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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 2013-2014 big game hunting regulations; 2014-2015 hunting and trapping regulations; 2014 fishing regulations and reptile and amphibian regulations are scheduled for March 18 and 19, 2013.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2012-2013 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 5, 2013 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.

Curtis I. Taylor, Chief
Wildlife Resources Section

David E. Murphy, Colonel
Law Enforcement Section

Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting, fishing, amphibian and reptile 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 5, 2013**

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

Attn: Steve Wilson

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2013-2014 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2013 black bear season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2013 antlerless deer season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2013-2014 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2014-2015 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for the 2014-2015 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2014 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a 6 fish per day creel limit one of which may be 18 inches or greater in total length for black bass and a 52-inch minimum size limit with a 1 fish per day creel limit for muskellunge on Stonewall Jackson Lake, Lewis County.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the designated Children and Class Q fishing area at Bear Rocks Lake Wildlife Management Area be re-assigned from Wood Pond to Baker Pond.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. All other fishing regulations for 2014 would be same as those in 2013.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2014 REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish seasons and limits for amphibians in West Virginia as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish seasons and limits for reptiles in West Virginia as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION SEEKS YOUR OPINION ON
THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

1. The Natural Resources Commission seeks your opinion as to whether the early September muzzleloader antlerless deer season be reinstated for the 2013 hunting season.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Natural Resources Commission seeks your opinion as to whether you favor restricting the bag limit for white-tailed deer bucks to no more than two (2) bucks per year. To enact this restriction, hunters with base hunting license privileges, including lifetime hunting license holders, would be permitted to harvest only one (1) either-sex deer and one (1) antlerless deer for all deer hunting seasons combined. All additional deer hunting stamps (i.e., Class RB, Class RRB, Class RG, Class RRG, Class RM and Class RRM) would be eliminated and replaced with an "Additional Buck Stamp" entitling the purchaser to harvest a second buck in any of the deer hunting seasons. An "Antlerless Deer Hunting Stamp" (i.e., Class N or NN) would be required to hunt additional antlerless deer in any of the deer seasons.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

Proposed 2013 Black Bear Seasons

Statewide bag limit two, provided at least one bear comes from Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh or Wyoming counties
Bow Season - Statewide (Split Season): Sept. 28 - Nov. 23 and Dec. 9 - Dec. 31, 2013
Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below

6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 23 - Sept. 28 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 - Dec. 7 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 23 - Sept. 28 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	3-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 14 - Oct. 16 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	6-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 - Dec. 7, Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 - Dec. 7 By Permit Only Entire County Open	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 - Dec. 7 No Permit Needed Entire County Open	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31
Boone Fayette Kanawha Raleigh	Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming	Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S. of Elk River) Grant Greenbrier Hardy Mineral (W. of New Creek) Monroe (E. of Rt. 219) Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Upshur (E. of Rt. 20) Webster	Berkeley Hampshire* Jefferson Monongalia Morgan * Special dog only hunt on Nathaniel and Short Mtn. WMAs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	Barbour Braxton Clay Grant Greenbrier Hardy Lewis Mercer Mineral Monroe Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Randolph Summers Taylor Tucker Upshur Webster	Preston	Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Braxton (W. of I-79) Brooke Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Doddridge Gilmer Hancock Harrison Jackson Lewis Lincoln Marion Marshall Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Ohio Pleasants Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Upshur (W. of Rt. 20) Wayne Wetzel Wirt Wood

PROPOSED 2013 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS (PRIVATE LAND)

Counties or Parts Thereof Closed to Antlerless (Class N/NN) Hunting	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Residents and Non-residents (Must Apply) (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 24-26; Nov. 25-Dec.7; Dec. 19-21; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 24-26; Nov. 25-Dec.7; Dec. 19-21; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 3) Oct. 24-26; Nov. 25-Dec.7; Dec. 19-21; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN. <i>(*see special regulation requirement below)</i> (Season Bag Limit: 3) Oct. 24-26; Nov. 25-Dec.7; Dec. 19-21; Dec. 28-31
<p>Clay (south portion - S. of Elk River)</p> <p>Fayette (west portion - Rt. 19 to New River to Gauley River)</p> <p>Kanawha (south portion - S. of Elk River and E. of Corridor G)</p> <p>Nicholas (west portion - W. of Rt. 19)</p> <p>Raleigh (west portion - Rt. 99 to Rt. 3, north on Rt. 3 to I-77/64 then I-77/64W to county line)</p> <p>Wayne (south portion - Rt. 21 to Rt. 25, to Rt. 37, to Rt. 30 to Rt. 152 to Rt. 36)</p>	<p>Boone</p> <p>Clay (north portion - N. of Elk River)</p> <p>Fayette (east portion - Rt. 19 to New River to Gauley River)</p> <p>Greenbrier (north portion - N. of Rt. 60, N. of I-64, N. & 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)</p> <p>Mercer</p> <p>Nicholas (east portion - E. of Rt. 19)</p> <p>Pendleton (west portion - Straight Fk. to N. Fork of the S. Branch of the Potomac River)</p> <p>Pocahontas</p> <p>Raleigh (east portion - Rt. 99 to Rt. 3, north on Rt. 3 to I-77/64 then I-77/64W to county line)</p> <p>Webster</p>	<p>Braxton</p> <p>Kanawha (north portion - N. of Elk River and W. of Corridor G)</p> <p>Lincoln</p> <p>Randolph</p> <p>Summers</p> <p>Tucker</p> <p>Wayne (north portion - Rt. 21 to Rt. 25, to Rt. 37, to Rt. 30 to Rt. 152 to Rt. 36)</p>	<p>Barbour</p> <p>Cabell</p> <p>Calhoun</p> <p>Doddridge</p> <p>Gilmer</p> <p>Grant</p> <p>Greenbrier (south portion - S. of Rt. 60, S of I-64, S & 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)</p> <p>Monroe</p> <p>Pendleton (east portion - Straight Fk. to N. Fork of the S. Branch of the Potomac River)</p> <p>Pleasants</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>Roane</p> <p>Taylor</p> <p>Upshur</p>	<p>Berkeley</p> <p>Brooke</p> <p>Hampshire</p> <p>Hancock</p> <p>Hardy</p> <p>Harrison</p> <p>Jackson</p> <p>Jefferson</p> <p>Lewis</p> <p>Marion</p> <p>Marshall</p> <p>Mason</p> <p>Mineral</p> <p>Monongalia</p> <p>Morgan</p> <p>Ohio</p> <p>Putnam</p> <p>Ritchie</p> <p>Tyler</p> <p>Wetzel</p> <p>Wirt</p> <p>Wood</p>

*In these counties, archery hunters are required to take an antlerless deer during the archery deer season prior to harvesting a second antlered deer during the archery deer season. In addition, buck firearms hunters are required to take an antlerless deer during the antlerless deer season prior to harvesting a second antlered deer during the buck firearms season.

**PROPOSED 2013 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS
FOR PUBLIC LANDS**

Season Dates: Nov. 25 - Dec. 7, 2013; Dec. 19 - 21, 2013 and Dec. 28 - 31, 2013

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1		
Blackwater WMA (Preston/Tucker Cos.)	Calvin Price SF (Pocahontas Co.)	Little River WMA (Pocahontas Co.)
Little Canaan WMA (Tucker Co.)	Elk River WMA (Braxton Co.)	Greenbrier SF (Greenbrier Co.)
Potomac WMA (Grant/Pendleton/Randolph/ Tucker Cos.)	Huttonsville State Farm WMA (Randolph Co.)	
Beaver Dam WMA (Randolph Co.)	Kumbrabow SF (Randolph Co.)	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1			
Castlemans Run WMA (Brooke/Ohio Co.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Cos.)	Bluestone Lake WMA (Summers/Mercer/ Monroe Cos.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)
Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Stonecoal Lake WMA (Lewis/Upshur Co.)	Meadow River WMA (Greenbrier Co.)	Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)
Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)	Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA (Lewis Co.)	Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)
Lewis Wetzel WMA (Wetzel/Tyler Cos.)	Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Green Bottom WMA (Cabell/Mason Cos.)	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 3
Coopers Rock SF (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS CLOSED TO ANTLERLESS SEASON		
Becky Creek WMA (Randolph Co.)	Otter Creek WMA (Randolph/Tucker Cos.)	Big Ugly WMA (Lincoln Co.)
Cheat WMA (Randolph Co.)	Rimel WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Upper Mud River WMA (Lincoln Co.)
Handley WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Wallback WMA (Clay/Kanawha/Roane Cos.)	Morris Creek WMA (Kanawha/Clay Cos.)
Cranberry WMA (Nicholas/Webster/Pocahontas/ Greenbrier Cos.)	Hilbert WMA (Lincoln Co.)	Tate Lohr WMA (Mercer Co.)
Tea Creek WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph/Webster Cos.)	Potts Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)	Neola WMA (Greenbrier/Pocahontas Cos.)

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

**Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2013-2014
Big Game Hunting Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Bear (Archery)	Sept. 28, 2013 - Nov. 23, 2013 Dec. 09, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Sept. 23, 2013 - Sept. 28, 2013 Oct. 14, 2013 - Oct. 16, 2013 Nov. 25, 2013 - Dec. 07, 2013 Dec. 09, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013	See Bear Table
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 26, 2013 - Nov. 2, 2013	
Boar (Archery)	Oct. 12, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013	
Deer (Archery – Special Urban)	Sept. 14, 2013 – Dec. 31, 2013	
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 28, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013	
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 25, 2013 - Dec. 07, 2013	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 24, 2013 - Oct. 26, 2013 Nov. 25, 2013 - Dec. 07, 2013 Dec. 19, 2013 - Dec. 21, 2013 Dec. 28, 2013 - Dec. 31, 2013	See Attached Deer Tables for Selected Counties
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season - Antlerless)	Oct. 19, 2013 - Oct. 19, 2013 Dec. 26, 2013 - Dec. 27, 2013	Open in 51 counties with firearms deer seasons, and WMAs within those counties
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 9, 2013 - Dec. 14, 2013	
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2013 - Oct. 19, 2013 Oct. 28, 2013 - Nov. 16, 2013	
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2013 - Oct. 19, 2013 Oct. 28, 2013 - Nov. 2, 2013	Fall counties determined after 2013 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2013 - Oct. 19, 2013	Fall counties determined after 2013 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Spring Youth Season)	April 26, 2014	
Turkey (Spring 2014)	April 28, 2014 - May 24, 2014	

**West Virginia Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2014-2015
Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 13, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015	
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 06, 2014	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 18, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 18, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Quail	Nov. 01, 2014 - Jan. 03, 2015	
Rabbit	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Jan. 03, 2015 Nov. 08, 2014 - Dec. 06, 2014	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Fox (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Jan. 01, 2015 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Mar. 31, 2015	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2014 - Nov. 22, 2014 Jan. 01, 2015 - Mar. 07, 2015	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/ Woodchuck/English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon/ (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Jan. 1, 2015 - July 31, 2015	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 01, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	
Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	

PROPOSED SEASON DATES, DAILY BAG LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR AMPHIBIANS

Species Group	Species Category	Season	Limit	Special Conditions
Amphibians	Eastern hellbender, mudpuppy, Cheat Mountain salamander, Cow Knob (white-spotted) salamander, Shenandoah Mountain salamander, smallmouth salamander, streamside salamander, green salamander, cave salamander, West Virginia spring salamander, eastern spadefoot toad, northern cricket frog and northern leopard frog	No Open Season	0	Species in this category, their eggs, offspring or any parts thereof may not be possessed
	Jefferson salamander, spotted salamander, marbled salamander, red-spotted newt (including red eft), northern dusky salamander, seal salamander, Allegheny mountain dusky salamander, black-bellied salamander, Black Mountain salamander, northern spring salamander, Kentucky spring salamander, four-toed salamander, northern two-lined salamander, southern two-lined salamander, long-tailed salamander, eastern red-backed salamander, white-spotted slimy salamander, northern ravine salamander, northern slimy salamander, valley and ridge salamander, Cumberland Plateau salamander, southern ravine salamander, Wehrle's salamander, northern red salamander, midland mud salamander, Eastern American toad, Fowler's toad, Cope's gray treefrog, gray treefrog, mountain chorus frog, spring peeper, upland chorus frog, pickerel frog and wood frog	Continuous	The total possession limit for this species category is four (4) adults in aggregate. The total possession limit for this species category is twenty-five (25) eggs, tadpoles or larvae in aggregate	Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take species in this category A valid WV (resident) fishing license is required to take aquatic life Licensed bait dealers may possess two hundred fifty (250) salamanders in this species category in aggregate Nonresidents or residents may possess fifty (50) salamanders in this species category in aggregate if purchased from a licensed bait dealer and receipt is carried for verification
	American bullfrog and northern green frog	9 p.m. DST, June 15 to midnight July 31	Daily creel limit of ten (10) in aggregate and total possession limit of twenty (20) in aggregate	Nonresidents with a valid Class F nonresident fishing license may take American bullfrog and northern green frog Big Sandy and Tug Fork rivers bordering Kentucky: Noon (EST), May 17 to midnight, October 31

It shall be unlawful to take or possess any reptile or amphibian from any area under agreement with, owned or controlled or administered by the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, except: Persons who have received written permission from the Chief of the Wildlife Resources Section, provided they carry and exhibit said permission upon request; or persons lawfully taking American bullfrogs, northern green frogs, eastern snapping turtles and eastern spiny softshell turtles.

PROPOSED SEASON DATES, DAILY BAG LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR REPTILES

Species Group	Species Category	Season	Limit	Special Conditions
Reptiles	Eastern wormsnake, northern black racer, northern ring-necked snake, red cornsnake, eastern ratsnake, eastern hognosed snake, eastern kingsnake, eastern black kingsnake, eastern milksnake, common watersnake, northern rough greensnake, smooth greensnake, northern pinesnake, queen snake, northern brownsnake, northern red-bellied snake, common ribbonsnake, eastern gartersnake, eastern smooth earthsnake and mountain earthsnake	Continuous	The total possession limit for this species category is four (4) in aggregate	The possession of snake eggs is not permitted Snake skins that have been shed may be taken, and will not be considered as part of the total possession limit Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take and/or possess species in this category
	Northern copperhead and timber rattlesnake	Continuous	The total possession limit for species in this category is one (1) snake in aggregate	The possession of a timber rattlesnake less than forty-two (42) inches in length is not permitted Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take and/or possess species in this category
	Eastern fence lizard, eastern six-lined racerunner, northern coal skink, common five-lined skink, broad-headed skink and little brown skink	January 1 - May 15 and July 15 - December 31	The total possession limit for species in this category is four (4) in aggregate	Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take and/or possess species in this category
	Wood turtle, spotted turtle, northern map turtle, Ouachita map turtle and midland smooth softshell	No Open Season	0	Species in this category, their eggs, offspring or parts thereof may not be possessed
	Eastern musk turtle, eastern painted turtle, midland painted turtle, eastern river cooter, northern red-bellied cooter, eastern box turtle and red-eared slider	January 1 - May 15 and July 15 - December 31	The total possession limit for species in this category is four (4) turtles in aggregate	The possession of turtle eggs is not permitted Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take and/or possess species in this category A valid WV (resident) fishing license is required to take aquatic life
	Eastern snapping turtle and eastern spiny softshell turtle	January 1 - May 15 and July 15 - December 31	The daily creel limit for species in this category is ten (10) turtles in aggregate and the possession limit is twenty (20) turtles in aggregate	The possession of turtle eggs is not permitted Only bona fide WV residents are permitted to take and/or possess species in this category A valid WV fishing license is required to take aquatic life