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**FORM 6 -- NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

AGENCY **Natural Resources**

RULE TYPE **Legislative** AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE **Yes** TITLE-SERIES **58-49**

RULE NAME **General Hunting**

CITE AUTHORITY **20-1-7(30)**

HOUSE OR SENATE BILL NUMBER
SB 202

SECTION
64-10-1(b)

PASSED ON
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THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE
FOLLOWING DATE

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

Yes

**Joshua L Jarrell -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in
accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.**



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

**SERIES 49
GENERAL HUNTING**

§58-49-1. General.

1.1. Scope. -- The purpose of this rule is to establish general hunting rules that will provide for the safety of the hunter and the proper management of wildlife within the boundaries of this State.

1.2. Authority. -- W.Va. Code §20-1-7(30).

1.3. Filing Date. -- April 20, 2016.

1.4. Effective Date. -- April 20, 2016.

§58-49-2. Definitions.

2.1. All terms have the meaning prescribed to them in the Division of Natural Resources Rule, Rule Defining The Terms To Be Used Concerning All Hunting and Trapping Rules (58 C.S.R. 46).

§58-49-3. General Hunting Rules.

3.1. A hunter may use a long bow or compound bow instead of a firearm during any season for which firearms are legal except during the muzzle-loading firearms deer season.

3.2. Each person killing a bear or wild boar found in a wild state shall immediately after removing its entrails, but in any event within one hour and before transporting or removing the carcass in any manner from where it was killed, complete and attach a game tag. The tag shall bear, in plain English, the name and address of the hunter, the date and county where the game was killed, and, unless he or she is legally exempted from the licensing requirements of this State, the license number of the hunter.

3.3. A person who kills a bear shall submit a first premolar tooth to the Division of Natural Resources by January 31 of the year following the kill. The tooth should be secured to a card along with a label with the name and address of the hunter, date of kill, weapon used, whether dogs were used to kill the bear, county of kill and the game tag number and either mailed or delivered to a DNR District Office or the DNR Elkins Operation Center.

3.4. Any person under fifteen (15) years of age who participates in a special youth season approved by the Commission and published annually by the director shall be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. The accompanying adult may not hunt or possess implements for the taking of wildlife.

3.5. A person under the age of fifteen (15) years may not hunt or chase wild animals or wild birds on the lands of another unless he or she is accompanied by a licensed adult who remains in a position near enough to him or her to render advice and assistance.

3.6. A hunter may only use bows, crossbows, single-shot muzzle-loading firearms, or shotguns loaded with T or smaller shot to hunt wildlife within the boundaries of the Green Bottom and Fox Forest Wildlife Management Areas.

3.7. A hunter shall electronically register each deer or wild turkey within 72 hours of the time of kill or within 24 hours of the close of the respective hunting season, whichever comes first.

3.8. A hunter shall wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange over his or her outer clothing during any deer firearms season. A person engaged in agricultural activities and waterfowl hunters are exempt from this requirement.

3.9. Any hunter who, while hunting, shoots another person, shall render immediate aid and assistance to the victim.