

AGENDA

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 22, 2018

Canaan Valley Resort State Park

Davis, West Virginia

CALL TO ORDER – 1:00 P.M.

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Review, Correct and Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2018 meeting**
- 3. Summary of the 2018 Sectional Meetings – Sportsmen and Landowners Questionnaire**
- 4. Approve 2018 - 2019 Big Game Hunting Regulations**
- 5. Review Proposed 2019 - 2020 Hunting and Trapping Regulations**
- 6. Approve 2018 Reptile Regulations**
- 7. Approve 2018 State Parks Control Deer Hunts**
- 8. Establishing Catch & Release in lieu of Delayed Harvest for Bluestone River – Summers County 1- miles section from the mouth of Mountain Creek downstream to a stream gauge station within Pipestem State Park**
- 9. Approve Season & Bag Limits for Catfish Noodling**
- 10. Review Proposed 2019 Fishing Regulations**
- 11. Public Comments**
- 12. Director McDaniel's Comments**
- 13. Next Meeting Date and Location**

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Quarterly Meeting
February 25, 2018
MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Headquarters, South Charleston, West Virginia. The following individuals attended:

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONERS

Jeffrey S. Bowers
David M. Milne
Kenneth R. Wilson
Gregory K. Burnette
Thomas O. Dotson
Byron K. Chambers (via conference call)
Peter L. Cuffaro (via conference call)

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Delegate George Boogie Ambler, 42nd District
Delegate Ruth Rowan, 6st District
Delegate Bill Hamilton 45th District
Delegate Dana Lynch 44th District
Senator Chandler Swope 6th District
Senator Mark Maynard 6th District

MEDIA

John McCoy, Gazette Mail, Charleston
Chris Lawrence, Metro News, Charleston

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Stephen S. McDaniel, Director (Presiding), South Charleston, WV
Lysti Looney, Director's Office (Recording Secretary), South Charleston, WV
Emily Fleming, Director's Office, South Charleston, WV
Paul Johansen, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Jerry Jenkins, Law Enforcement, South Charleston, WV
Jim Hedrick, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston/ Elkins, WV
David Trader, Law Enforcement, South Charleston, WV
Zack Brown, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Chris Ryan, Wildlife Resources, WV University, Morgantown, WV
Scott Warner, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Art Shomo, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Gary Foster, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston/Elkins, WV
Keith Krantz, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Jim Crum, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Colin Carpenter, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV
Jim Walker, Wildlife Resources, French Creek, WV
Terry Ballard, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Dakoda Chattin, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Brandon Mullins, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
David Thorne, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Kem Shaw, Wildlife Resources, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Kieran O'Malley, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Todd Dowdy, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV
Kevin Oxenrider, Wildlife Resources, Romney, WV

ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Larry Lawson, Belle, WV
Justin Hettick, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Morgantown, WV
Justin Covert, Red House, WV
Russ Lingenfelter, Milton, WV
Steve Frye, Salt Rock, WV
John Drangmeister, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Hurricane, WV
Bryan Elkins, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Ashford, WV
Cory Boothe, Quinwood, WV
Frank Hughes, Elizabeth, WV
Ronnie McPalliete, Barboursville, WV
Mike Persinger, Oak Hill, WV

Jerod Harman, West Virginia Bass Nation/West Virginia Wildlife Federation,
Buckhannon, WV
Ed McMinn, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, South Charleston, W V
Jeremy Preston, Mountaineer Quality Deer Management Association, Fairmont,
WV
Aaron Johnson, West Virginia Hunters for Better Buck Management, West
Hamlin, WV
Rhonda Mullins, Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited, Charleston, WV
Steve Young, Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited, Charleston, WV
Larry Orr, Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited, Charleston, WV
Brad Toler, Baileysville Sportsmen Club
Tim Ickes, West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association, Charleston, WV
Mark Edwards
Camron Stover, Williamstown, WV
Don Radcliff, West Virginia Bearhunters Association, Elkview, WV
Cully McCurdy, National Wild Turkey Federation, Marlinton, WV
Glen Jarrell, West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association, Charleston, WV
James Ashworth, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Charleston, WV
Eric Beck, West Virginia Bearhunters Association
David Jividen, Fraziers Bottom, WV
Gary Jividen, Eleanor, WV
Kent Hackworth, Bass Nation of West Virginia, Buckhannon, WV
David Powell, Scott Depot, WV
Matt Kearns, South Charleston, WV
Samantha Smith, Director, West Virginia Division of Communications, Charleston,
WV
Aaron Davis, Hurricane, WV
Tom Rowan, Points, WV

CALL TO ORDER

Director Stephen McDaniel called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. Director McDaniel introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Director McDaniel introduced and thanked Delegate George (Boogie) Ambler, Chairman Bill Hamilton, Delegate Ruth Rowan and husband Tom Rowan and Delegate Dana Lynch for attending. Asked the commissioners to introduce themselves and state the county they represent. Director McDaniel introduced Commissioner Byron Chambers and Commissioner Peter Cuffaro, who were participating via phone.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Willison made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2016 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission as submitted. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2018 LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Emily Fleming introduced DNR's Legislative team members, Gary Foster, Lt. Colonel Trader, Paul Johansen, Sam England, Jim Hedrick and Brad Reed. Ms. Fleming explained the procedures during the legislative session and reviewed the DNR tracking sheet, which has all the bills that affect our agency. The tracking sheet is updated daily as the bills go through the committees. (Attachment A)

SUMMARY of the 2017 BIG GAME HARVEST

Gary Foster presented an overview of the 2017 big game season harvests. He stated it was a good year for hunters and good mast this year. The antlerless buck game harvest was down from last year. Archery crossbow harvest was close to 2016 figures. Stated we had the second highest harvest of black bear on record. Spring wild turkey season was a good year had a 13% increase on harvest. Stated the weather was the best we have had for several years. (Attachment B)

PROPOSED 2018 BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS

Colin Carpenter, presented the proposed Black Bear regulations for 2018-2019 season. Stated the harvest this year was 2nd highest harvest on record. (Attachment C – Tab 3)

Gary Foster, presented the proposed the 2018-2019 hunting and trapping regulations,

1. 2018 proposed antlerless deer regulations.
2. Proposed opening and closing dates for the 2018-2019 big game hunting seasons.
3. Proposed primitive weapons season - "Mountaineer Heritage Season"
4. Proposed that the Special Urban Deer Archery/Crossbow Season be a split season.
5. Proposed that the bobwhite quail hunting season be closed for the 2018-2019 hunting season on the Tomblin Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and remain closed until further notice. This action is recommended as the agency begins a quail restoration project on the Tomblin WMA.

6. Proposed that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2018-2019 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table. (Attachment C - Tab 1,2 & 4)

2019-2020 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Gary Foster reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 Hunting and Trapping Season regulations. (Attachment C – Tab 5)

PROPOSED 2018 FISHING REGULATIONS

Jim Hedrick, reviewed the recommendations for the 2019 Fishing Regulations (Attachment D).

PROPOSED 2018 AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE REGULATIONS

Kevin Oxenrider, reviewed proposed recommendation for 2018 Reptile Regulations (Attachment E).

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS – HABITAT MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Keith Krantz stated there is a computer glitch and will not be able to present the presentation on the Wildlife Management Areas – Habitat Management Update and will present at a meeting in the future.

Commissioner Cuffaro had a question regarding Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) Dr. Jim Crum stated the EHD is transmitted by Culicoides a biting midge, commonly referred to as “no-see-ums”. We have an outbreak every five years and typically herds recover in 2-3 years.

STATE PARKS CONTROL DEER HUNTS

Sam England explained how the controlled deer hunts are conducted on state parks. Stated DNR is wanting to change the structure of the hunts. Requesting a change to charge an application fee for the hunts DNR is waiting for Legislature approval to make the change. Mr. England stated we have two goals with the controlled hunts, hunts to be safe efficient and to reduce the deer population. There is a 2/3 no shows on the days of the hunts and hoping the application fee will reduce the no shows. This year

we are hoping to have hunts on ten state parks. The hunts would be three day hunts Monday through Wednesday and Thursday through Saturday the dates of October 29-31 and November 15-17. Director McDaniel stated the controlled hunts in our parks are held the last of October and the first of November when visitation to our parks is low and we are trying to add additional interest to hunt and stay in our parks lodges and cabins. (Attachment F)

Emily Fleming overlooked introducing Brad Reed who is also on DNR's Legislative team. Also stated SB536 - allowing foster and adoptive children obtain lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping license within two years of placement is on the tracking sheet.

Director McDaniel introduced Senator Mark Maynard who has joined us for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Lawson, spoke on the reappointment of Commissioner Wilson. Stated Commissioner Wilson has been appointed and reappointed by Governor Wise, Governor Manchin and Governor Tomblin. (Attachment E)

Justin Hettick, President, West Virginia Bowhunters Association (WVBA), stated he liked hearing the proposed regulations. Likes the proposed Primitive weapon in January. The ATV bill that was introduced this year is a bad bill and we do not want ATVs in WMAs. WVBA is fine with working with the Class Q and with access on our WMAs. Stakeholders need to put something in fees for parks he felt the park's entrance fee was a good idea. Looking forward to working everyone.

Steve Young, Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited, presented donation check for the amount of \$6,000, for limestone projects.

Mark Edwards, West Virginia Better Buck Management, donated 12 trail surveillance system with security box. Quality Deer Management Association also helped on the donation of the cameras and surveillance systems.

Camron Stover, says there needs to be a better balance on lowering the buck limit in the state. One way to balance is promoting quality deer management with a one buck limit and harvesting more doe.

Don Ratcliff, stated he is glad SB14 (Permitting guided bear hunting) did not move in the Legislature we do not want to put a price on bears by commercialization of bear hunting. Feels bear stamp should be purchased before season.

Larry Orr, Trout Unlimited, stated Jim Christy is the new chairman and had prior commitment and could not attend today. Trout Unlimited appreciates the work of DNR. Looking forward to continuing to work with DNR. Stated there will be a Cleanup on Elk Horn Creek on April 21, 2018.

Cory Booth, speaking on behalf of the Better Bucks Facebook page feels more does should be harvested. Would like a universal Class N tag to use in different seasons. Please call or email your Senators and Delegates to support SB451 (Permitting Sunday Hunting on Public Lands). Appreciates DNR reaching out to the trout fisherman for their input on trout management plan. Would like for the DNR to reach out to the sportsmen for input on the white tail deer management plan.

Jeremy Preston, Mountaineer Quality Deer Management (MQDMA), feels should be one buck a season with bow and take antlerless instead of buck. Licenses structure needs to focus on lowering buck limit. Stated that we need to reconsider the way license and tags are sold it is not working the way it is now. Hopefully MQDMAM can donate additional cameras in the future.

Frank Hughes, sportsmen like to hunt quality bucks. WV is losing the hunters they are going to other states to hunt quality deer.

Bradley Toler, Baileysville Sportsman Association, wants to continue the no gun season in the four southern counties (Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Wyoming). Does not support logging in state parks, WMAs and state lands, if logging is done it should be with helicopter.

Jerod Harman, Bass Nation of West Virginia, West Virginia Wildlife Federation, there was a regulation change in 2014 at Stonewall Jackson Lake on black bass and muskies, anglers have been following regulations and have submitting very important information in their reports. The 5-year plan ends in 2018 at Stonewall Jackson Lake. The first meeting of the Hunting and Fishing Days event was held and the dates for the event will be September 22 & 23, 2018 at Stonewall Resort State Park. WVWF does not support ATVs on wildlife management areas. WVWF does support timbering in state parks. The family of Jim Evans who was a 39-year employee of DNR and a 51-year

member of the Wildlife Federation wanted to send a special thank you to DNR. The WWF is developing the James E. Evans West Virginia Sportsman of the Year Award.

Ken Hackler, Bass Nation West Virginia, supports DNR in recommending minimum of 18- inch on black bass at Stonewall Jackson Lake.

Tim Ickes, years and years of struggling have been spent on SB536 (allowing foster and adoptive children obtain lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping licenses within two years of placement). SB 594- Class Q he stated there are a number of hunters in WV that need ATVs to hunt because of their disabilities. Supports SB 498 (Creating two-year pilot program allowing all-terrain or recreational vehicles in Cabwaylingo State Forest). Asked why there is not bear hunting in the eastern part of the state.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director McDaniel welcomed and introduced Senator Swope.

Director state one year is under his belt. He has learned a great deal. Commended Paul Johansen and Sam England on work they have done. Governor Jim Justice is for promoting tourism in West Virginia. WV is a long weekend destination for travelers. We need Sunday hunting on public lands and this will go hand in hand with long weekend stays at our State Parks and Forests. DNR is very excited with our Gold Rush Trout program starting the first week of April. DNR does not support ATVs on our WMAs, we have met with members of the Big Game Association to discuss the issues. I have asked Paul Johansen, Chief of Wildlife, to work with wildlife managers on the five-year plan for our WMAs.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

April 22, 2018, Canaan Valley Resort State Park, Davis, WV

ADJOURN

Commissioner Milne made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Commissioner Burnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

Division of Natural Resources Legislature Tracking Chart

83rd Legislature

Second Regular Session, 2018

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* new action + positive impact to DNR - negative impact to DNR N Neutral DNR proposed by DNR

Senate Bill	+ - N	Subject/Effective date/Code sections addressed	Sponsors/Date introduced	Committee references and actions	Senate action/vote	House action/vote	Governor action
<u>SB 30</u>	N	Relating generally to hunting with dogs §20 - 2 - 5 i (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/10	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 1/23, Judiciary passed 2/20	Senate passed 2/23 33 Y, 0 N To House		
<u>SB 67</u>	N	Exempting DNR police officers' pensions from state income tax §11 - 21 - 12 (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 (Amended Code)	Cline, Weld 1/10	Senate Pensions passed 1/18, Finance passed 1/23	Senate passed 1/26 32 Y, 0 N	To House Pensions and Retirement 1/29 then Finance	
<u>SB 87</u>	-	Allowing purchase of Class XS resident senior hunting, fishing and trapping licenses at age 65 §20 - 2 - 42 x (Amended Code)	Cline, Karnes 1/10	Senate Natural Resources passed 2/06, Government Organization com sub reported 2/14	Senate passed 2/19 34 Y, 0 N	To House Senior Citizen Issues then Judiciary	
<u>SB 112</u>	N	Clarifying that natural resources police officers' subsistence allowance is pensionable §20 - 7 - 1 (Amended Code)	Trump, Boso 1/10	Senate Natural Resources passed 2/20, 2nd reference to Pensions dispensed	Senate passed 2/23 33 Y, 0 N To House		
<u>SB 143</u>	+ D N R	Permitting DNR identification tag be used to identify trap §20 - 2 - 19 (Amended Code)	Sybolt 1/10	Senate Natural Resources passed 1/23	Senate Passed 1/26 32 Y, 0 N	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 2/13, to Judiciary	
<u>SB 230</u>	+	Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules §64 - 10 - 1 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/11	Senate Natural Resources passed 1/16, Judiciary com sub reported 2/02	Senate passed 2/07 32 Y, 0 N Effective from passage	To House Judiciary	
<u>SB 267</u>	-	Increasing salaries of certain state employees §15 - 2 - 5 (Amended Code) §18 A- 4 - 2 (Amended Code) §18 A- 4 - 8 a (Amended Code)	Carmichael, Prezioso (governor's request) 1/12	Senate Government Organization passed 1/19, Finance committee substitute passed 1/26	Passed Senate 2/02, effective July 1, 2018 33 Y, 0 N	House passed 2/20 59 Y, 37 N	Governor signed 2/22 Effective July 1, 2018

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<u>SB 345</u>	+ D N R	Authorizing DNR establish procedures and fee schedule for limited permit hunts <u>§20 - 1 - 7 (Amended Code)</u>	Maynard 1/23	Senate Natural Resources passed 1/30	Passed Senate 2/02 33 Y, 0 N	To House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary	
<u>SB 346</u>	+ D N R	Permitting full-time nonresident students purchase lifetime resident hunting, trapping and fishing licenses <u>§20 - 2 B- 7 (Amended Code)</u>	Maynard, Cline 1/23	Senate Natural Resources passed 1/30, Finance passed 2/06	Senate passed 2/09 34 Y, 0 N	Tr House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance	
<u>SB 347</u>	+ D N R	Relating to operation of motorboats <u>§20 - 7 - 11 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 12 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 13 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 14 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 18 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 18 d (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 19 (Amended Code)</u>	Maynard 1/23	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 1/31, Judiciary com sub for com sub reported 2/12	2nd Senate reading 2/14 floor amendment adopted, Senate passed 2/15 34 Y, 0 N	House Judiciary amended and passed 2/21, 1st House reading 2/22 Special Calendar	
<u>SB 348</u>	+ D N R	Allowing for disposal of service weapons of special DNR police officers <u>§20 - 7 - 1 d (Amended Code)</u> <u>§20 - 7 - 1 f (Amended Code)</u>	Maynard 1/23	Senate Natural Resources passed 1/30, Judiciary com sub reported 2/12	Senate passed 2/15 34 Y, 0 N	House Judiciary amended and passed 2/21 1st House reading 2/26 House Calendar	
<u>SB 355</u>	-	Dissolving IS&C Division under Office of Technology <u>§ 5 A- 6 - 4 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 6 - 4 d (New Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 6 - 4 e (New Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 6 - 8 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 1 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 2 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 3 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 4 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 4 a (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 5 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 6 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 7 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 8 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 9 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 10 (Repealed Code)</u> <u>§ 5 A- 7 - 11 (Repealed Code)</u>	Gaunch, Blair 1/24	Senate Government Organization com sub reported 2/01, Finance com sub for com sub reported 2/12	Senate passed 2/15 34 Y, 0 N	To House Government Organization then Finance	

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<u>SB 626</u>		Relating generally to coal mining <u>§22 - 3 - 9 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 - 3 - 20 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 - 11 - 7 a (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 1 - 36 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 1 - 42 (New Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 2 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 3 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 4 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 4 a (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 5 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 25 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 26 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 37 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 - 55 (Amended Code)</u> <u>§22 A- 2 A-1001 (Amended Code)</u>	Smith 2/19	Originating in Senate Energy, Industry and Mining	Senate passed 2/22 34 Y, 0 N	To House Energy then Judiciary	
<u>SB 629</u>		Expanding conditions of permanent disability required for Class Q permit <u>§20 - 2 - 46 e (Amended Code)</u>	Maynard, Beach, Cline, Facemire, Karnes, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Sypolt, Woelfel 2/23	Originating in Senate Natural Resources	1st Senate reading 2/26		
<u>SCR 34</u>		Requesting DNR study deer hunting in WV	Smith, Sypolt, Plymale, Stollings 2/22	Introduced in Senate	To Senate Natural Resources 2/23		

House Bill	+ - N	Subject/Effective date/Codes sections addressed	Sponsors/Date introduced	Committee references and actions	House action/vote	Senate action/vote	Governor action
<u>HB 2662</u>	+	Prohibiting the waste of game animals, game birds or game fish <u>§20 - 2 - 5 i (New Code)</u>	Ambler, Cooper, Paynter, Maynard, Householder, Evans, A., Hamilton, Hicks, Eldridge, Rodighiero 1/10	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed with amendment 1/17, Judiciary com sub passed 1/31	House passed 2/05 56 Y, 39 N	To Senate Natural Resources	

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		<p>§ 5 A- 12 - 7 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 12 - 8 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 12 - 9 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 12 - 10 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 12 - 11 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 12 - 12 (Amended Code) § 12 - 6 D- 7 (New Code) § 17 A- 3 - 23 (Amended Code) § 17 A- 3 - 25 (New Code) § 17 A- 3 - 26 (New Code) § 17 A- 3 - 27 (New Code) § 29 B- 1 - 4 (Amended Code)</p>					
HB 4079		<p>Promulgating administrative rules by various executive or administrative agencies of the state § 64 - 9 - 1 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 2 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 3 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 4 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 5 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 6 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 7 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 8 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 9 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 10 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 11 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 12 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 13 (Amended Code) § 64 - 9 - 14 (Amended Code)</p>	Sobonya, Frich 1/15	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 1/24, Judiciary substitute passed 2/16	House passed 2/21 91 Y, 7 N Effective from passage	To Senate Judiciary	
HB 4154	+	<p>Establishing the 2018 Regulatory Reform Act § 5 B- 8 - 1 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 2 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 3 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 4 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 5 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 6 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 7 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 8 (New Code) § 5 B- 8 - 9 (New Code)</p>	Armstead, Miley (requested by governor) 1/16	House Government Organization amended and passed 2/05, Judiciary substitute passed 2/12	2nd House reading 2/26 House calendar		
HB 4180	+ D N R	<p>Relating to wildlife resources § 20 - 1 - 7 (Amended Code)</p>	Hamilton, Evans, A., Romine, R., Love, Eldridge, Jennings, Lynch, Hollen, Wagner 1/18	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed with amendment 2/07, Government Organization com sub passed 2/09	House passed 2/14 98 Y, 0 N	To Senate Government Organization	

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<u>HB 4488</u>	+	Relating to the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Authority §20 - 14 - 1 (Amended Code) §20 - 14 - 2 (Amended Code) §20 - 14 - 3 (Amended Code) §20 - 14 - 4 (Amended Code) §20 - 14 - 8 (Amended Code)	Hanshaw, Boggs, Shott 2/12	House Roads and Transportation passed 2/14, Judiciary passed 2/15	House passed 2/20 83 Y, 13 N	To Senate Judiciary	
<u>HB 4607</u>		Prohibiting the banning of the use of recreational drones at state parks §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Del. Hamrick, Higginbotham, Howell and Graves 2/13	House Judiciary com sub passed 2/20	House passed 2/23 92 Y, 1 N To Senate		
<u>HCR 82</u>		Designating ATV Recreation Areas	Gearheart, Shott, Ellington, Paynter 2/20	House Roads and Transportation then Rules			

2017 WEST VIRGINIA BIG GAME HARVEST SUMMARY

Presented to:

West Virginia Natural Resources Commission

South Charleston DNR Office

February 25, 2018

Prepared By:

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Wildlife Resources Section

Game Management Unit

SUMMARY OF WEST VIRGINIA HUNTER HARVEST, 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Deer--Bucks Only	56,523	37,450	60,814	46,071	44,127
Deer--Archery/Crossbow	29,979	22,281	32,540	26,524	26,206
Deer--Antlerless	56,636	39,433	39,852	34,792	33,584
Deer--Muzzleloader	7,739	5,543	5,178	4,997	4,243
Deer Total	150,877	104,707	138,384	112,384	108,160
Bear--Gun	1,839	1,893	2,110	2,000	2,547
Bear--Archery/Crossbow	853	532	1,091	1,012	611
Bear Total	2,692	2,425	3,201	3,012	3,158
Turkey--Spring	11,162	9,128	9,037	10,369	11,564
Turkey--Fall	1,019	956	1,140	2,066	950
Turkey Total	12,181	10,084	10,177	12,435	12,514
Wild Boar	49	51	99	46	91

WEST VIRGINIA DEER HARVEST, 2017

County	Buck Gun	Antlerless	Muzzleloader	Archery/Crossbow	Total
Barbour	984	873	119	534	2510
Brooke	175	236	13	155	579
Hancock	157	163	18	282	620
Harrison	1017	1014	126	634	2791
Marion	735	809	82	509	2135
Marshall	624	437	64	300	1425
Monongalia	825	673	82	694	2274
Ohio	180	152	34	202	568
Preston	1947	1703	203	1469	5322
Taylor	485	533	59	361	1438
Tucker	817	332	73	482	1704
Wetzel	823	723	71	311	1928
Dist. I Subtotal	8769	7648	944	5933	23294
Berkeley	753	730	64	559	2106
Grant	1194	599	75	363	2231
Hampshire	1386	959	89	381	2815
Hardy	1198	717	74	321	2310
Jefferson	419	450	46	408	1323
Mineral	1011	706	43	381	2141
Morgan	503	490	38	242	1273
Pendleton	1018	424	48	316	1806
Dist. II Subtotal	7482	5075	477	2971	16005
Braxton	1233	1083	127	539	2982
Clay	481	109	34	243	867
Lewis	1216	1258	146	538	3158
Nicholas	987	436	162	635	2220
Pocahontas	1040	249	57	324	1670
Randolph	1633	849	194	883	3559
Upshur	1025	1300	163	694	3182
Webster	777	562	74	511	1924
Dist. III Subtotal	8392	5846	957	4367	19562
Fayette	927	286	124	765	2102
Greenbrier	1628	773	130	722	3253
McDowell	C	C	C	574	574
Mercer	593	547	62	625	1827
Monroe	1295	998	107	542	2942
Raleigh	592	226	70	789	1677
Summers	809	682	78	450	2019
Wyoming	C	C	C	824	824
Dist. IV Subtotal	5844	3512	571	5291	15218
Boone	658	172	74	377	1281
Cabell	404	290	32	208	934
Kanawha	1046	478	64	894	2482
Lincoln	569	338	46	258	1211
Logan	C	C	C	507	507
Mason	867	1052	108	535	2562
Mingo	C	C	C	277	277
Putnam	624	612	63	397	1696
Wayne	448	134	30	179	791
Dist. V Subtotal	4616	3076	417	3632	11741
Calhoun	740	557	66	283	1646
Doddridge	947	731	95	328	2101
Gilmer	875	727	87	334	2023
Jackson	1096	1122	138	515	2871
Pleasants	317	298	20	162	797
Ritchie	1338	1290	109	501	3238
Roane	1186	1101	90	489	2866
Tyler	817	781	63	328	1989
Wirt	734	733	91	334	1892
Wood	974	1087	118	738	2917
Dist. VI Subtotal	9024	8427	877	4012	22340
State Total	44127	33584	4243	26206	108160

WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERED BUCK GUN HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barbour	1109	886	1281	1098	984
Brooke	389	251	286	268	175
Hancock	273	200	208	209	157
Harrison	1301	930	1418	1138	1017
Marion	1130	702	1190	765	735
Marshall	1051	707	818	727	624
Monongalia	1107	689	1023	827	825
Ohio	399	232	290	270	180
Preston	1741	1526	2046	1774	1947
Taylor	635	453	732	581	485
Tucker	527	494	783	730	817
Wetzel	1537	891	1144	899	823
Dist. I Subtotal	11199	7961	11219	9286	8769
Berkeley	871	522	908	737	753
Grant	1135	783	1304	954	1194
Hampshire	1846	1094	1947	1197	1386
Hardy	1447	920	1709	1076	1198
Jefferson	445	385	499	422	419
Mineral	1345	835	1335	922	1011
Morgan	743	412	678	437	503
Pendleton	1163	861	1297	1088	1018
Dist. II Subtotal	8995	5812	9677	6833	7482
Braxton	1626	921	1660	1102	1233
Clay	475	329	618	390	481
Lewis	1692	1166	1875	1246	1216
Nicholas	824	871	1274	1044	987
Pocahontas	961	831	1008	921	1040
Randolph	1329	1291	1659	1617	1633
Upshur	1396	1009	1704	1399	1025
Webster	717	632	1080	941	777
Dist. III Subtotal	9020	7050	10878	8660	8392
Fayette	835	725	1214	889	927
Greenbrier	1509	1372	1816	1447	1628
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	536	402	843	636	593
Monroe	1466	1004	1462	1099	1295
Raleigh	579	506	895	648	592
Summers	973	657	999	657	809
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	5898	4666	7229	5376	5844
Boone	725	519	868	573	658
Cabell	763	421	641	677	404
Kanawha	1380	730	1547	1058	1046
Lincoln	1124	720	1312	846	569
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	1495	1002	1488	1267	867
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	1210	565	1114	992	624
Wayne	870	528	963	815	448
Dist. V Subtotal	7567	4485	7933	6228	4616
Calhoun	1164	504	1063	705	740
Doddridge	1243	615	1376	946	947
Gilmer	1427	669	1435	791	875
Jackson	1917	1107	1870	1487	1096
Pleasants	438	273	492	334	317
Ritchie	2091	1123	2024	1422	1338
Roane	1893	927	1846	1178	1186
Tyler	1000	566	1064	855	817
Wirt	1091	681	1152	777	734
Wood	1580	1011	1556	1193	974
Dist. VI Subtotal	13844	7476	13878	9688	9024
State Total	56523	37450	60814	46071	44127

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY/CROSSBOW HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	*2015	2016	2017
Barbour	544	416	623	535	534
Brooke	271	303	278	262	155
Hancock	432	373	344	353	282
Harrison	658	502	702	559	634
Marion	541	413	640	482	509
Marshall	382	307	353	336	300
Monongalia	785	584	781	678	694
Ohio	304	250	272	286	202
Preston	1069	999	1415	1265	1469
Taylor	266	265	346	279	361
Tucker	332	312	420	400	482
Wetzel	418	248	357	288	311
Dist. I Subtotal	6002	4972	6531	5723	5933
Berkeley	639	397	554	534	559
Grant	402	300	423	323	363
Hampshire	393	275	457	349	381
Hardy	396	231	404	268	321
Jefferson	425	363	374	402	408
Mineral	398	275	394	327	381
Morgan	274	163	253	214	242
Pendleton	326	279	391	296	316
Dist. II Subtotal	3253	2283	3250	2713	2971
Braxton	589	380	593	516	539
Clay	299	194	339	223	243
Lewis	517	372	712	544	538
Nicholas	753	630	799	726	635
Pocahontas	345	288	318	264	324
Randolph	786	779	921	928	883
Upshur	627	472	906	747	694
Webster	436	420	626	537	511
Dist. III Subtotal	4352	3535	5214	4485	4367
Fayette	806	666	801	701	765
Greenbrier	661	556	739	525	722
McDowell	699	447	673	456	574
Mercer	667	419	817	653	625
Monroe	661	460	632	483	542
Raleigh	876	640	1032	729	789
Summers	543	341	563	362	450
Wyoming	1062	686	1039	867	824
Dist. IV Subtotal	5975	4215	6296	4776	5291
Boone	485	433	486	354	377
Cabell	436	288	365	416	208
Kanawha	1041	771	1069	894	894
Lincoln	535	418	643	421	258
Logan	841	608	924	574	507
Mason	789	628	786	690	535
Mingo	490	284	579	386	277
Putnam	663	437	599	579	397
Wayne	406	304	451	402	179
Dist. V Subtotal	5686	4171	5902	4716	3632
Calhoun	353	213	433	295	283
Doddridge	284	210	390	264	328
Gilmer	403	174	448	257	334
Jackson	783	495	759	692	515
Pleasants	114	92	163	137	162
Ritchie	489	404	713	536	501
Roane	643	356	707	455	489
Tyler	326	256	366	281	328
Wirt	405	267	459	341	334
Wood	911	638	909	853	738
Dist. VI Subtotal	4711	3105	5347	4111	4012
State Total	29979	22281	32540	26524	26206

*Implementation of statewide deer crossbow season

WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERLESS HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barbour	1222	1074	911	806	873
Brooke	604	411	346	392	236
Hancock	465	354	210	168	163
Harrison	1580	1255	1228	1045	1014
Marion	1391	943	984	826	809
Marshall	1104	940	554	514	437
Monongalia	1255	866	968	673	673
Ohio	470	366	361	230	152
Preston	2317	1818	1437	1635	1703
Taylor	680	620	486	514	533
Tucker	428	397	47	200	332
Wetzel	1646	934	957	866	723
Dist. I Subtotal	13162	9978	8489	7869	7648
Berkeley	941	752	813	675	730
Grant	915	559	592	467	599
Hampshire	1571	1054	1240	908	959
Hardy	1370	825	967	659	717
Jefferson	566	488	442	428	450
Mineral	1194	880	899	761	706
Morgan	754	531	551	433	490
Pendleton	717	597	547	497	424
Dist. II Subtotal	8028	5686	6051	4828	5075
Braxton	1524	1266	1193	909	1083
Clay	249	127	184	182	109
Lewis	2073	1414	1753	1377	1258
Nicholas	539	454	606	509	436
Pocahontas	405	355	238	216	249
Randolph	1138	1094	533	850	849
Upshur	1769	1359	1271	1605	1300
Webster	405	138	174	314	562
Dist. III Subtotal	8102	6207	5952	5962	5846
Fayette	436	294	392	283	286
Greenbrier	1108	856	821	739	773
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	415	253	337	414	547
Monroe	1710	1194	1220	819	998
Raleigh	356	219	291	215	226
Summers	1119	917	689	603	682
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	5144	3733	3750	3073	3512
Boone	251	203	93	157	172
Cabell	734	491	419	422	290
Kanawha	829	484	558	412	478
Lincoln	949	739	872	567	338
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	2487	1425	1593	1370	1052
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	1430	800	1048	885	612
Wayne	496	288	38	269	134
Dist. V Subtotal	7176	4430	4621	4082	3076
Calhoun	1044	594	802	630	557
Doddridge	946	731	914	750	731
Gilmer	1230	779	1017	688	727
Jackson	2467	1304	1521	1317	1122
Pleasants	452	254	260	268	298
Ritchie	1902	1303	1622	1309	1290
Roane	2119	1244	1514	1123	1101
Tyler	1237	742	901	815	781
Wirt	1404	919	1002	860	733
Wood	2223	1529	1436	1218	1087
Dist. VI Subtotal	15024	9399	10989	8978	8427
State Total	56636	39433	39852	34792	33584

WEST VIRGINIA MUZZLELOADER HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barbour	152	159	116	133	119
Brooke	64	30	18	38	13
Hancock	72	42	23	34	18
Harrison	168	183	128	113	126
Marion	119	106	124	113	82
Marshall	134	108	76	73	64
Monongalia	142	92	117	91	82
Ohio	40	37	44	46	34
Preston	255	267	182	217	203
Taylor	100	84	75	70	59
Tucker	101	88	16	73	73
Wetzel	165	91	88	90	71
Dist. I Subtotal	1512	1287	1007	1091	944
Berkeley	111	83	74	67	64
Grant	98	115	112	81	75
Hampshire	165	122	127	88	89
Hardy	131	109	80	63	74
Jefferson	61	56	48	54	46
Mineral	116	91	75	80	43
Morgan	88	52	70	44	38
Pendleton	93	98	67	70	48
Dist. II Subtotal	863	726	653	547	477
Braxton	327	197	189	157	127
Clay	52	26	25	43	34
Lewis	233	198	165	168	146
Nicholas	256	259	265	232	162
Pocahontas	130	120	77	56	57
Randolph	332	304	202	243	194
Upshur	216	145	155	185	163
Webster	199	33	28	139	74
Dist. III Subtotal	1745	1282	1106	1223	957
Fayette	241	166	183	124	124
Greenbrier	212	128	108	135	130
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	142	36	114	86	62
Monroe	139	131	105	70	107
Raleigh	134	85	83	70	70
Summers	136	112	88	62	78
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	1004	658	681	547	571
Boone	172	132	39	72	74
Cabell	100	60	45	60	32
Kanawha	119	57	88	78	64
Lincoln	167	86	159	106	46
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	215	157	150	153	108
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	158	89	90	119	63
Wayne	69	55	31	62	30
Dist. V Subtotal	1000	636	602	650	417
Calhoun	155	79	71	69	66
Doddridge	127	77	104	70	95
Gilmer	160	111	126	93	87
Jackson	222	155	183	158	138
Pleasants	46	30	34	27	20
Ritchie	213	96	167	102	109
Roane	213	100	129	105	90
Tyler	110	94	75	82	63
Wirt	161	87	86	92	91
Wood	208	125	154	141	118
Dist. VI Subtotal	1615	954	1129	939	877
State Total	7739	5543	5178	4997	4243

WEST VIRGINIA SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barbour	162	178	127	165	204
Brooke	104	84	67	78	100
Hancock	110	110	89	98	106
Harrison	355	264	247	286	329
Marion	218	149	170	192	257
Marshall	300	220	174	207	258
Monongalia	262	174	199	197	268
Ohio	131	91	109	111	113
Preston	403	344	333	371	477
Taylor	103	87	72	101	135
Tucker	57	88	82	90	97
Wetzel	256	203	168	196	244
Dist. I Subtotal	2461	1992	1837	2092	2588
Berkeley	98	112	124	115	147
Grant	129	129	131	161	146
Hampshire	124	138	156	170	184
Hardy	129	135	116	132	132
Jefferson	60	57	82	79	115
Mineral	87	96	118	134	133
Morgan	54	62	64	54	64
Pendleton	117	95	94	88	112
Dist. II Subtotal	798	824	885	933	1033
Braxton	238	175	194	197	210
Clay	147	68	83	101	120
Lewis	221	180	194	211	249
Nicholas	221	164	213	330	311
Pocahontas	160	130	145	144	142
Randolph	217	186	225	250	248
Upshur	262	229	231	228	302
Webster	118	113	114	156	151
Dist. III Subtotal	1584	1245	1399	1617	1733
Fayette	287	244	239	292	279
Greenbrier	299	245	242	308	269
McDowell	308	215	218	200	178
Mercer	177	170	161	176	193
Monroe	206	212	181	184	192
Raleigh	277	214	231	283	280
Summers	258	209	199	219	211
Wyoming	291	255	257	320	262
Dist. IV Subtotal	2103	1764	1728	1982	1864
Boone	230	159	138	157	157
Cabell	138	80	110	114	176
Kanawha	332	231	227	285	320
Lincoln	213	178	169	215	230
Logan	246	181	172	181	165
Mason	370	293	314	378	448
Mingo	141	93	91	131	143
Putnam	225	150	181	210	268
Wayne	144	103	108	139	186
Dist. V Subtotal	2039	1468	1510	1810	2093
Calhoun	179	135	128	145	164
Doddridge	138	126	118	137	160
Gilmer	191	147	124	132	143
Jackson	326	293	264	302	409
Pleasants	83	73	71	80	89
Ritchie	326	245	218	216	264
Roane	236	232	210	231	257
Tyler	211	136	144	182	181
Wirt	193	177	153	174	206
Wood	294	271	248	328	380
Dist. VI Subtotal	2177	1835	1678	1927	2253
State Total	11162	9128	9037	10361	11564

WEST VIRGINIA FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Barbour	C	18	C	29	21
Brooke	9	2	6	15	9
Hancock	8	5	8	6	2
Harrison	20	20	28	41	15
Marion	4	6	19	38	12
Marshall	10	22	9	50	17
Monongalia	24	15	25	30	20
Ohio	9	3	6	21	5
Preston	77	53	71	105	55
Taylor	8	5	2	23	21
Tucker	14	25	13	14	6
Wetzel	2	18	C	40	17
Dist. I Subtotal	185	192	187	412	200
Berkeley	36	19	30	21	20
Grant	41	17	38	57	30
Hampshire	41	15	35	30	18
Hardy	34	18	31	27	19
Jefferson	C	C	C	8	4
Mineral	28	16	25	22	14
Morgan	14	15	15	9	6
Pendleton	26	31	25	35	24
Dist II Subtotal	220	131	199	209	135
Braxton	C	C	C	43	5
Clay	C	C	C	12	4
Lewis	8	C	25	21	10
Nicholas	39	88	63	140	36
Pocahontas	57	54	62	49	34
Randolph	59	83	114	116	38
Upshur	28	C	59	92	32
Webster	35	50	48	91	14
Dist. III Subtotal	226	275	371	564	173
Fayette	C	C	C	38	14
Greenbrier	64	81	81	74	65
McDowell	33	C	C	30	14
Mercer	C	2	C	27	17
Monroe	71	52	61	61	51
Raleigh	C	C	C	47	18
Summers	42	41	26	29	22
Wyoming	37	35	41	62	12
Dist. IV Subtotal	247	211	209	368	213
Boone	C	C	C	21	5
Cabell	4	C	C	12	5
Kanawha	C	C	C	38	17
Lincoln	14	C	C	26	7
Logan	17	C	C	25	5
Mason	26	33	43	64	28
Mingo	C	C	C	8	1
Putnam	2	C	19	27	14
Wayne	C	C	C	17	0
Dist. V Subtotal	63	33	62	238	82
Calhoun	8	C	C	19	7
Doddridge	C	C	C	12	5
Gilmer	6	C	C	10	9
Jackson	18	37	24	48	34
Pleasants	4	3	6	7	8
Ritchie	2	12	C	21	8
Roane	C	C	C	26	17
Tyler	1	8	15	18	2
Wirt	19	23	17	30	23
Wood	20	31	47	84	34
Dist. VI Subtotal	78	114	109	275	147
Unknown	0	0	3	0	0
State Total	1019	956	1140	2066	950

WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST, 1979-2017

Year	Total Kill
1979	3
1980	10
1981	33
1982	72
1983	54
1984	81
1985	58
1986	35
1987	74
1988	34
1989	116
1990	86
1991	59
1992	130
1993	82
1994	86
1995	158
1996	139
1997	141
1998	58
1999	96
2000	46
2001	43
2002	38
2003	5
2004	7
2005	12
2006	14
2007	22
2008	14
2009	35
2010	16
2011	37
2012	62
2013	49
2014	51
2015	99
2016	46
2017	91
Total	2292

2017 WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST

County	Crossbow	Archery	Gun	Total
Boone	6	12	6	24
Logan	8	40	19	67
Total	14	52	25	91

WEST VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST, 2017

County	Archery/Crossbow	Sept./Oct.	Buck Gun	December	Total
Barbour	11	9	23	13	56
Brooke	0	0	0	0	0
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	1	0	2	0	3
Marion	0	0	0	1	1
Marshall	0	0	1	1	2
Monongalia	3	0	0	1	4
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Preston	38	17	32	43	130
Taylor	4	0	4	0	8
Tucker	13	31	20	74	138
Wetzel	0	0	1	1	2
Dist. I Subtotal	70	57	83	134	344
Berkeley	1	0	1	1	3
Grant	12	19	25	71	127
Hampshire	14	0	40	5	59
Hardy	15	20	22	73	130
Jefferson	4	0	1	0	5
Mineral	5	3	7	11	26
Morgan	0	0	6	0	6
Pendleton	13	42	39	112	206
Dist. II Subtotal	64	84	141	273	562
Braxton	12	8	25	31	76
Clay	5	9	8	33	55
Lewis	2	0	11	1	14
Nicholas	53	36	56	95	240
Pocahontas	14	54	31	119	218
Randolph	45	79	18	127	269
Upshur	6	10	13	18	47
Webster	28	59	37	114	238
Dist. III Subtotal	165	255	199	538	1157
Fayette	43	16	42	8	109
Greenbrier	36	31	40	84	191
McDowell	34	25	2	37	98
Mercer	38	0	13	3	54
Monroe	22	13	17	21	73
Raleigh	20	18	28	19	85
Summers	16	0	19	0	35
Wyoming	21	36	1	14	72
Dist. IV Subtotal	230	139	162	186	717
Boone	25	38	44	48	155
Cabell	0	0	0	0	0
Kanawha	21	15	27	45	108
Lincoln	1	0	1	1	3
Logan	15	21	5	15	56
Mason	0	0	0	0	0
Mingo	9	14	1	4	28
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	1	0	1	2	4
Dist. V Subtotal	72	88	79	115	354
Calhoun	3	0	2	0	5
Doddridge	1	0	2	0	3
Gilmer	1	0	6	0	7
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasants	0	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	3	0	0	0	3
Roane	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler	0	0	0	0	0
Wirt	1	0	4	0	5
Wood	1	0	0	0	1
Dist. VI Subtotal	10	0	14	0	24
State Total	611	623	678	1,246	3,158

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**2018-2019 Proposed
Big Game Table**

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**2019-2020 Proposed
Hunting and Trapping Table**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2018-2019 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

- 1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2018 antlerless deer season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2018 black bear season be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2018-2019 wild boar gun, archery and crossbow season be a split season. The early seasons would follow the current frameworks and the late season is proposed to open on the first Friday in February and run through the following Sunday (for 2019 that would be February 1-3).

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a primitive weapons “Mountaineer Heritage Season” featuring traditional muzzleloading and/or archery equipment for bear and deer (either-sex). Only percussion and flintlock rifles without scopes, and long and recurve bows will be permitted. In addition the use of dogs will not be permitted during this season. The season will run from Thursday, January 10, 2019 through Sunday, January 13, 2019 statewide with the exception that only long and recurve bows may be used in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties during this season.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

- 5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the Special Urban Deer Archery/Crossbow Season be a split season. The initial season will follow the current framework and the late season will be open from Monday, January 14, 2019 through Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

6. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the bobwhite quail hunting season be closed for the 2018-2019 hunting season on the Tomblin Wildlife Management Area and remained closed until further notice. This action is recommended as the agency begins a quail restoration project on the Tomblin WMA.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

7. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2018-2019 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2019-2020 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for the 2019-2020 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**PROPOSED 2018 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS
(PRIVATE LAND)**

<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Closed to Antlerless (Class N/NN) Hunting</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Resident and Non-resident (Must Apply) (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 25-28; Nov. 19-Dec. 1; Dec. 6-9; Dec. 28-31</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 1) Oct. 25-28; Nov. 19-Dec. 1; Dec. 6-9; Dec. 28-31</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN (Season Bag Limit: 3) Oct. 25-28; Nov. 19-Dec. 1; Dec. 6-9; Dec. 28-31</p>	<p>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. 25-28; Nov. 19-Dec. 1; Dec. 6-9; Dec. 28-31</p>
<p>Fayette (west portion) Kanawha (south portion) Raleigh (west portion) Wayne</p>	<p>Boone (300) Greenbrier (north portion - 200) Lincoln (400) Mineral (west portion - 200) Pocahontas (300) Raleigh (east portion - 250) Webster (300)</p>	<p>Braxton Brooke Clay Fayette (east portion) Hancock Marion Marshall Mason Mercer Nicholas Ohio Pleasants Randolph Summers Tucker Wetzel</p>	<p>Barbour Cabell Gilmer Grant Harrison Jackson Jefferson Kanawha (north portion) Lewis Monongalia Morgan Pendleton Putnam Roane Taylor Upshur Wirt</p>	<p>Berkeley Calhoun Doddridge Greenbrier (south portion) Hampshire Hardy Mineral (east portion) Monroe Preston Ritchie Tyler Wood</p>

**In these counties, hunters are required to take an antlerless deer, which may be taken during any deer season open to antlerless deer hunting, prior to harvesting a second antlered deer during the combined deer seasons.*

**PROPOSED 2018 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS
FOR PUBLIC LANDS**

Season Dates: Nov. 19 - Dec. 1, 2018; Dec. 6 - 9, 2018; and Dec. 28 - 31, 2018

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1		
Blackwater WMA (100) (Preston/Tucker Cos.)	Greenbrier SF (50) (Greenbrier Co.)	Little Canaan WMA (50) (Tucker Co.)
Bluestone WMA (100) (Summers/Mercer/Monroe Cos.)	Hillcrest WMA (25) (Hancock Co.)	Seneca SF (50) (Pocahontas Co.)
Calvin Price SF (50) (Pocahontas Co.)	Kumbrabow SF (50) (Randolph Co.)	

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1			
Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)	Canaan Valley NWR (Tucker Co.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)	Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)
Beech Fork WMA (Cabell/Wayne Cos.)	Coopers Rock SF (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Cos.)	Upper Mud River WMA (Lincoln Co.)
Big Ugly WMA (Lincoln Co.)	Green Bottom WMA (Cabell/Mason Cos.)	Pruntytown WMA (Taylor Co.)	Wallback WMA (Roane/Clay/Kanawha Cos.)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 3		
McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)		

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS CLOSED TO ANTLERLESS SEASON		
Beaver Dam WMA (Randolph Co.)	Handley WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Rimel WMA (Pocahontas Co.)
Becky Creek WMA (Randolph Co.)	Little River WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Slatyfork WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph Cos.)
Camp Creek SF (Mercer Co.)	Neola WMA (Greenbrier/Pocahontas Cos.)	Tea Creek WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph/Webster Cos.)
Cheat WMA (Randolph Co.)	Otter Creek WMA (Randolph/Tucker Cos.)	Morris Creek WMA (Kanawha Co.)
Cranberry WMA (Nicholas/Webster/Pocahontas/ Greenbrier Cos.)	Potts Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)	

All other WMAs and public lands will have the same regulations as it relates to bag limits as private land in the respective county or portion of county where the WMAs or other public lands are located; with the exception that these WMAs and public lands will be open during the dates listed above.

Summary of Proposed Changes to 2018 Antlerless Deer Season County Regulations

(Comparison of 2017 and 2018 Proposed Antlerless Deer Seasons)

More Liberal 2018 Antlerless Season:

Counties or portions of counties which were closed in 2017 and are proposed for limited permits in 2018: none

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 1 unlimited: Clay, Fayette (east) and Nicholas

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 3 unlimited: Pendleton (west)

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit (with special regulation): Preston

More Restrictive 2018 Antlerless Season:

Counties or portions of counties with a change in regulations from a bag limit of 3 (with a special regulation) to a bag limit of 3: Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, Morgan, Putnam, Roane, Taylor, Upshur and Wirt

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1: Braxton, Brooke, Marion, Mason, Mercer, Pleasants, Summers and Wetzel

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1 (limited permits): Lincoln and Webster

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to closed: Wayne (north)

Proposed Same 2018 Antlerless Season: Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Fayette (west), Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jefferson, Kanawha, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Ohio, Pendleton (east), Pocahontas, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Tucker, Tyler, Wayne (south) and Wood

February 23, 2018

Proposed 2018 Black Bear Seasons
 Statewide bag limit two, provided at least one bear comes from Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Preston, Raleigh or Wyoming counties

Archery and Crossbow Season – 55 counties: Sept. 29 – Dec. 31

Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below

7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 6 – Oct. 12	13-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 19 – Dec. 1	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	16-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 1 – Sept. 16	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 22 – Sept. 28	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 3 – Dec. 31	6-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 19 - Dec. 1 Dec. 3 - Dec. 31	4-Day Gun Without Dogs Oct. 25 – 28	13-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 19 – Dec. 1	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 3 - 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 Brooke Cabell Calhoun Doddridge Gilmer Hampshire Hancock Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Marion Marshall Mason Mercer Monongalia Morgan Ohio Pleasant Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Wayne Wetzel Wirt Wood	Private Land Only Portions of Counties Open for Deer Hunting	Barbour Braxton Clay Grant Greenbrier Hardy Mineral Monroe Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Upshur Webster		Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Braxton (W. of I-79) Clay (N. of Elk River) Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Upshur (W. of Rt. 20)

Summary of Proposed Changes to Bear Seasons for 2018

More liberal seasons with hounds

Preston: has been added to the counties with a bag limit of 2 bears.

Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming: from: 9-day season from September 2 – September 10 **to:** 16 day season from September 1 – September 16.

More Liberal Seasons without hounds

Cabell, Doddridge, Harrison, Lincoln Marion, Marshall, Mineral and Wetzel: from: limited permits during buck-gun season **to** no permit needed during buck-gun season.

Brooke, Hancock, Jackson, Mason, Ohio, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wayne and Wood: from: archery and December firearms season without dogs **to** no permit needed during buck-gun season and December firearms season without dogs.

New Season: Berkeley, Boone, Fayette, Hampshire, Jefferson, Kanawha, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Preston, Raleigh and Summers. 4-day bear season without dogs, no permit required, on the portions of private land open for antlerless deer hunting.

Mineral: added to buck-gun bear season with no permit required.

More Liberal Archery Season

All counties (51) other than Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming: from: split archery season from September 30 – November 17 and December 3 – December 31 **to** archery season from September 30 – December 31.

Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2018-2019 Big Game Hunting Seasons		
Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Mountaineer Heritage Season Deer and Bear (Primitive Weapons)	Jan. 10, 2019 - Jan. 13, 2019	Percussion side lock and flintlock rifles, long and recurve bows only
Bear (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 29, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018	The split season for designated counties will be eliminated.
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Sept. 1, 2018 - Sept. 16, 2018 Sept. 22, 2018 - Sept. 28, 2018 Oct. 6, 2018 - Oct. 12, 2018 Oct. 25, 2018 - Oct. 28, 2018 Nov. 19, 2018 - Dec. 1, 2018 Dec. 3, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018	See Attached Bear Tables for Selected Counties
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 27, 2018 - Nov. 3, 2017 Feb. 1, 2019 - Feb. 3, 2019	split season
Boar (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 29, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018 Feb. 1, 2019 - Feb. 3, 2019	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow - Special Urban)	Sept. 8, 2018 - Dec.31, 2018 Jan. 14, 2019 - Jan. 20, 2019	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 29, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018	
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 19, 2018 - Dec. 1, 2018	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 25, 2018 - Oct. 28, 2018 Nov. 19, 2018 - Dec. 1, 2018 Dec. 6, 2018 - Dec. 9, 2018 Dec. 28, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018	See Attached Deer Tables For Selected Counties
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season - Antlerless)	Oct. 20, 2018 Dec. 26, 2018 - Dec. 27, 2018	
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 10, 2018 - Dec. 16, 2018	Season moved back 1-week
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 13, 2018 - Oct. 20, 2018 Oct. 29, 2018 - Nov. 17, 2018	
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 13, 2018 - Oct. 20, 2018 Oct. 29, 2018 - Nov. 3, 2018	Fall counties determined after 2018 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 13, 2018 - Oct. 20, 2018	Fall counties determined after 2018 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Spring Youth Season)	April 13, 2019	
Turkey (Spring 2019)	April 15, 2019 - May 11, 2019	

Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2019-2020 Hunting and Trapping Seasons		
Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 14, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 7, 2019	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 12, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 12, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Quail (Tomblin WMA closed)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 4, 2020	Tomblin WMA closed to quail hunting season
Rabbit	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 4, 2020 Nov. 9, 2019 - Dec. 7, 2019	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping) (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020 Jan. 1, 2020 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Jan. 31, 2020	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 1, 2019 - Nov. 16, 2019 Jan. 1, 2020 - Mar. 7, 2020	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/ Woodchuck/English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Jan. 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 2, 2019 - Feb. 29, 2020	
Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2019 FISHING REGULATIONS**

Presented to the
West Virginia Natural Resources Commission

Prepared by: West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
Fish Management
February 25th, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2019 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish catch-and-release trout fishing on Middle Fork of Williams River and tributaries, Webster and Pocahontas Counties, Tea Creek (Upstream of the Tea Creek Campground) and tributaries, Pocahontas County, Red Creek (Upstream of at CR 45 Bridge) and tributaries, Tucker County, Otter Creek and tributaries, Randolph and Tucker Counties.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish fly-fishing-only regulation for Edward Run (Upstream of the Edwards Run Pond 1.25 miles to the upstream boundary of the Edwards Run Wildlife Management Area) in Hampshire County.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a slot limit at Parker Hollow Lake in Hardy County for all black bass (smallmouth, spotted, and largemouth) from 12 to 16 inches long in total length must be returned to the water at once.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes an exclusion from the one black bass (smallmouth, spotted, and largemouth) 18 inches or longer length restriction for registered bass tournaments at Stonewall Jackson Reservoir.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

5. All other fishing regulations for 2019 would be the same as those in 2018

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2018 REPTILE REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to add the grey rat snake (*Pantheriophis spiloides*) to the existing established seasons and limits for reptiles in West Virginia.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

Overview of Proposed Recommendation for 2018 Reptile Regulations

Recent genetic evidence has suggested that the gray rat snake (*Pantheriphis spiloides*), a species once thought native to the US Southeast, is part of West Virginia's native herptofauna. To remain consistent within our regulations, to maintain regulatory authority over native wildlife, and to simplify the work of law enforcement investigating possible snake ownership violations, we would like to recommend that the gray rat snake be added to the list of snakes regulated under the current amphibian and reptile regulations. We are recommending that the gray rate snake be added to the list of native snakes currently occurring in the amphibian and reptile regulations, that specifies that bona fide West Virginia residents may possess a limit of 4 native snakes in aggregate, with exceptions made for timber rattlesnakes and northern copperheads (only 1 individual may be possessed; timber rattlesnakes must be 42 inches or greater).

2018 WV State Parks Deer Hunts

PARK	DATES OF HUNTS
Beech Fork	November 5,6,7 November 12,13,14
Cacapon	November 5,6,7 November 12,13,14
Canaan	October 29,30,31 November 5,6,7
Chief Logan	November 5,6,7 November 8,9,10
Lost River	November 12,13,14 November 15,16,17
North Bend	October 29,30,31 November 1,2,3 November 5,6,7
Pipestem	November 5,6,7 November 12,13,14
Stonewall Resort	November 12,13,14 November 15,16,17
Twin Falls	November 5,6,7 November 8,9,10
Watoga	November 5,6,7 November 8,9,10

Calendar View

October 29-31	November 1-3	November 5-7	November 8-10	November 12-14	November 15-17
		Beech Fork		Beech Fork	
		Cacapon		Cacapon	
Canaan		Canaan			
		Chief Logan	Chief Logan		
				Lost River	Lost River
North Bend	North Bend	North Bend			
		Pipestem		Pipestem	
				Stonewall	Stonewall
		Twin Falls	Twin Falls		
		Watoga	Watoga		

Re: Reappointment of The Honorable Kenneth R. Wilson

In some circles this would be referred to as: "Set, Check, Game!" In reality the reappointment of The Honorable Kenneth R. Wilson, to another seven (7) year term on the Natural Resources Commission, is unparalleled. He now has been appointed and reappointed by three (3) different Governors and served under four. First appointed by Governor Wise; reappointed by Manchin and now Justice, he also served under Tomblin.

When his "Resume" is read by legislative leaders it is described with One Single Word....."WOW!" On January 8, 2018, he was unanimously confirmed by the full Senate and his legacy and legend continue to grow.

The ability of Commissioner Wilson to make things happen has taken on Mystical dimensions over the years resulting in catch phrases such as: "See if Kenny can do it; I bet Kenny can do it; Ask Kenny to do it; I wonder if Kenny would be willing to do it." etc. Making it happen is his trademark and doing so adds to his Mystique. His political connections have been vastly underestimated by his enemies and have been proven to be invaluable to the DNR and Sportsmen and Sportswomen throughout West Virginia!

The Honorable Kenneth R. Wilson, "The Man", takes on even greater dimensions. In the words of Kipling, addressed in "If for Boys", two stanzas describe him well.....(1) "If you can keep your head,

(2)

when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you.” (2) “If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken twisted by Knaves to make a trap for fools.” He meets these thresholds beyond expectations. Weather it has been as a hero on the battlefield, or as a leader of Sportsmen’s Organizations, or as an outstanding member of the Natural Resources Commission, Kenneth R. Wilson stands out as “The Man, The Myth, The Legend!”

Congratulations and “God’s Speed” on your reappointment and on once again exceeding the expectations of those who wish you ill-will.

Larry L. Lawson,



Concerned Citizen, Commission Meeting

February 25, 2018, South Charleston, WV