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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ADOPTION OF A PROCEDURAL OR INTERPRETIVE RULE
OR A LEGISLATIVE RULE EXEMPT FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

AGENCY: Dept. of Commerce, Div. of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section TITLE NUMBER: 58

CITE AUTHORITY: 20-1-17(7) and 29A-1-3(c)

RULE TYPE: PROCEDURAL _____ INTERPRETIVE _____

EXEMPT LEGISLATIVE RULE _____ _____

CITE STATUTE(S) GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

29A-1-3(c)

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO _____

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 59

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Special Waterfowl Hunting Areas Rule

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

THE ABOVE RULE IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RULE IS September 1, 2012

Angel R. Moore

Authorized Signature

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

**SERIES 59
SPECIAL WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS RULE
(EXEMPT RULE)**

- SUMMARY:** Series 59 revises the current Special Waterfowl Hunting Areas Rule. This rule establishes provisions for hunting waterfowl in specified areas of West Virginia, including the opening and closing dates for the 2012-2013 waterfowl hunting season. The rule will become effective September 1, 2012.
- CIRCUMSTANCES:** This rule establishes the opening and closing dates for waterfowl hunting on special areas as directed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Series 59, Special Waterfowl Hunting Areas Rule

Rule Title: _____
 Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural
 Agency: Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section
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Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

There is no change anticipated to the administrative expenditures as a result of this rule.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Services			
Current Expenses			
Repairs & Alterations			
Assets			
Other			
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00

Series 59, Special Waterfowl Hunting Areas Rule

Rule Title: _____

Rule Title: _____

3. **Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):**
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No Impact

MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

This rule makes minor changes to the waterfowl hunting season dates on special areas for the 2012-2013 season.

Date: 8/31/12

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative
Angel R. Moore

**TITLE 58
LEGISLATIVE EXEMPT RULE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SERIES 59
SPECIAL WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS**

§58-59-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- This regulation establishes provisions for hunting waterfowl in specified areas of this State.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§20-1-7(30) and 29A-1-3(c).

1.3. Filing Date. -- August 31, 2012.

1.4. Effective Date. -- September 1, 2012.

§58-59-2. Definitions.

2.1. All terms shall have the meaning prescribed in the Code of State Regulations, Title 58 Series 58 "Special Waterfowl Hunting Regulations" (58CSR58).

§58-59-3. McClintic Wildlife Management Area.

3.1. The provisions of the Code of State Regulations, Title 58 Series 57 and Title 58 Series 58 are in effect at the McClintic Wildlife Management Area, except as provided in Sections 3.2 through 3.5 of these regulations.

3.2. Hunting in the controlled waterfowl hunting area is restricted to waterfowl hunting from State-controlled blinds during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012 even if other hunting seasons run concurrently. The controlled waterfowl hunting area is marked by signs and includes Ponds #2, #3, #4, #5 #6, #7, #8, #9, #11, #12, #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, #23, #36, #39, and #40.

3.3. Shooting and falconry hours in the controlled waterfowl hunting area are from thirty (30) minutes before sunrise until noon during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012.

3.4. All hunting in the controlled waterfowl hunting area is by permit only during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012.

3.4.a. Applications for controlled area hunting permits must be received at the DNR District V Office by September ~~2, 2011~~ 1, 2012.

3.4.b. Letters of notification granting controlled area hunting permits will be sent to successful applicants.

3.4.c. Controlled area hunting permits are not transferable.

3.4.d. Hunters with valid controlled area hunting permits must report to the McClintic WMA Office prior to six o'clock antemeridian (6:00 a.m.) on the morning of the hunt. Failure to report by that time forfeits the hunter's reservation and the reserved blind will then be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

3.4.e. Hunters must present the day's bag for inspection and return their controlled area hunting permits to the McClintic WMA Office prior to one o'clock postmeridian (1:00 p.m.) on the day of the hunt.

3.4.f. Hunters in the controlled area who violate the provisions of these regulations or conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner at the McClintic Wildlife Management Area will not receive any further permits.

3.5. All hunters in the controlled waterfowl hunting area during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012 must obey the following rules:

3.5.a. Hunters in the controlled area must have a valid controlled hunting permit in possession while hunting in the controlled area.

3.5.b. Guns must be cased and unloaded except when in the blind area.

3.5.c. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the blind area.

3.5.d. Dogs must be kept on a leash except when in the blind area.

3.5.e. Hunters may not travel more than seventy-five (75) yards from the blind in pursuit of crippled waterfowl.

§58-59-4. Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area.

4.1. The provisions of the Code of State Regulations, Title 58 Series 57 and Title 58 Series 58 are in effect at the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area, except as provided in Section 4.2 through 4.5 of these regulations.

4.2. Hunting on the Green Bottom WMA is restricted to waterfowl hunting only during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012 even if other hunting seasons run concurrently.

4.3. Shooting and falconry hours for waterfowl are from thirty (30) minutes before sunrise until noon during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012.

4.4. Waterfowl hunting on the Green Bottom WMA is by permit only during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012.

4.4.a. A permit shall be obtained at the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area Headquarters prior to each day's hunt. Permits will be issued between the hours of five o'clock and seven o'clock antemeridian (5:00 a.m. through 7:00 a.m.) during the first two days of the open waterfowl seasons. During the remainder of the season, permits will be issued between the hours of six o'clock and seven o'clock antemeridian (6:00 a.m. through 7:00 a.m.).

4.4.b. Permits are not transferable.

4.4.c. Hunters must present the day's bag for inspection and return their controlled area hunting permits to the ~~Green Bottom~~ Green Bottom WMA Office prior to one o'clock postmeridian (1:00 p.m.) on the day of the hunt.

4.4.d. Hunters who violate the provisions of these regulations or conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner at the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area will not receive any further permits.

4.5. All hunters on the Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area during the period commencing on October 1, ~~2011~~ 2012 and ending on October ~~8, 2011~~ 13, 2012 must have a valid permit in possession while hunting on the area.

§58-59-5. Warden Lake Wildlife Management Area.

5.1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on Warden Lake Wildlife Management Area in accordance with deed restrictions.