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TO: Hunters, Anglers, Trappers, Landowners, Farm Groups and Others Interested in Making Recommendations for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Regulations.

Meetings to solicit your comments concerning the 2009-2010 deer, turkey, bear, and boar hunting regulations as well as 2010-2011 hunting and trapping regulations and the 2010 fishing season are scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2009.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2008-2009 seasons (see recommended changes attached).

In order for us to obtain your recommendations and accurately record them, it is necessary for you to complete and return the attached form prior to April 10, 2009 to the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, Attn: Mr. Steve Wilson.

Your continued interest in the state's natural resources programs is appreciated.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2009-2010 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2009 antlerless deer season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to add Calvin Price State Forest, located in Pocahontas County, to the list of “Older-aged Deer Management Areas” with the following deer hunting regulations in effect: all antlered deer taken on Calvin Price State Forest must have a minimum outside antler spread of 14 inches; the annual antlered deer bag limit is one deer for all seasons combined; it is illegal to bait or feed wildlife on the area.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Division of Natural Resources wishes to solicit your input on a proposed early antlerless deer archery season and early antlerless deer muzzleloader season in selected counties where the harvest of additional antlerless deer is necessary for management purposes. The special, early antlerless deer archery season would open on September 14, 2009 and close on September 19, 2009 and allow for the taking of one additional deer that must be checked on a Class RB or Class RRB Stamp. The special, early antlerless deer muzzleloader season would open on September 21, 2009 and close on September 26, 2009 and allow for the taking of one additional deer that must be checked on a Class RM or Class RRM Stamp.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes the 2009 black bear season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a special, controlled black bear hunting season, December 7 – 31, 2009, using dogs on Nathaniel Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) located in Hampshire County. Using a limited permit lottery system, the special bear hunting season would allow for 1 party of no more than 4 hunters and 8 dogs to hunt on the WMA for a selected 2-day period with 1 additional day allowed for dog retrieval.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

6. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2009 – 2010 seasons would be as shown on attached table.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2010 - 2011 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to modify the 1-day youth squirrel season to a 1-day youth small game season, excluding migratory game birds, that would be held on October 2, 2010.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to eliminate caliber restrictions on centerfire and muzzleloader firearms for big game hunting.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for 2010 – 2011 seasons would be the same as those in 2009 – 2010 (see attached table).

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2010 FISHING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a catch-and-release hybrid striped bass fishing regulation at Rollins Lake, Jackson County.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a delayed harvest, trout catch-and-release section on an approximately one-mile section of the Bluestone River extending from the mouth of Mountain Creek downstream to a stream gage station within Pipestem State Park, Summers County. The catch-and-release season would extend from October 1 through May 31 and general regulations would apply from June 1 through September 30.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to increase the maximum length of a seine from six feet to eight feet.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

4. All other fishing regulations for 2010 would be the same as those in 2009.

Favor\_\_\_\_\_

Oppose\_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting and fishing regulations or on any phase of our wildlife and law enforcement programs. Please use space provided on the following page. **Returning the attached tables is not necessary.**

Please complete the following section. Be sure only one form is submitted per individual or organization. Unsigned questionnaires will not be counted.

**PLEASE PRINT**

Individual, Group, or  
Organization Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE  
BY APRIL 10, 2009**

WV Division of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Section  
P.O. Box 67  
Elkins, WV 26241

Attn: Steve Wilson



**PROPOSED 2009 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS**

<p>Counties or Parts Thereof <b>Closed</b> to Antlerless (Class N) Hunting</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Resident Only (Must Apply)</p> <p><b>(Season Bag Limit: 1)</b></p> <p>Nov. 23-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private Land Only); Nov. 25-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private &amp; Public Land)</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN</p> <p><b>(Season Bag Limit:1)</b></p> <p>Nov. 23-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private Land Only); Nov. 25-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private &amp; Public Land)</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN, one (1) Additional Class N/NN</p> <p><b>(Season Bag Limit:2)</b></p> <p>Nov. 23-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private Land Only); Nov. 25-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private &amp; Public Land)</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN, three (3) Additional Class N/NN</p> <p><b>(Season Bag Limit:4)</b></p> <p>Nov. 23-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private Land Only); Nov. 25-Dec. 12 and Dec. 29-31 (Private &amp; Public Land)</p>
<p>Boone Clay (S of Elk R. &amp; public land N of Elk R.) Fayette (S&amp;W of New R. &amp; W of Gauley R.) Greenbrier (N of Rt. 60, N of I-64, N&amp;W of Rt. 9, W of Rt. 219 at Renick, N of Rt. 11, E of Greenbrier R., N of I-64, E of Rt. 60/14) Lincoln Kanawha (S of Elk R. &amp; E of Corridor G) Mercer (W of I-77) Nicholas Pocahontas Raleigh Randolph (public land only) Wayne (S of Rt. 37) Webster</p>	<p>Clay (private land only-N of Elk R.) Fayette (N&amp;E of New R. and E of Gauley R.) Randolph (private land only)</p>	<p>Braxton Roane Summers Tucker Upshur Wayne (N of Rt. 37)</p>	<p>Barbour Calhoun Gilmer Grant Greenbrier (S of Rt. 60, S of I-64, S&amp;E of Rt. 9, E of Rt. 219 at Renick, S of Rt. 11, W of Greenbrier R., S of I-64, W of Rt. 60/14) Mercer (E of I-77) Pendleton Preston Wirt</p>	<p>Berkeley Brooke Cabell Doddridge Hampshire * Hancock Hardy Harrison Jackson Jefferson Kanawha (N of Elk R. &amp; W of Corridor G) Lewis Marion Marshall Mason Mineral Monongalia Monroe Morgan Ohio Pleasants Putnam Ritchie Taylor Tyler Wetzel Wood</p>

\* Hampshire County will have an early antlerless deer season (October 30-31, 2009) in addition to listed dates.

Note: Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless deer hunting. Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties and Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson National Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting.

**PROPOSED 2009 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAs**

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES  
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date November 25  
Opening Date December 29

Closing Date December 12  
Closing Date December 31

Bag Limit 1

Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Elk River WMA (Braxton/Webster Co.)
Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)	Stonecoal WMA (Lewis Co.)
Burnsville WMA (Braxton Co.)	Stonewall Jackson WMA (Lewis Co.)

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES  
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date November 25  
Opening Date December 29

Closing Date December 12  
Closing Date December 31

Bag Limit 1

Bear Rocks WMA (Ohio Co.)	Little Indian Creek WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Moncove Lake WMA (Monroe Co.)	Frozen Camp WMA (Jackson Co.)
Briery Mountain WMA (Preston Co.)	Pedlar WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Tate Lohr WMA (Mercer Co.)	Hughes River WMA (Ritchie/Wirt Co.)
Burches Run WMA (Marshall Co.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Co.)	Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)	Ritchie Mines WMA (Ritchie Co.)
Castlemans Run Lake WMA (Brooke/Ohio Co.)	Pruntytown State Farm WMA (Taylor Co.)	Beech Fork WMA (Cabell/Wayne Co.)	Sand Hill WMA (Wood/Ritchie Co.)
Cecil H. Underwood WMA (Marshall/Wetzel Co.)	Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Co.)	Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	Stumptown WMA (Gilmer Co.)
Center Branch WMA (Harrison Co.)	Teter Creek WMA (Barbour Co.)	Greenbottom WMA (Cabell Co.)	The Jug WMA (Tyler Co.)
Dunkard Fork WMA (Marshall Co.)	Upper Deckers Creek WMA (Preston Co.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)	Woodrum Lake WMA (Jackson Co.)
Lantz Farm & Nature Preserve WMA (Wetzel Co.)	Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)	
Lewis Wetzel WMA (Doddridge/Tyler/Wetzel Co.)	Meadow River WMA (Greenbrier Co.)	Conway Run WMA (Tyler Co.)	

**PROPOSED 2009 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAs (Continued)**

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES  
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON**

Opening Date November 25  
Opening Date December 29

Closing Date December 12  
Closing Date December 31

Bag Limit 2

Bluestone WMA (Summers/Monroe Co.)	Coopers Rock State Forest (Monongalia/Preston Co.)
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Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties and Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson National Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting.

All other WMAs and public lands will have the same regulations as private land in the respective county where the WMAs or other public lands are located.

**Proposed 2009 Black Bear Seasons**  
**Bow Season Statewide: October 17 – November 21**  
**Gun Season:**

<p>6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 21 – Sept. 26 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 23 – Dec. 5 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 7 – Dec. 31</p>	<p>4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 7 – Dec. 31</p>	<p>12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 23 – Dec. 5 4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 7 – Dec. 31</p>	<p>4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 7 – Dec. 31</p>
<p>Boone Fayette Kanawha Raleigh</p>	<p>Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S. of Elk River) Grant Greenbrier Hardy Logan McDowell Mineral (W. of New Creek) Mingo Monroe (E. of Rt. 219) Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Upshur (E. of Rt. 20) Webster Wyoming</p>	<p>Monongalia</p>	<p>Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Berkeley Braxton( W. of I-79) Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Gilmer Hampshire* Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Marion Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Morgan Putnam Roane Summers Taylor Upshur (W. of Rt. 20) Wayne</p>

\* There is a specific proposal on the agenda for Nathaniel Mountain WMA.

**West Virginia  
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the  
2009-2010 Big Game Hunting Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 24, 2009 - Oct. 31, 2009	
Boar (Archery)	Oct. 17, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009	
Deer (Early Archery – Antlerless) Deer (Archery)	Sept. 14, 2009 – Sept. 19, 2009 Oct. 17, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009	New season in selected counties
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 23, 2009 - Dec. 05, 2009	
Deer (Antlerless) Hampshire Co. Only	Oct. 30, 2009 - Oct. 31, 2009	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties} Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties} Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Nov. 23, 2009 - Dec. 05, 2009 Dec. 07, 2009 - Dec. 12, 2009 Dec. 29, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009	See attached antlerless deer tables for selected counties Changed dates, last segment
Deer Youth/Class Q Hunts (Antlerless)	Oct. 31, 2009 - Oct. 31, 2009 Dec. 26, 2009 - Dec. 26, 2009 Dec. 28, 2009 – Dec. 28, 2009	Changed dates
Deer (Early Muzzleloader – Antlerless) Deer (Muzzleloader)	Sept. 21, 2009 – Sept. 26, 2009 Dec. 14, 2009 - Dec. 19, 2009	New season in selected counties
Bear (Archery)	Oct. 17, 2009 - Nov. 21, 2009	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Sept. 21, 2009 - Sept. 26, 2009 Dec. 07, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009 Nov. 23, 2009 - Dec. 05, 2009	Removed many counties from early season, reduced early season to one week in the remaining counties and reduce the bag limit to one bear.  See attached bear table
Turkey (Fall)	Oct. 24, 2009 - Nov. 21, 2009	
{Selected Counties}	Oct. 24, 2009 – Oct. 31, 2009	Counties determined after 2009 gobbler season
{Preston County}	Oct. 24, 2009 - Nov. 07, 2009	
Turkey (Spring Youth Hunt)	Apr. 24, 2010 - Apr. 24, 2010	
Turkey (Spring 2010)	Apr. 26, 2010 - May 22, 2010	

**West Virginia  
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the  
2010-2011 Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Squirrel	Oct. 09, 2010 - Jan. 31, 2011	
Small Game Youth Hunt	Oct. 02, 2010	Change to small game instead of squirrel
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 16, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Grouse	Oct. 16, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Quail	Nov. 06, 2010 - Jan. 01, 2011	
Rabbit	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Hare	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Ringneck Pheasant	Nov. 06, 2010 - Jan. 01, 2011	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Feb. 28, 2011	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Jan. 31, 2011	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 - Mar. 31, 2011	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2010 - Nov. 20, 2010 Jan. 01, 2011 - Mar. 05, 2011	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/Woodchuck/ English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with Red or Amber Colored Artificial Light)	Jan. 1, 2010 – July 31, 2010	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 06, 2010 – Feb. 28, 2011	
Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season.	