springs, extending upstream four miles. This section can be reached from secondary routes 29 and 24/3.
- 4.02. Shavers Fork--A 5 1/2-mile section in the Monongahela National Forest, Randolph County, north of U.S. Route 250, extending from the mouth of Whitmeadow Run downstream to the mouth of McGee Run. This section can be reached from National Forest Route 92, which intersects U.S. Route 250 four miles west of Cheat Bridge.
- 4.03. North Fork of South Branch of the Potomac River, Pendleton County--A .75-mile section at Mouth of Seneca near the Seneca Rock Visitor Center. Access is by secondary route 28/3 at the junction of U.S. Rts. 28 and 33 at Mouth of Seneca.
 - 4.03.1 Special Regulation--Catch and Release Trout Fishing Areas (Fish-for-Fun) for Back Fork of Elk River, Shavers Fork, and the North Fork of South Branch of the Potomac River are as follows: 1) Fishing permitted during daylight hours only; 2) Only artificial flies and lures made of metal, wood, feathers, hair or synthetic material, equipped with barbless hooks may be used or possessed on a "catch-and-release" trout stream; 3) To release a deeply hooked or gill-hooked fish, the leader should be cut; 4) All fish caught must be returned to the water at once.

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David C. Callaghan, Director

FOR RELEASE: October 26, 1981

Phone: 304/348-3381

DNR SEEKS COMMENTS ON FISHING REGULATIONS

The Department of Natural Resources will conduct a public hearing to discuss an addendum to the 1982 West Virginia fishing regulations on November 30, 1981 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the DNR Operations Center, Ward Road, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241.

All interested persons are urged to participate in this regulations hearing. The proposed addendum, if adopted, will establish a .75-mile section of the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River in Pendleton County as a Catch and Release (Fish-for-Fun) fishing area, and will become effective January 1, 1982. Both written and oral statements will be received at the meeting. Also, written statements will be received at the above address until November 30.

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