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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 2014-2015 big game hunting regulations; 2015-2016 hunting and trapping regulations; 2015 fishing regulations and reptile and amphibian regulations are scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2014.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2013-2014 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 4, 2014 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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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 4, 2014**

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Attn: Steve Wilson

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

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2014 black bear season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2014 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 2014-2015 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2015-2016 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for the 2015-2016 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2015 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to remove the night fishing prohibition at the following eight State Park or State Forest lakes: 1) Boley – Babcock State Park; 2) Coopers Rock; 3) Little Beaver; 4) North Bend Pond; 5) Pipestem; 6) Seneca; 7) Tomlinson Run; and 8) Watoga; and at Rockhouse Lake, Logan County.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a no boating regulation at Coopers Rock State Forest Lake.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. All other fishing regulations and reptile and amphibian regulations for 2015 would be same as those in 2014.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

Proposed 2014 Black Bear Seasons

Statewide bag limit two, provided at least one bear comes from Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Raleigh or Wyoming counties
 Bow Season – Statewide (Split Season): Sept. 27 – Nov. 22 and Dec. 8 – Dec. 31, 2014
 Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below

6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 4 - Oct. 10 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 24 - Dec. 6 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 8 - Dec. 31	6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 4 - Oct. 10 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 8 - Dec. 31	3-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 22 - Sept. 24 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 8 - Dec. 31	6-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 24 - Dec. 6, Dec. 8 - Dec. 31	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 24 - Dec. 6 By Permit Only Entire County Open	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 24 – Dec. 6 No Permit Needed Entire County Open	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 8 - 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. 8 - Dec. 31	Barbour Braxton Clay Grant Greenbrier Hardy Lewis Mercer Monroe Pendleton Pocahontas Randolph Summers Taylor Tucker Upshur Webster	Preston Nicholas	Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Braxton (W. of I-79) Brooke Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Doddrige Gilmer Hancock Harrison Jackson Lewis Lincoln Marion Marshall Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Ohio Pleasant Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Upshur (W. of Rt. 20) Wayne Wetzel Wirt Wood

**PROPOSED 2014 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 Resident and Non-resident (Must Apply) (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 23-25; Nov. 24-Dec.6; Dec. 18-20; Dec. 29-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 23-25; Nov. 24-Dec.6; Dec. 18-20; Dec. 29-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 3) Oct. 23-25; Nov. 24-Dec.6; Dec. 18-20; Dec. 29-31	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. 23-25; Nov. 24-Dec.6; Dec. 18-20; Dec. 29-31
<p>Clay (south portion - S. of Elk River)</p> <p>Fayette (west 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>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, south 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>Webster</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>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, south on Rt. 3 to I-77/64 then I-77/64W to county line)</p>	<p>Grant (west portion - Starting at the Pendleton-Grant County line, follow SR 25 N to CR 28-7, to SR 42 N to SR 93 N, to Mineral County Line)</p> <p>Kanawha (north portion - N. of Elk River and W. of Corridor G)</p> <p>Lincoln (south portion - Rt. 11 to Rt. 10 to Rt. 48, to Rt. 7, to Rt. 46, to Rt. 62, to Rt. 3)</p> <p>Mineral (west portion- Starting at the WV/MD Line follow US Rt. 220 to SR 972, to US Rt 50, to SR 93 to County Line)</p> <p>Randolph</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>Braxton</p> <p>Grant (east portion - Starting at the Pendleton-Grant County line, follow SR 25 N to CR 28-7, to SR 42 N to SR 93 N, to Mineral County Line)</p> <p>Lincoln (north portion - Rt. 11 to Rt. 10 to Rt. 48, to Rt. 7, to Rt. 46, to Rt. 62, to Rt. 3)</p> <p>Pendleton (east portion - Straight Fk. to N. Fork of the S. Branch of the Potomac River)</p> <p>Preston</p> <p>Summers</p> <p>Upshur</p>	<p>Berkeley</p> <p>Brooke</p> <p>Cabell</p> <p>Calhoun</p> <p>Doddridge</p> <p>Gilmer</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>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 (east portion - Starting at the WV/MD Line follow US Rt. 220 to SR 972, to US Rt 50, to SR 93 to County Line)</p> <p>Monongalia</p> <p>Monroe</p> <p>Morgan</p> <p>Ohio</p> <p>Pleasants</p> <p>Putnam</p> <p>Ritchie</p> <p>Roane</p> <p>Taylor</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 2014 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS
FOR PUBLIC LANDS**

Season Dates: Nov. 24 - Dec. 6, 2014; Dec. 18 - 20, 2014 and Dec. 29 - 31, 2014

**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.)	Greenbrier SF (Greenbrier Co.)
Little Canaan WMA (Tucker Co.)	Elk River WMA (Braxton Co.)	Wallback WMA (Roane/Clay/Kanawha Cos.)
Potomac WMA (Grant/Pendleton/Randolph/ Tucker Cos.)	Kumbrabow SF (Randolph Co.)	Big Ugly WMA (Lincoln Co.)
Beaver Dam WMA (Randolph Co.)	Little River WMA (Pocahontas 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.)	Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Green Bottom WMA (Cabell/Mason Cos.)
Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Burnsville WMA (Braxton Co.)	Camp Creek WMA (Mercer Co.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)
Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)	Stonecoal Lake WMA (Lewis/Upshur Co.)	Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)
Lewis Wetzel WMA (Wetzel/Tyler Cos.)	Stonewall Jackson Lake WMA (Lewis Co.)	Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	

**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.)	Bluestone WMA (Summers/Mercer/Monroe Cos.)
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS CLOSED TO ANTLERLESS SEASON

Cheat WMA (Randolph Co.)	Rimel WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Potts Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)
Cranberry WMA (Nicholas/Webster/Pocahontas/ Greenbrier Cos.)	Seneca SF (Pocahontas Co.)	Hilbert WMA (Lincoln Co.)
Handley WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Tea Creek WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph/Webster Cos.)	Morris Creek WMA (Kanawha/Clay Cos.)
Otter Creek WMA (Randolph/Tucker Cos.)	Neola WMA (Greenbrier/Pocahontas Cos.)	Upper Mud River WMA (Lincoln Co.)

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 2014-2015
Big Game Hunting Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Bear (Archery)	Sept. 27, 2014 - Nov. 22, 2014 Dec. 8, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday closest to October 1st to last Saturday in September
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Sept. 22, 2014 - Sept. 24, 2014 Oct. 4, 2014 - Oct. 10, 2014 Nov. 24, 2014 - Dec. 6, 2014 Dec. 08, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	See Bear Table
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 25, 2014 - Nov. 1, 2014	
Boar (Archery)	Sept. 27, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday nearest October 15th to last Saturday in September
Deer (Archery – Special Urban)	Sept. 6, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	
Deer (Archery)	Sept. 27, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday closest to October 1st to last Saturday in September
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 24, 2014 - Dec. 06, 2014	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 23, 2014 - Oct. 25, 2014 Nov. 24, 2014 - Dec. 6, 2014 Dec. 18, 2014 - Dec. 20, 2014 Dec. 29, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014	See Attached Deer Tables for Selected Counties
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season - Antlerless)	Oct. 18, 2014 Dec. 26, 2014 - Dec. 27, 2014	
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 8, 2014 - Dec. 13, 2014	
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 11, 2014 - Oct. 18, 2014 Oct. 27, 2014 - Nov. 15, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday closest to October 15th to second Saturday in October
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 11, 2014 - Oct. 18, 2014 Oct. 27, 2014 - Nov. 1, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday closest to October 15th to second Saturday in October. Fall counties determined after 2014 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 11, 2014 - Oct. 18, 2014	Change opening date from Saturday closest to October 15th to second Saturday in October. Fall counties determined after 2014 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Spring Youth Season)	April 25, 2015	
Turkey (Spring 2015)	April 27, 2015 - May 23, 2015	

West Virginia Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2015-2016 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 12, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016	
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 05, 2015	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 17, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 17, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Quail	Nov. 07, 2015 - Jan. 02, 2016	
Rabbit	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Jan. 02, 2016 Nov. 14, 2015 - Dec. 05, 2015	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Fox (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Jan. 01, 2016 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Mar. 31, 2016	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2015 - Nov. 21, 2015 Jan. 01, 2016 - Mar. 05, 2016	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/ Woodchuck/English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon/ (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Jan. 01, 2016 - July 31, 2016	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 07, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016	
Mountain Lion, Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	