



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CHARLESTON 25305

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DAVID C. CALLAGHAN  
Director

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF  
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THIS DATE 6-9-78

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

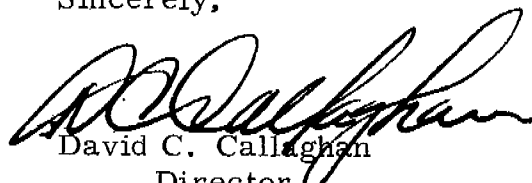
Dear Secretary Manchin:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 29A of the Code of West Virginia, a public hearing was held on May 31, 1978, to receive comments and recommendations concerning the 1978-79 muzzleloading firearms season for deer.

After consideration of the recommendations received, it was determined that the regulations would be filed as originally submitted. We are, therefore, this date, submitting 17 copies of the 1978-79 muzzleloading deer hunting season regulations to the Legislative Review Committee, with the request that these regulations be made effective December 1, 1978.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the regulations previously filed in the State Register, and a copy of the minutes of the public hearing of May 31, 1978.

Sincerely,

  
David C. Callaghan  
Director

DCC/jrm

Enclosures (2)

cc: Legislative Review Committee (Transmitting 17 copies of the Special Muzzleloading Deer Hunting Season Regulations).

PUBLIC HEARING, May 31, 1978

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p. m. in Room 811 of the Motor Vehicles Building by Chairman Dan E. Cantner. Cantner explained the purpose of the meeting in compliance with the law dealing with the filing of administrative regulations. Cantner then asked if any of the attendees had comments to present concerning the 1978-79 muzzleloading deer season.

Mr. Gene Hyre representing the Mountaineer Flintlock Rifles Inc. and Mr. Fred Lambert representing the West Virginia Muzzleloading Association expressed appreciation and thanks to the Department of Natural Resources for establishing this muzzleloading season. They estimated that approximately 1,000 hunters from their organizations would participate in the hunt.

A discussion was held concerning basic reasons for establishing this season, regulations and law enforcement problems. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Person attending REGULATIONS HEARING

Mr. Gene Hyre  
843 Hughes Drive  
St. Albans, West Virginia 25177

Mr. Fred Lambert  
29 Oakbrook Drive  
Mineral Wells, West Virginia 26150

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DNR Personnel Attending:

Dan E. Cantner representing Wildlife Resources Division  
James M. Ruckel       "       "       "       "  
William Goudy       "       "       "       "  
Captain Harry Shaver   representing the Law Enforcement Division

Section 11. Special Muzzle-loading Deer Hunting Season

11.01. Season - December 4, 5, 6, 1978.

11.02. Bag limit and possession limit - one deer per season, provided that the hunter has not killed a deer with a firearm in 1978.

11.03. General

(a) Only deer having one or both antlers 3 inches or more in length above the hairline will be legal game.

(b) Only flintlock rifles with a minimum caliber of .44 may be used.

(c) Only iron sights may be used.

(d) Weapons may be either rifled or smooth bore.

(e) A single shot weapon that has been converted to a muzzle-loader using a plug shall not be used.

(f) Any person who has previously killed a deer with a firearm in 1978 will not be permitted to hunt.

(g) Only state-owned or leased public hunting and fishing areas and state forests will be open for the muzzle-loading deer season.

(h) No concurrent hunting will be permitted on the state-owned or leased areas during this special season.



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Mr. John R. Homburg  
Attorney-at-Law  
West Virginia Legislative Services  
Joint Committee on Government and Finance  
Room E-132, State Capitol Building  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Homburg:

In compliance with House Bill 1257, enclosed are 17 copies of the administrative regulations for the 1978-79 muzzle-loading firearms hunting season for deer.

I urge you to act upon these regulations as soon as possible since the season has been established for the period December 4, 5, and 6, 1978.

Your immediate attention to this request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D C Callaghan".  
David C. Callaghan  
Director

DCC:jrm  
Enclosures (17)  
cc: Secretary of State  
Wildlife Resources Division