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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: BUREAU OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TITLE NUMBER: 58

RULE TYPE: LEGISLATIVE CITE AUTHORITY: 20-1-7(30)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 47

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: PROHIBITIONS WHEN HUNTING AND TRAPPING

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 1, 1997 AT 4:30 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

GORDON ROBERTSON, DEPUTY CHIEF
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE RESOURCES SECTION
ROOM 842, BLDG. 3, CAPITOL COMPLEX
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

Robert A. Reintsema

ROBERT A. REINTSEMA, COMMISSIONER

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING THE PROPOSED RULE

The Division of Natural Resources proposes to require any person, after alighting from a motor vehicle along a public road or highway, to be at least 25 yards from the motor vehicle before shooting at wildlife with either bow or firearm. This is to prevent individuals from shooting at wildlife with a bow or firearm from beside their vehicle along a public road.

SUMMARY OF THE RULE

Title 58, Series 47, Prohibitions When Hunting And Trapping establishes prohibitions in the pursuit or taking of wildlife within the boundaries of this State.

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULE

Rule Title: Series 47, Prohibitions When Hunting and Trapping

Type of Rule X **Legislative** _____ **Interpretive** _____ **Procedural**

Agency Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section

Address Capitol Complex

Building 3, Room 842

Charleston, WV 25305

1. Effect of Proposed Rule

	ANNUAL			FISCAL YEAR	
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES					
CURRENT EXPENSE					
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					

2. Explanation of above estimates: No cost to enact and enforce this rule.

3. Objectives of these rules: To require any person to be at least 25 yards from the motor vehicle before shooting at wildlife with either bow or firearm.

4. Explanation of overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule.

A. Economic Impact on State Government: No impact.

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B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens: No impact.

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

Date: 5/27/97

**Signature of Agency or
Authorized Representative:**



ROBERT A. REINTSEMA, COMMISSIONER

**TITLE 58
LEGISLATIVE RULE
BUREAU OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SERIES 47
PROHIBITIONS WHEN HUNTING AND TRAPPING**

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§58-47-1. General.

- 1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- This rule establishes prohibitions in the pursuit or taking of wildlife within the boundaries of this State.
- 1.2. Authority. -- West Virginia Code §20-1-7(30).
- 1.3. Filing Date. --
- 1.4. Effective Date. --

§58-47-2. Definitions.

- 2.1. All terms in this rule have the meaning prescribed in the Division of Natural Resources rule, Regulations Defining The Terms To Be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Regulations (58 C.S.R. 46).

§58-47-3. Prohibitions.

- 3.1. Hunting is prohibited in State parks and wildlife refuges, in safety zones in State forests, and in safety zones in State Wildlife Management Areas.
 - 3.1.1. Federal regulations prohibit hunting in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.
- 3.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of W. Va. Code §20-2-5(2), woodchucks may be controlled by digging them out, cutting them out or smoking them out on private land by the landowner, his or her resident children or resident parents, or a bona fide resident tenant.
- 3.3. Except as provided in Subdivisions 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 of this rule, it is illegal to use poisons, chemicals, or explosives in taking any furbearing animal, game animal, game bird, protected bird, or protected mammal.
 - 3.3.1. Woodchucks may be controlled by poison, chemicals or explosives on private land by the landowner, his or her resident children or resident parents, or a bona fide resident tenant during the period commencing each year on April 1 and ending on September 30.

3.3.2. Redwing blackbirds, grackles, pigeons, starlings, brownheaded cowbirds and English sparrows may be controlled by chemicals registered with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the United States Environmental Protection Agency when prescribed and authorized by the director in writing. Authorized users must follow avicide label instructions and take all possible precautions in order to protect nontarget species of wildlife.

3.4. It is illegal to hunt from, or by means of, a motorized watercraft unless the motor has been completely shutoff and the watercraft's progress from the motor has ceased.

3.5. The use or possession of a fully automatic, rifle, shotgun, or pistol is prohibited while hunting or pursuing wildlife at any time.

3.6. It is illegal to catch, capture, take, or kill, or attempt to do so, by seine, net, bait, trap, deadfall, snare, or like device of any kind, any bear, migratory bird, protected bird, protected mammal, or wild boar.

3.6.1. No person may take, or attempt to take, the species listed under Subsection 3.7 of this rule, by the aid of baiting. The Director considers an area to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

3.7. It is illegal for a person to have in his or her possession solid ball ammunition and lead or steel shot larger than No. 4 during the muzzleloading season, except for those persons legally hunting bear or legally hunting deer with a muzzleloader firearm. The use of .22 caliber rimfire for small game hunting is legal during the muzzleloading season.

3.8. No person may use tree stands, except for portable tree stands, on public lands.

3.9. No person may transport wildlife or parts of wildlife, which were killed by another hunter unless the wildlife is accompanied by a paper or tag filled out in plain English bearing the following information from the hunter killing the wildlife:

3.9.1. The hunter's signature, address, hunting license number (if required), official game checking tag number (if required), the date of kill, the species, and the number, and/or quantity of wildlife.

3.10. It is illegal for any person to feed bears.

3.11. No person shall, after alighting from a motor vehicle along any public road or highway, shoot at wildlife with either a bow or firearm unless they are at least 25 yards from the motor vehicle.