

# **NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

## **Quarterly Meeting**

### **February 23, 2020**

# **MINUTES**

The quarterly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held on Sunday, February 23, 2020, Division of Natural Resources, 324 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Charleston, West Virginia. The following individuals attended:

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONERS**

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

#### **MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE**

Senator Bill Hamilton, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Ruth Rowan, 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Rick Atkinson, 11<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Terri Sypolt, 52<sup>nd</sup> District  
Senator Dave Sypolt, 14<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Dianna Graves, 38<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Glenn Jeffries, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Chandler Swope, 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Scott Cadle, 13<sup>th</sup> District  
Delegate Jim Butler 14<sup>th</sup> District

#### **MEDIA**

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

Jo Stern, Jo Stern Outdoor

**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  
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  
Gary Foster, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston/Elkins, WV  
Colin Carpenter, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV  
Todd Dowdy, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV  
Randy Tucker, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV  
Jacob Frantz, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV  
Joseph Reed, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV  
Randy Kelley, Wildlife Resources, Logan, WV  
Mark Scott, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV  
Brad DeBord, Law Enforcement, South Charleston, WV  
Kieran O'Malley, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV  
Kevin Oxenrider, Wildlife Resources, Romney, WV  
Larry Harvey, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV  
Douglas Benson, Law Enforcement, French Creek, WV  
Adam Kuykendall, Law Enforcement, Romney, WV  
Cody Evans, Law Enforcement, Romney, WV  
Michael Lindale, Law Enforcement, Romney, WV  
Dakoda Chattin, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV  
Nicholas Frangos, Law Enforcement, Farmington, WV  
Brad McDougal, Law Enforcement, Farmington, WV  
William McGraw, Law Enforcement, French Creek, WV  
Seth Rader, Law Enforcement, French Creek, WV  
Allen Phillips, Law Enforcement, Parkersburg, WV  
Danny Dolin, Law Enforcement, Parkersburg, WV  
David Thorne, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV  
Kem Shaw, Wildlife Resources, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV  
Jake Mimmer, Wildlife Resources, Logan, WV

Stan Hickman, Law Enforcement, Parkersburg, WV  
David James, Law Enforcement, French Creek, WV

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

William Vandale, Green Bank, WV  
James Vandale, Charleston, WV  
Gary Francisco, Buffalo, WV  
Ed McMinn, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, South Charleston, WV  
Justin Hetrick, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Morgantown, WV  
John Drangmeister, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Hurricane, WV  
Jo Stein, St. Albans, WV  
Jarod Huggins, Terra Alta, WV  
Tom Row, Points, WV  
Larry Orr, West Virginia Chapter Trout Unlimited, Elkview, WV  
Roman Stauffer, Trout Unlimited, Charleston, WV  
Jonathan Lantz, Belpre, OH  
Ronald Lantz, Parkersburg, WV  
Joshua Bee, Davisville, WV  
Don Ratcliff, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Elkview, WV  
Mike Tallery, Shinnston, WV  
Kody Boone, Weston, WV  
Cory Boothe, Quinwood, WV  
Kenny Sanders, Shinnston, WV  
Tim Beller, Hurricane, WV  
Garrett Beller, Hurricane, WV  
Mike Persinger, Oak Hill, WV  
Frank Hughes, Elizabeth, WV  
Jeanette Atkinson, Reedy, WV  
Robert Argus, Grafton, WV  
Brad Toller, Clear Fork, WV  
Kevin Efaw, Grafton, WV  
Shon Butler, Buckhannon, WV  
Christina Lemasters, Buckhannon, WV  
Jeremy Preston, Quality Deer Management Association, Fairmont, WV  
Morgan Casebery, Quality Deer Management Association, Lebanon, VA  
Lee Orr, West Virginia Chapter Trout Unlimited, Charleston, WV  
Larry Lawson, Belle, WV  
Eric Beck, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Scott Depot, WV

James Ashworth, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Charleston, WV  
Gary Oldham, Nitro, WV  
Billie Racer, Nitro, WV  
Bryan Elkins, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Ashford, WV  
Shawn King, Nitro, WV  
Jerod Harmon, West Virginia Wildlife Federation/ Bass Nation, Buckhannon, WV  
Nick Clark, Charleston, WV  
Chance Chapman, Charleston, WV  
Jeremiah Ramsey, Charleston, WV  
William Bennett, Nitro, WV  
Oliver Herdman, Charleston, WV

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Director Stephen McDaniel called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Director McDaniel introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Director McDaniel asked the commissioners to introduce themselves and state the county that they represent. Director McDaniel introduced Commissioner Peter Cuffaro and Commissioner Tom Dotson, who were participating via phone. Director McDaniel introduced Senate Chairman Rick Atkinson, 11<sup>th</sup> District, Delegate Ruth Rowan, 57<sup>th</sup> District, Delegate Vice Chairman Terri Sypolt, 52<sup>nd</sup> District, Senator Dave Sypolt 14<sup>th</sup> District, Senator Glenn Jeffries, 8<sup>th</sup> District, Senator Chandler Swope, 6<sup>th</sup> District, Delegate Dianna Graves, 38<sup>th</sup> District, Delegate Scott Cadle, 13<sup>th</sup> District, Delegate Jim Butler, 14<sup>th</sup> District.

### **AWARDS**

Director McDaniel and Colonel Jenkins presented awards to the following Natural Resources Police Officers:

Sergeant Gary Johnson, District 1, Life Saving Award.

Officer Christopher Fitzwater, District 4, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) 2019 Officer of the Year Award.

Officer Jeremy Quinn, District 3, 2019 Southeastern Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) Officer of the Year Award.

Officer Seth Rader, District 3, 2019 Officer of the Year for Operation Dry Water Award.

Officer Jeremy Quinn, District 3, 2019 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Officer of the Year Award.

## **RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bowers made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2019, meeting of the Natural Resources Commission as submitted. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2020 LEGISLATURE UPDATE**

Emily Fleming stated you have two Legislative tracking sheets. The first tracking sheet are bills that affect our agency. The second are all bills that have been introduced this session which our agency is tracking. She thanked the Legislature team members that are working and providing information as needed during this session. Ms. Fleming stated that DNR has an aggressive Legislative package. Ms. Fleming explained the procedures during the legislative session and reviewed the DNR tracking sheet. The tracking sheet is updated daily as the bills go through the committees. (Attachment A & B)

## **SUMMARY of the 2019-2020 BIG GAME HARVEST FIGURES**

Gary Foster presented an overview of the 2019-2020 Big Game Season Harvests. Overall, this was a good year for big game hunters. Stated there were some issues with Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). Stated District 5 had exceptional mast this year in select counties and that has affected this year's harvest. Commissioner Burnette asked in southern bow only counties what is the plan going forward if county population levels meet objectives - is DNR planning to add an additional doe harvest to help with the population? Gary Foster stated yes if we get to that stage. DNR's deer committee has plans for the southern coal field management plan and are in the process of revising. (Attachment C).

## **PROPOSED 2020-2021 BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS**

Gary Foster reviewed the proposed 2020 -2021 Hunting and Trapping Regulations. (Attachment D tab 1)

Colin Carpenter presented the proposed Black Bear Regulations for 2020. Stated DNR is proposing to close 58 square miles in Preston County for bear hunting with dogs due to landowner complaints. (Attachment D tab 2)

1. DNR is proposing that there be a special youth bear season for youth hunters 8

to less than 18, Class Q permit holders and Class XS license holders, to be held on the third Saturday and following Sunday in October on private and public lands in counties open to firearm deer hunting season. The use of dogs is prohibited during this season.

2. DNR is proposing that the 2020 Black Bear Seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Gary Foster continued to review proposed recommendations.

3. DNR is proposing that the 2020 Antlerless Deer Season be open as shown on the attached table.

- a. Director McDaniel asked if there are any plans of making changes on the boundaries on Kanawha County? I have had numerous complaints with too many deer. Gary stated we are not planning any changes this year. The deer committee is currently conducting deer plan habitat analysis. North Kanawha County has better habitat and south has poor habitat. The committee will research Kanawha County.

4. DNR is proposing to allow hunters (age 14 and under), in addition to Class Y license holders, to utilize a crossbow during the crossbow deer season in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties.

5. DNR is proposing to extend the Buck Firearms and Antlerless Deer Seasons through the second Sunday following Thanksgiving.

6. DNR is proposing to allow for the use of bows and crossbows with arrows or bolts equipped with a point having at least two sharp-cutting edges measuring in excess of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide, in addition to shotguns during the Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season.

7. DNR is proposing that the spring wild turkey season opens on the third Monday in April and runs for thirty-five (35) consecutive days thereafter and is open statewide for the hunting of bearded only (currently the season length is 27 days).

8. DNR is proposing that the segment splints for the fall turkey season be extended by one day and close on a Sunday.

9. DNR proposes to allow year-round coyote hunting with an artificial light with the condition that between September 1 thru December 31 night hunting with an artificial light for coyotes could only occur on private land, after receiving permission and prior to hunting, with the requirement that the hunter (s) must notify the DNR-Law Enforcement Section after they received the permission.

10. DNR proposed that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2020-2021 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

- a. Commissioner Bowers asked Brad Toller to give his opinion on age limit for youth hunters with a crossbow. Mr. Toler stated he feels age should

be lowered and should be 10-14 years of age. Youth hunt age limit is 8. Stated kids can pull crossbow back with no problem. Commissioner Burnette asked if the age could be lowered to 7 years old on youth hunts. Gary stated we have to draw line somewhere and have not had any negative feedback. I am not sure what other states ages are. Regular seasons no age limit youth age limit is 8 years of age.

11. DNR proposes that all other small game & furbearer hunting and trapping regulations for the 2021-2022 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Gary stated pending changes in the ruff grouse season. We have had loss of habitat and a problem with West Nile virus. Other states are also reporting decline in grouse. We are looking at reducing the length of the grouse season. We are adding questions on the sectional meetings.

1. The Division of Natural Resources seeks your opinions as it relates to reducing the length of the ruffed grouse hunting season. The Division is considering reducing the length of grouse hunting season due to declining grouse population and requests your opinion as to which option best represents your opinion on the issue. Check one of the options:
  - a. Reduce days toward the end of the season.
  - b. Reduce days toward the beginning of the season.
  - c. Prefer a split season with reduction in days being in middle of season.
  - d. Prefer the length of the ruffed grouse season remain the same.
  - e. Also, this past hunting season did you actively hunt grouse in WV  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No (please check one)

## **PORPOSED REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN REGULATIONS**

Kevin Oxenrider presented the proposed Reptile and Amphibian Regulations.

1. To add the Blanchard's cricket frog (*Acris blanchari*) and the yellow-spotted woodland salamander (*Plethodon pauleyi*) to the existing established seasons and limits for reptiles and amphibians in West Virginia as shown on the attached table.
2. The season be closed, possession limit of 0, for all reptile and amphibian species listed below. (Attachment E & F)

## **PROPOSED 2021 FISHING REGULATIONS**

Mark Scott presented the proposed 2021 Fishing Regulations

1. To establish a state-wide 30-fish daily creel and 60-fish possession limit for each of the following fish species: black and white crappie in aggregated, all sunfish species in aggregated, all other gamefish currently not under a creel limit, and yellow perch.
2. To remove the 12" size limit for black bass from Wallback Lake.
3. To remove the season for dip netting to allow this method to be used year-round.
4. To remove the black bass no-harvest regulation from the 12-mile section of the New River from the I-64 bridge at Sandstone to the Grandview Sandbar.
5. To establish a river-wide 14" to 22" slot limit with only one fish allowed over 22" for the all black bass in the New River from the confluence of the New and Gauley Rivers upstream to the West Virginia/Virginia state line excluding Bluestone lake (from the dam upstream to the Bull Falls public access site).
6. To add the Kanawha River (from the confluence of the Gauley and New rivers downstream to the Buffalo Bridge) to the regulation of a 4-fish daily creel limit with a 15"-minimum size limit for all Moronidae species including Striped Bass, White Bass, and Hybrid Striped Bass.
7. To remove the trout, Catch-and-Release regulation from the 0.9-mile section of Shavers Fork encompassing the Stuart Recreation area.
8. To remove Buffalo Creek in Fayette County from the trout Fly-Fishing-Only regulations.
9. To set a 2-fish daily creel limit for all trout in Stephens Lake in Raleigh County.
10. All other fishing regulations for 2021 would be the same as those in 2020. (Attachment G)

## **REVIEW OF TRAPPING ISSUES**

Rich Rogers reviewed issues with trapping. Stated trapping is under attack and we want to protect the resources and the sport. A Wildlife Damage Control Agent (WDCA) requested a regulation change to allow the use of bleach bones. Bleach bones are not prohibited due to protecting of birds of prey. Plastic bones, white plastic and fake feathers can be used it is not a good practice as discussed regarding birds of prey. A WDCA also requested DNR established a 72-hour check for water set most states have 24-hour check. DNR does not recommend a 72-hour trap check the traps need to be checked daily. The Wildlife Damage Control Agent legislative rule allows remote check trap; however, remote checking is not reliable or accurate in West Virginia. Providing for the use of kill ill springs on snares. Relaxing stop on snares took a long time to get snares legal in WV and we have to be careful and do not want to go backwards. Discussions

also involved the request for an increase in bag limit on otters. An increase in bag limit will lead to over harvest and population will continue to drop. The otter has a very low reproductive rate. DNR is working on options.

## **UPDATES ON CWD SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING**

Chris Ryan reviewed the findings of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) efforts in West Virginia. The 2019 hunter harvest CWD testing summary shows there were 716 deer sampled and 22 deer with detected CWD. In total, 403 deer have tested positive for CWD to date. Test results were from deer taken from Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan and Pendleton counties. Testing is performed on all deer except fawns. (Attachment H)

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Vandell, asked why DNR sponsors the Mountain Monster Program? Asked where does this money come from and who authorized to pay for this? He stated that on the credits at the end of show it lists DNR as sponsor. This program does not provide a positive image of West Virginia.

Jo Stern, Jo Stern Outdoors, stated that his constituents recommend reducing the buck limit from 3 to 2. Would like to see dog tracking bill pass. Recommends the Mountaineer Heritage season be moved to Labor Day weekend. Asked if it is legal to hunt turkey with 410 shot guns? Asked if hunting coyote do landowners need to contact DNR when hunting on own land?

Gary Francisco, passed did not want to make comments.

Jerod Harmon, West Virginia Wildlife Federation, West Virginia Bass Nation, stated he has been working on this year's Hunting and Fishing Days and have exciting things coming up for this year's event. He has been active in Senator Capito's proposal on New River Gorge being a National Park and Reserve and encourages all sportsmen to be opposed to this proposal. Thanked all sportsmen that attended the meeting held at Tamarack for their support on opposing. The attendance was great. Thanked Director McDaniel for helping at Tygart Lake for habitat restoration. Bass Nation has worked with the National Cemetery in Grafton getting the Fallen Soldiers wreaths to use on lake habitat.

Ed McMinn, started he attended the meeting at Tamarack with Senators Capito and Senator Manchin on the proposed New River Gorge National Park and Reserve. Senator Capito read several letters from constituents (Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Tourism etc.) that support the change. Stated the senators will accept written comments for two weeks. Stated sportsmen need to write opposing the change, he has contact information if anyone needs it.

Justin Hetrick, President, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, stated his term is up as president. He appreciated the invitation to attend the R3 Summit held at Stonewall Resort. Feels we are overlooking the small game component in the plan to keep youth involved in hunting and the outdoors. Stated he opposes SB 690 (Relating to overland recreation), especially on WMAs.

Jarrold Huggins, thanked the fisheries department for their hard work. Asked if deer checked in can be posted on live feed on DNR's website? Supports lowering buck limit and feels this will help balance deer herd. He feels in three years everyone will see better bucks.

Roman Stauffer, President, Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited, presented annual contribution of \$7,000. for limestone and habitat improvements. Spoke of the Bucket Brigade on Middle Fork of the Williams River with limestone sand which will help improve water quality for brook trout.

Don Ratcliff, asked if DNR is proposing to close 58 square miles in Preston County for bear hunting, asked if this is all private land? Asked to raise weight limit to 100 pounds on bear harvest. He supports the dog tracking bill but wants the ability to charge taken out of the bill, and that they should do out of the goodness of their heart. Stated bears have increased in elk restoration area. Stated there is an increase in wild boar.

Larry Harmon, stated the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service did a comparison of fifty states on out of state licenses sold results showed that West Virginia is number 8 in sales of nonresident licenses. He feels West Virginia needs to look at those numbers before we start lowering buck limit.

Kody Boone, stated nothing worthwhile is cheap, he supports lowering buck limit and would like to see quality buck. Supports dog tracking bill. He is willing to pay more to see buck limit lowered. Would like to see simplification of licenses.

Cory Booth, stated that nonresidents are not harvesting 2 bucks. He has been attending meeting for five years trying to get buck limit lowered. One percent of hunters kill three of either sex. How can lowering limit for does work but does not work for bucks? Recommends one either sex deer on base sportsmens license. No single county kills more does than bucks. He stated Williams River is to be stocked with fingerling trout and feels it is a waste to stock with adult trout.

Kenny Sanders, stated he opposes HB 4070, property tax bill. He supports HB 4514 (permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear) using dogs to assist is good. Supports lowering buck limit. He challenges the Commissioners to engage the public more for more input on how to manage deer herd in the state and that public should have more input.

Mike Persinger, hunters are losing interest in hunting, state parks are also losing money, and all are in a decline. DNR has spent money improving the State Parks. Bite the bullet lower the buck limit down to two and add restriction on the second buck, give hunters something to be excited about.

Frank Hughes, stated he supports lowering the buck limit. Suggest one either sex deer on sportsmen's license and the option to purchase another either sex tag. One antlerless before second buck. Stated he feels the licensing is confusing needs to be user friendly.

Jeff Holbert, supports lowering the buck limit. He thanked Director McDaniel on his work on state parks. Thanked Mark Scott on reaching out to the public for input. Stated he wants the buck limit lowered and said surveys and studies show everyone wants the buck limit lowered. He supports HB 4515 tracking dogs and opposes 4570 tax bill.

Robert Angus, stated he has an autistic friend that can not pass the Hunters Ed exam, if DNR would reduce the cap he would have to stay with supervision but he could hunt. Supports lowering the buck limit. Thanked the NRPO's for their help. Stated he contacted Delegate Amy Summers regarding HB 4535 stated it passed the House and asked Senator Sypolt to help push it through.

Brad Toler, stated he does not want firearms in the four southern counties, Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties. Would like to see trout stocking in the southern counties. Would like to see trapping extended, coyotes are a big problem and we need to do something with them. Thanked Mark Scott for working on trout.

Shawn Butler, stated the Southwick survey stuck in his crawl, told results totaled 50/50 on lowering buck limit but he understands it was 56/44. Would like to see turkey added to Mountaineer Heritage Hunting season. Thanked DNR for pushing dog tracking bill. Questions on the youth hunts the age is 8, asked why on private land it cannot be lowered to 5 years of old?

Jeremy Preston, Mountaineer Chapter – QDMA supports lowering the buck limit. Attended the R3 summit which hunting and fishing was discussed. It was good to see local groups involved. Feels small game needs more attention. He finds it hard to sell if you are not offering what hunters want. Asking if commissioners are going to vote in May on lowering the buck limit?

Morgan Crusenberry, stated he is a nonresident and he supports lowering the buck limit.

Lee Orr, stated ENCTU continues support for DNR. Opposes SB 690 (Relating to overland recreation) and SB 470 (Relating to Crossbow to hunt).

Larry Lawson, all coming to pass for thought.

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Thanked Emily Fleming for Legislative update. Stated E-Bikes (SB660) and State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund (HV 4505) have been added to this year's Legislative bills. Stated the passing of Sunday hunting last year has tripled license sales on Saturdays. Stated he had meeting with Pennsylvania staff on grouse and received some good information. Stated DNR does not sponsor Mountain Monsters and we will check on it. Apprentice license HB 5623 is a great bill and feels you should be able to hunt with license hunter. More information on the USFS&W comparison they track number of permits and WV actually about #30 and not #8 in hunting license holders. Stated DNR is working on small game habitat and we need to get children out hunting squirrel, rabbits, etc. I speak to my staff that there is not enough public hunting area; however, we have added 78 thousand acres and we are looking for more. Stated over 50% of people want buck limited lowered and we need to continually upgrade our product and if we do not have change, we are not doing our job. Reducing the buck limit from 3 to 2 will be on the agenda for the May 3, 2020, Natural Resources Commission meeting and commissioners will vote on.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE**

May 3, 2020, Hawks Nest State Park, Ansted, WV (location subject to change)

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Chambers made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Commissioner Milne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.

## Division of Natural Resources Legislative Tracking Sheet - AGENCY BILLS

84th Legislature

First Regular Session, 2020

Updated Feb. 22, 2020

\* new action

S DNR Supports

O DNR Opposes

M Monitor

D proposed by DNR

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Senate Bill	Similar To	S O M D	Title/Code Section	Sponsors/ Date Introduced	Committee References and Actions	Senate Action/vote	House Action/vote	Governor Action
<a href="#">SB 449</a>		D	Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules	Maynard 1/14	Judiciary; Com sub reported 1/28; Introduced in House, to House Judiciary 2/3	Passed Senate, effective from passage 31-Y, 0-N, 3-A, 1/31; ordered to House	Passed House, effective upon passage, 96-y, 1-N, 3-NV, 2/12	Completed legislation
<a href="#">SB 468</a>	<a href="#">HB 4515</a>	D	Relating to eligibility for license or permit application §20 - 2 - 30 (Amended Code)	Pitsenbarger, Hamilton, Sypolt, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cline, Roberts, Romano, Swope, Tarr 1/15	Natural Resources; to House Ag & Natural Resources 1/28	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27		
<a href="#">SB 469</a>	<a href="#">HB 4513</a>	D	Increasing replacement costs for game and protected species §20 - 2 - 5 a (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Sypolt, Prezioso 1/15	Natural Resources then Judiciary; to Judiciary 1/23;			
<a href="#">SB 470</a>	<a href="#">HB 4549</a>	D	Relating to use of crossbow to hunt §20 - 2 - 5 g (Amended Code)	Cline, Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Roberts, Azinger, Palumbo 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; Com Sub from Ag & NR 2/4	Title Amendment passed and passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 95-Y 3-N 2-NV, 2/11	to Governor 2/19
<a href="#">SB 486</a>	<a href="#">HB 4545</a>	D	Permitting ABCC licensees operating at state park locations pay in arrears §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Cline, Sypolt, Prezioso, Hamilton, Palumbo 1/15	Natural Resources			
<a href="#">SB 487</a>	<a href="#">HB 4507</a>	D	Providing exception that all DNR payments be deposited within 24 hours §20 - 1 - 7 (Amended Code)	Sypolt, Hamilton, Azinger 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 98-Y, 0-N, 2-NV, 2/11	to Governor 2/19
<a href="#">SB 500</a>	<a href="#">HB 4517</a>	D	Relating to Class Y special crossbow hunting permit §20 - 2 - 42 w (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 98-Y, 0-N, 2-NV, 2/11	to Governor 2/19
<a href="#">SB 501</a>	<a href="#">HB 4520</a>	D	Relating to North Bend Rail Trail, Greenbrier River Trail, and Elk River Trail §20 - 5 - 3 (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Prezioso 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 97-Y, 1-N, 2-NV, 2/11	to Governor 2/19
<a href="#">SB 516</a>	<a href="#">HB 4506</a>	D	Allowing DNR procure architect-engineer services §20 - 1 - 15 (New Code)	Roberts, Hamilton, Prezioso, Cline 1/16	Natural Resources then Gov Org			
<a href="#">SB 517</a>	<a href="#">HB 4505</a> FN	D	Creating State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund §20 - 5 A- 1 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 2 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 3 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 4 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 5 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 6 (New Code)	Hamilton, Prezioso, Beach, Stollings 1/16	Natural Resources then Finance; Com sub reported from NR; to Finance 1/28; to House finance 2/12	Passed Senate 33-Y, 0-N, 2-A; Effective upon passage, ordered to House 2/11;		
<a href="#">SB 550</a>	<a href="#">*HB 4514</a>	D	Permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Maynard, Cline 1/21	Natural Resources; Com Sub reported 1/28; To House Ag & Natural Resources 1/3	Passed Senate 30-Y, 1-N, 3-A, ordered to House; 1/31		

<a href="#">*SB 660</a>	<a href="#">HB 4577</a>	S	Regulating electric bicycles §17 A- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 B- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 5 a (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 70 (New Code) §17 C- 11 - 6 (New Code)	Maynard, Roberts 1/30	Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary; to Judiciary 2/12; to House Judiciary 2/21	Passed Senate 32 Y 1 N 1 A 2/21		
House Bill	Similar To	S O M D	Title/Code Section	Sponsors/ Date Introduced	Committee References and Actions	House Action/vote	Senate Action/vote	Governor Action
<a href="#">HB 4116</a>	<a href="#">HB 4514</a>	M	Permitting the tracking of wounded or injured deer or bear with leashed dogs §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Steele, Pack 1/13	House Agriculture and Natural Resources			
<a href="#">HB 4505</a> FN	<a href="#">SI SB517</a>	D	Creating the State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund §20 - 5 A- 1 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 2 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 3 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 4 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 5 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 6 (New Code)	Atkinson, Westfall, Tomblin, Cooper, Hartman, Cadle, Hott, Thompson, R. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Finance; with amendment, do pass, first to Finance 2/4			
<a href="#">HB 4506</a>	<a href="#">SI SB516</a>	D	Relating to procurement of architect-engineer services by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources §20 - 1 - 15 (New Code)	Atkinson, Tomblin, Sypolt, Westfall, Hott, Hartman, Anderson, Cadle, Dean, Kelly, D. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 4513</a>	<a href="#">SI SB469</a>	D	Increasing the replacement costs required of a person causing injury or death of game or protected species §20 - 2 - 5 a (Amended Code)	Atkinson, Anderson, Tomblin, Westfall, Cadle, Dean 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary; with amendment, do pass but first to Judiciary; to Senate Judiciary 2/17	Passed House 86- Y 6-N 8-NV 2/14		
<a href="#">*HB 4514</a>	<a href="#">SI SB 550</a>	D	Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Atkinson, Anderson, Cadle, Westfall, Tomblin, Porterfield, Hott 1/23	Ag & Natural Resources; to Senate Natural Resources	Passed House 95 Y 2 N 3 NV 2/20		
<a href="#">*HB 4515</a>	<a href="#">SI SB468</a>	D	Relating to wildlife resources, eligibility for license or permit application §20 - 2 - 30 (Amended Code)	Sypolt, Hartman, Westfall, Tomblin, Anderson, Cooper, Cadle, Hott, Atkinson, Dean, Kelly, D. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources; to Senate Natural Resources 2/10;	Passed House 97- Y, 1-N, 2-NV, 2/7	Passed Senate 33 Y 0 N 1A 2/21	Completed legislation
<a href="#">HB 4545</a>	<a href="#">SI SB486</a>	D	Permitting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission licensees operating at state park locations to pay in arrears on invoices §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Westfall, Atkinson, Tomblin, Sypolt, Anderson, Cadle, Hott, Hartman, Kelly, D., Dean 1/27	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4577</a>	<a href="#">SB 660</a>	M	Establishing regulation of electric bicycles §17 A- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 B- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 5 a (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 70 (New Code) §17 C- 11 - 6 (New Code)	Atkinson, Sypolt, Boggs, Jeffries, D., Butler, Rowan, Westfall, Miller, Queen, Lavender-Bowe 1/30	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary; with amendment do pass, first to Judiciary 2/14			

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<a href="#">SB 35</a>		S	Limiting civil penalty for littering conviction to \$2,000; §22 - 15 A- 4 (Amended Code)	Clements 1/8	Judiciary; Introduced in House 1/20; to House Judiciary	Passed Senate 31 Y 0 N 3 Absent; Senate concurred to House amendments 33-Y 0-N 1-A 2/13	Title amendment adopted, Passed House 85-Y 9-N 6-NV, to senate 2/12	Completed legislation 2/13
<a href="#">SB 36</a>		M	Establishing Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority ; §20 - 14 A- 1 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 2 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 3 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 4 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 5 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 6 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 7 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 8 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 9 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 10 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 11 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 12 (New Code) §20 - 14 A- 13 (New Code)	Clements 1/8	Economic Development then Judiciary			
<a href="#">SB 41</a>		M	Encouraging landowners make land available for recreation purposes by limiting landowner liability §19 - 25 - 2 (Amended Code) §19 - 25 - 3 (Amended Code) §19 - 25 - 4 (Amended Code) §19 - 25 - 5 (Amended Code) §19 - 25 - 6 (Amended Code)	Maynard, Cline 1/8	Natural Resources the Judiciary			
<a href="#">SB 60</a>		M	Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation §20 - 1 - 15 (New Code)	Beach 1/8	Economic Development then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 81</a>		M	Terminating, expiring, or cancelling oil or natural gas leases §36 - 4 - 9 b (New Code)	Smith 1/8	Energy, Industry and Mining then Judiciary			
<a href="#">SB 91</a> FN		O	Permitting certain veterans to hunt, trap, or fish in state without license; §20-2-28 (Amended Code)	Baldwin 1/8	Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 142</a>		M	Expanding Coyote Control Program through voluntary assessment on breeding cows ; §7-7-6e	Sypolt, Hamilton, Jefferies 1/8	Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance; Com Sub to Finance 1/23; do pass Finance 2/4; to House Ag & Natural Resources then Finance 2/10	Passed Senate 34-Y 0-N 0-A 2/7		
<a href="#">SB 160</a> FN		M	Creating Voluntary WVU Rifle Team Check-Off Program on hunting and fishing licenses; §20 - 2 D- 1 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 2 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 3 (New Code)	Sypolt 1/9	Natural Resources then Finance; Com Sub reported from NR; to Finance 1/22;			
<a href="#">SB 167</a>		M	Expanding Coyote Control Program through assessment on breeding cows; § 7 - 7 - 6 e (Amended Code)	Blair 1/9	Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 175</a>		M	Requiring certain agencies maintain website which contains specific information; § 5 F- 1 - 7 (New Code) § 7 - 1 - 3rr (Amended Code) § 8 - 39 - 1 (New Code)	Blair 1/9	Gov Org then Finance, Com sub; to finance 1/27; 2nd reference dispensed 1/27; to House Gov Org 1/31; with amendment to House Finance 2/18	Passed Senate 1/30; 33-Y, 0-N, 1-A;		
<a href="#">SB 185</a> FN		O	Exempting certain persons from hunting, trapping, and fishing fees; §20 - 2 - 63 (New Code)	Weld 1/9	Natural Resources then Finance			

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<a href="#">SB 186</a>		M	Relating to certain pension benefits exempt from state taxation §11 - 21 - 12 (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 (Amended Code)	Weld, Hamilton 1/9	Pensions then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 198</a>		M	Creating Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund §11 - 13 A- 3 a (Amended Code) §22 - 6 - 29 a (New Code)	Blair, Hamilton 1/9	Energy, Industry and Mining then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 222</a>		M	Prohibiting renaming or removal of certain monuments §29 - 1 - 8 c (New Code)	Maynard 1/9	Judiciary			
<a href="#">SB 228</a>		M	Eliminating liability of owners of active or abandoned mine lands and active or inactive railway lines to persons who may enter upon premises §19 - 25 - 2 a (New Code)	Maynard 1/9	Judiciary			
<a href="#">SB 233</a>		M	Establishing WV Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System; § 5 - 10 - 17 (Amended Code); § 5 - 10 D- 1 (Amended Code); § 7 - 14 D- 5 (Amended Code); § 8 - 22 A- 6 (Amended Code); §16 - 5 V- 6 (Amended Code); §20 - 17 - 1 et seq (New Code)	Weld, Hamilton 1/9	Pensions then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 260</a>		M	Collecting of personal information by retail establishments for certain purposes §46 A- 2 A- 102 a (New Code)	Ihlenfeld, 1/10	Economic Development then Judiciary; to Judiciary 1/23			
<a href="#">SB 262</a>		M	Creating rebuttable presumption under workers' compensation law for law-enforcement officer who has developed certain diseases; §23 - 4 - 1 (Amended Code)	Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Stollings 1/10	Banking and Insurance then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 274</a>		O	Authorizing year-round hunting of coyote; §20 - 2 - 5 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, Stollings 1/10	Natural Resources			
<a href="#">SB 294</a>		O	Requiring settlement moneys and recovered funds be deposited in general revenue § 5 - 3 - 5 (Repealed Code) § 5 - 3 A- 1 (New Code) § 5 - 3 A- 2 (New Code) § 5 - 3 A- 3 (New Code) § 5 - 3 A- 4 (New Code) § 5 - 3 A- 5 (New Code) § 5 - 3 A- 6 (New Code)	Tarr 1/10	Judiciary then Finance			
<a href="#">SB 322</a>		M	Relating to prequalifications for state contract vendors §5 A- 3 - 10 e (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/13	Gov Org; Introduced in House; to House Gov Org 1/23	Passed Senate 1/22 29 Y 0 N 5 Absent		
<a href="#">SB 449</a>		D	Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules	Maynard 1/14	Judiciary; Com sub reported 1/28; Introduced in House, to House Judiciary 2/3; Judiciary do pass, 2/7	Passed Senate, effective from passage 31-Y, 0-N, 3-A, 1/31; ordered to House	Passed House, effective upon passage, 96-y, 1-N, 3-NV, 2/12	Completed legislation
<a href="#">SB 468</a>	<a href="#">HB 4515</a>	D	Relating to eligibility for license or permit application §20 - 2 - 30 (Amended Code)	Pitsenbarger, Hamilton, Sybolt, Azinger, Boley, Clements, Cline, Roberts, Romano, Swope, Tarr 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A; 1/27		
<a href="#">SB 469</a>	<a href="#">HB 4513</a>	D	Increasing replacement costs for game and protected species §20 - 2 - 5 a (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Sybolt, Prezioso 1/15	Natural Resources then Judiciary; to Judiciary 1/23;			
<a href="#">SB 470</a>	<a href="#">HB 4549</a>	D	Relating to use of crossbow to hunt §20 - 2 - 5 g (Amended Code)	Cline, Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sybolt, Roberts, Azinger, Palumbo 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; Com Sub from Ag & NR 2/4	Title Amendment passed and passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A; 1/27	Passed House 95-Y 3-N 2-NV, 2/11	to Governor 2/18
<a href="#">*SB 472</a> FN		M	Providing alternative sentencing program for work release §62 - 11 A- 1 a (Amended Code)	Maynard, Stollings, Clements 1/15	Judiciary	on 1st reading 2/24		

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<a href="#">SB 481</a>		O	Allowing primitive camping on state property §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/15	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 486</a>	<a href="#">HB 4545</a>	D	Permitting ABCC licensees operating at state park locations pay in arrears §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Cline, Sypolt, Prezioso, Hamilton, Palumbo 1/15	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 487</a>	<a href="#">HB 4507</a>	D	Providing exception that all DNR payments be deposited within 24 hours §20 - 1 - 7 (Amended Code)	Sypolt, Hamilton, Azinger 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 98-Y, 0-N, 2-NV, 2/11 to Governor 2/18
<a href="#">SB 490</a>	<a href="#">SI HB4169</a>	M	Relating to protection of animal and crop facilities §61 - 3 B- 7 (New Code)	Sypolt, Smith, Rucker, Beach, Baldwin, Jeffries 1/15	Agriculture and Rural Development then Judiciary; to House Ag & Natural Resources then Judiciary 2/18	Passed Senate 32-Y 0-N 2-A 2/17	
<a href="#">SB 500</a>	<a href="#">HB 4517</a>	D	Relating to Class Y special crossbow hunting permit §20 - 2 - 42 w (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 98-Y, 0-N, 2-NV, 2/11 to Governor 2/18
<a href="#">SB 501</a>	<a href="#">HB 4520</a>	D	Relating to North Bend Rail Trail, Greenbrier River Trail, and Elk River Trail §20 - 5 - 3 (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Pitsenbarger, Sypolt, Prezioso 1/15	Natural Resources; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/28; do pass Com Sub from Ag & Natural Resources 2/4	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A ; 1/27	Passed House 97-Y, 1-N, 2-NV, 2/11 to Governor 2/18
<a href="#">SB 506</a>		M	Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation § 5 B- 2 J- 1 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 2 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 3 (New Code)	Maynard 1/16	Economic Development then Development		
<a href="#">SB 512</a>		M	Increasing misdemeanor penalty for impersonation of law-enforcement officer §61 - 1 - 9 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, Baldwin, Hamilton, Stollings 1/16	Judiciary		
<a href="#">SB 516</a>	<a href="#">HB 4506</a>	D	Allowing DNR procure architect-engineer services §20 - 1 - 15 (New Code)	Roberts, Hamilton, Prezioso, Cline 1/16	Natural Resources then Gov Org		
<a href="#">SB 517</a>	<a href="#">HB 4505 FN</a>	D	Creating State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund §20 - 5 A- 1 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 2 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 3 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 4 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 5 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 6 (New Code)	Hamilton, Prezioso, Beach, Stollings 1/16	Natural Resources then Finance; Com sub reported from NR; to Finance 1/28; to House finance 2/12	Passed Senate 33-Y, 0-N, 2-A; Effective upon passage, ordered to House 2/11;	
<a href="#">SB 524</a>		O	Prohibiting Natural Resources Commission from establishing bag limit for antlered deer §20 - 1 - 17 (Amended Code)	Jeffries 1/17	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 533</a>		O	Relating to lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for certain foster or adoptive children §20 - 2 B- 7 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, Baldwin, Beach, Stollings 1/17	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 537 FN</a>		O	Relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses §20 - 2 - 28 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/20	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 550</a>	<a href="#">SI HB 4514</a>	D	Permitting leashed dogs track mortally wounded deer or bear §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Maynard, Cline 1/21	Natural Resources; Com Sub reported 1/28; Introduced in House, to Ag & Natural Resources 1/3	Passed Senate 30-Y, 1-N, 3-A, ordered to House; 1/31	
<a href="#">*SB 554</a>		M	Relating to termination, expiration, or cancellation of oil or natural gas leases §36 - 4 - 9 b (New Code)	Smith, Clements, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Trump, Romano 1/21	Energy then Judiciary; to Judiciary 1/31; Com Sub for Com Sub reported 2/11; to House Energy then Judiciary 2/17; with amendment, 2nd reference dispensed	Passed Senate 31-Y 0-N 3-A, 2/14	on 1st reading 2/24
<a href="#">SB 563</a>		O	Eliminating suspension of driver's license for failure to pay court fines and costs § 8 - 10 - 2 b (Amended Code) §17 B- 3 - 3 c (Amended Code) §62 - 4 - 17 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, Lindsay, Stollings, Woelfel 1/21	Judiciary		

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<a href="#">SB 576</a>	<a href="#">SI HB4390</a>	M	Relating to management of public records § 5 A- 8 - 3 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 4 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 5 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 6 (Repealed Code) § 5 A- 8 - 7 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 9 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 10 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 11 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 12 (Repealed Code) § 5 A- 8 - 13 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 14 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 17 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/22	Gov Org; Com Sub reported 2/5; to House Gov Org 2/11	Passed Senate 32-Y, 0-N, 2-A, ordered to House 2/11	
<a href="#">SB 593</a>			Relating to required equipment for State Police and Natural Resources police officers §15 - 2 - 10 (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 4 (Amended Code)	Hamilton, Baldwin, Beach, Boley, Clements, Cline, Facemire, Hardesty, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Mann, Palumbo, Pitsenbarger, Prezioso, Roberts, Romano, Smith, Stollings, Swope, Sypolt, Takubo, Tarr, Unger, Weld, Woelfel 1/22	Gov Org		
<a href="#">SB 595</a>	<a href="#">SI SB222</a>	M	Relating to WV Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2020 §29-1-8c (New Code)	Maynard 1/22	Judiciary		
<a href="#">SB 596</a>	<a href="#">SI SB221</a>	M	Requiring Public Land Corporation and Real Estate Division review all vacated public-owned property § 5 A-10 - 3 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 11 - 3 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/22	Gov Org then Finance		
<a href="#">SB 644</a>		M	Assessing wildlife impact fee on wind power projects §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code)	Smith, Cline, Sypolt 1/29	Natural Resources then Judiciary		
<a href="#">SB 645</a>		O	Protecting albino deer §20 - 2 - 5 a (Amended Code) §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code)	Smith, Cline, Stollings 1/29	Natural Resources then Judiciary		
<a href="#">SB 655</a>		M	Relating to valuation of natural resources land property §11 - 1 C-10 (Amended Code) §11 - 1 C- 10 a (New Code) §11 - 3 - 24 (Amended Code) §11 - 3 - 25 (Amended Code) §11 - 10 A- 8 (Amended Code)	Tarr 1/29	Energy, Industry and Mining, then Finance; to House Finance 2/20	Passed Senate 27 Y 7 N 0 A; 2/19	
<a href="#">*SB 657</a>		M	Allowing designation of tourism development districts § 5 B- 1 - 9 (New Code)	Rucker, Blair, Smith, Trump, Cline, Sypolt 1/30	Gov Org; Com Sub reported 2/6; to House finance 2/12; with amendment 2/19	Passed Senate with amended title, 21-Y, 12-N, 1-A, effective upon passage, ordered to House 2/11	on 3rd reading 2/24
<a href="#">*SB 660</a>	<a href="#">HB 4577</a>	S	Regulating electric bicycles §17 A- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 B- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 5 a (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 70 (New Code) §17 C- 11 - 6 (New Code)	Maynard, Roberts 1/30	Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary; to Judiciary 2/12; Com Sub 2/18; to House Judiciary 2/21	Passed Senate 32 Y 1 N 1 A 2/21	
<a href="#">SB 669 FN</a>	<a href="#">SCR 40</a>	O	Establishing WV Greenways and Trails Act §20 - 18 - 1 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 2 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 3 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 4 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 5 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 6 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 7 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 8 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 9 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 10 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 11 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 12 (New Code) §20 - 18 - 13 (New Code)	Cline 1/31	Natural Resources then Finance		

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<a href="#">SB 677</a>		O	Expanding jurisdiction of Legislative Claims Commission §14 - 2 - 13 (Amended Code)	Maynard 1/31	Judiciary then Finance		
<a href="#">SB 690</a>		O	Relating to overland recreation § 5 B- 2 - 17 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 1 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 2 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 3 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 4 (New Code) § 5 B- 2 J- 5 (New Code) §17 - 2 A- 11 (Amended Code) §17 - 2 A- 11 a (New Code) §17 A- 13 - 1 (New Code) §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Maynard, Cline 2/5	Gov Org then Finance		
<a href="#">SB 699</a>	<a href="#">SCR 41</a>	M	Recognizing Outdoor Recreation Industry Confluence Accords § 5 B- 9 - 1 (New Code)	Cline 2/5	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 706</a>	<a href="#">SI HB4608</a>	M	Clarifying duties of law-enforcement training and certification subcommittee §30 - 29 - 3 (Amended Code) §30 - 29 - 5 (Amended Code)	Trump, Clements 2/5	Gov Org; Com Sub 2/12; to House Judiciary 2/18	Passed Senate 32-Y 0-N 2-A 2/17	
<a href="#">SB 736</a>		M	Relating to public service districts' laying of certain utility lines on state rights-of-way §16 - 13 A- 9 b (New Code)	Maynard, Sypolt 2/7	Transportation and Infrastructure		
<a href="#">*SB 738</a>		M	Creating Flatwater Trail Commission § 5 B- 9 - 1 (New Code)	Maynard 2/10	Gov Org then Finance; Com Sub to Finance and passed 2/21	on 1st reading 2/24	
<a href="#">SB 771</a>		M	Preserving and protecting right to keep and bear arms §15 - 15 - 1 (New Code) §15 - 15 - 2 (New Code) §15 - 15 - 3 (New Code) §15 - 15 - 4 (New Code) §15 - 15 - 5 (New Code) §15 - 15 - 6 (New Code)	Maynard 2/17	Judiciary		
<a href="#">SB 773</a>		M	Requiring county or regional solid waste authorities provide roll-off dumpster free of charge §22 C- 4 - 8 (Amended Code) §22 C- 4 - 10 (Amended Code)	Maynard 2/13	Gov Org		
<a href="#">SB 799</a>		M	Establishing WV Convention and Visitor's Bureau Oversight Council § 5 B- 9 - 1 (New Code)	Maynard 2/18	Gov Org then Finance		
<a href="#">SB 818 FN</a>		M	Empowering WV transfer Little Beaver State Park to Raleigh County Commission	Roberts 2/18	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">SB 827</a>		M	Relating to protection and repair of damage caused by oil and gas industry to state roads §17 - 30 - 1 (New Code) §17 - 30 - 2 (New Code) §17 - 30 - 3 (New Code) §17 - 30 - 4 (New Code) §22 - 1 - 6 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Baldwin, Stollings, Smith, Beach 2/17	Transportation and Infrastructure then Judiciary; to Judiciary 2/20		
<a href="#">SB 829</a>		M	Establishing Overland Recreation Fund § 5 B- 2 I- 9 (New Code)	Maynard 2/18	Finance		
<a href="#">SB 834</a>		O	Relating to operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles §17 - 13 - 1 (New Code)	Maynard 2/17	Transportation and Infrastructure		
<a href="#">SB 836</a>		M	Providing rule-making power to DNR for purposes of regulating training dogs that pursue bear §20 - 2 - 5 (Amended Code)	Sypolt 2/18	Natural Resources		
<a href="#">*SB 841</a>		M	Requiring Governor to fix salaries of certain appointed officers after office is vacated § 6 - 7 - 2 a (Amended Code)	Blair, Tarr, Boley, Hamilton, Mann, Maroney, Swope, Roberts, Takubo, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Palumbo, Stollings, Unger 2/24	Originating in Finance 2/21	on 1st reading 2/24	
<a href="#">SCR 26</a>		M	Urging US Congress reopen public lands	Maynard, Cline, Sypolt 2/7	Natural Resources		

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<a href="#">SCR 40</a>		<b>S</b>	Requesting study of establishing and expanding statewide system of greenways and trails	Cline, Hamilton, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Sypolt 2/18	Originating in Natural Resources, to Rules 2/18			
<a href="#">SCR 41</a>		<b>S</b>	Requesting Governor take action necessary for WV to join Outdoor Recreation Industry Confluence of States and Accords	Cline, Hamilton, Beach, Facemire, Hardesty, Pitsenbarger, Roberts, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Sypolt 2/18	Originating in Natural Resources, to Rules 2/18			
<a href="#">HB 2030</a>		<b>O</b>	Permitting honorably discharged veterans to hunt, trap or fish in this state without first obtaining a license; §20-2-28 (Amended Code)	Wilson 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2043</a>		<b>M</b>	Requiring moneys collected from the sale of timber realized through management of the state-owned forests and parks be distributed on a pro rata basis §19 - 1 A- 3 (Amended Code)	Thompson, R. 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2047</a>		<b>M</b>	Relating to penalties incurred from obstructing, fleeing from and making false statements to law-enforcement §61 - 5 - 17 (Amended Code)	Sponaugle 1/8	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2075</a>		<b>M</b>	Exempting certain law-enforcement officers from payment of income and personal property taxes §11 - 3 - 9 (Amended Code) §11 - 21 - 12 (Amended Code)	McGeehan 1/8	Political Subdivisions then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2097</a>		<b>O</b>	Relating to the hunting of coyotes ; §20-2-5 (Amended Code)	McGeehan, Kelly, J., Porterfield 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2111</a>		<b>M</b>	Relating to pension benefits exempt from state income taxation §11 - 21 - 12 (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 (Amended Code)	Caputo 1/8	Pensions and Retirement then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2140</a>		<b>O</b>	Providing a ten percent discount to residents at state parks and forests; §20 - 5 - 20 (New Code)	Caputo 1/8	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2143</a>		<b>M</b>	West Virginia Firearms Freedom Act §47 - 26 - 1 (New Code)	Howell 1/8	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2150</a>		<b>O</b>	Providing a fee discount for certain nonresident hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for native nonresidents §20 - 1 - 2 (Amended Code) §20 - 2 - 45 (New Code)	Cooper 1/8	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2151</a>		<b>O</b>	Relating to the beginning and expiration of hunting and fishing licenses §20 - 2 - 35 (Amended Code)	Cooper 1/8	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary; with amendment, do pass, but first to Judiciary 2/11			
<a href="#">HB 2162</a>		<b>M</b>	West Virginia Native American Tribes Unique Recognition, Authentication and Listing Act; § 5 - 30 - 1 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 2 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 3 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 4 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 5 (New Code)	Rohrbaugh 1/8	House Government Organization then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2165</a>		<b>M</b>	Relating to custody and disposal of seized controlled substances and drugs §62 - 16 - 1 (New Code) §62 - 16 - 2 (New Code)	Miller 1/8	Judiciary			

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<a href="#">HB 2166</a>	M	Prohibiting employees of the state who have convictions for driving under the influence from driving or operating state owned vehicle § 5 A- 3 - 46 (Amended Code)	Howell 1/8	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2170</a>	M	Right to keep and bear arms § 5 - 30 - 1 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 2 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 3 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 4 (New Code) § 5 - 30 - 5 (New Code)	McGeehan 1/8	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2185</a>	M	Relating to the removal of animals left unattended in motor vehicles §61 - 8 - 19 (Amended Code)	Westfall, Byrd, Lovejoy, Zukoff, Fluharty, Pushkin, Fleischauer, Rohrbach 1/8	Judiciary then Finance; with amendment 1/20 to Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2207</a>	M	Requiring that a state employee with a commercial driver's license have a current medical evaluation certification §17 E- 1 - 9 (Amended Code)	Cooper 1/8	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2213</a>	M	Mountain State Employee Compensation Realignment Act § 5 - 16 - 27 (New Code)	Wilson 1/8	Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2228</a>	O	Allowing counties and municipalities to levy a sales tax on food and beverages sold at restaurants §11 - 28 - 1 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 2 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 3 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 4 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 5 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 6 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 7 (New Code) §11 - 28 - 8 (New Code)	Shott, Porterfield 1/8	Political Subdivisions then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2334</a>	M	Establishing an industrial water extraction fee §22 - 6 C- 1 (New Code) §22 - 6 C- 2 (New Code) §22 - 6 C- 3 (New Code)	Fleischauer, Pushkin 1/8	Energy then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2404</a>	M	Providing an increase in compensation for natural resources police officers; §20 - 7 - 1 a (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 c (Amended Code)	Caputo 1/8	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2433</a>	S	Modifying the school calendar to begin not earlier than Labor Day and end prior to Memorial Day §18 - 5 - 45 (Amended Code)	Kelly, J., Cooper, Atkinson, Wilson, Steele, Dean, Campbell, Kelly, D., Hanna, Fast, Jeffries, D. 1/8	Education; Com sub 1/24	floor amendment adopted 1/28; House rejected 1/30; Y-47, N-50, 3-NV; motion to reconsider rejected 1/30; Y-46, N-52, NV-2			
<a href="#">HB 2442</a>	M	Increasing compensation for conservation officers; §20 - 7 - 1 a (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 c (Amended Code)	Caputo 1/8	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2461</a>	M	Relating to cruelty to animals; §61 - 8 - 19 (Amended Code)	Williams, Byrd, Pyles 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2471</a>	M	Increasing criminal penalties for impersonation of law-enforcement officers or officials §61 - 1 - 9 (Amended Code)	Steele, Mandt, Howell, Foster, Kessinger 1/15	Judiciary then Finance; with amendment 1/15 to Finance				
<a href="#">HB 2544</a>	O	Authorizing local boards of health to assess, charge and collect increased environmental fees for restaurants §16 - 2 - 11 (Amended Code)	Canestraro, Fleischauer, Zukoff, Hansen 1/8	Political Subdivisions then Health and Human Resources				
<a href="#">HB 2578</a>	O	Allowing children in the custody of the state in any foster home, group home or other facility or residence to hunt and fish without a license; §20 - 2 - 27 (Amended Code)	Rodighiero 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance				

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<a href="#">HB 2582</a>		O	Exempting all veterans of the Armed Forces or any reserve component thereof from having to obtain a hunting, trapping fishing license §20 - 2 - 27 (Amended Code)	Rodighiero 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2595</a>		M	Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System ; § 5 - 10 - 17 (Amended Code) § 5 - 10 D- 1 (Amended Code) § 7 - 14 D- 5 (Amended Code) § 8 - 22 A- 6 (Amended Code) §16 - 5 V- 6 (Amended Code) §20 - 2 B- 10 (Amended Code) §20 - 2 B- 11 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 1 (New Code)	Pack, Graves, Cooper, Paynter, Steele, Jennings, Evans, Storch, Maynard 1/8	Pensions and Retirement then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2599</a>		M	Awarding service weapons to special natural resources police officers upon retirement §20 - 7 - 1 d (Amended Code) §20 - 7 - 1 f (Amended Code)	Rowan 1/8	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2616</a>		M	Providing a maximum repair cost for insured owners of motor vehicles if a collision with a deer caused the damage §17 D- 2 A- 4 (Amended Code)	Rodighiero, Evans, Thompson, R., Tomblin, Hicks 1/8	House Banking and Insurance then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2636</a>		O	Exempting volunteer firefighters from fees for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits ; §20 - 2 - 63 (New Code)	Rodighiero 1/8	House Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2642</a>		M	Clarifying what constitutes an action requiring service to the Attorney General and notice to the Legislature §55 - 17 - 3 (Amended Code)	Sponaule, Miley, Shott, Lovejoy, Hombuckle, Caputo, Fluharty 1/8	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2644</a>		O	Allowing an owner of Japanese quail to keep them as pets without having to obtain a license; §20 - 2 - 47 (Amended Code)	Thompson, R., Brown, N., Hicks 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 2650</a>		M	Establishing seniority rights for public employees §29 - 6 - 13 (New Code)	Rodighiero 1/8	Gov Org then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2696</a>		M	Creating an additional index system for state-owned lands §14 - 1 - 20 (Amended Code) §14 - 1 - 21 (Amended Code)	Howell, Bibby, Phillips, Sypolt, Cadle, Azinger, Jeffries, D., Hott 1/8	Gov Org; Introduced in Senate 1/20; to Senate Gov Org	Passed House 1/17 Y- 90 N -6 NV-4; House recvd senate message 1/30	Passed Senate 1/30, Y-33, N-0, 1-A	Completed Legislation; to Governor
<a href="#">HB 2756</a>		M	Requiring contractors performing work for government contracts on computers use software to verify the hours §21 - 11 - 21 (New Code)	Foster, Criss, Waxman, Graves, Jeffries, D., Pack, Hill, Butler 1/8	Industry and Labor then Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 2776</a>		M	Providing one-time supplements to all annuitants when they reach the age of seventy § 5 - 10 - 221 (New Code) §18 - 7 A- 26 w (New Code)	Rodighiero 1/8	Pensions and Retirement then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2810</a>		M	Modifying the method of calculation of the employer and employee contribution percentages for public employee insurance premiums § 5 - 16 - 5 (Amended Code)	Bates 1/8	Banking and Insurance then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 2840</a>		O	Allowing a county commission in certain counties to impose an amusement tax to support medical care § 7 - 1 - 3tt (New Code)	Jennings, Phillips 1/8	Political Subdivisions then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 2858</a>		M	Permitting the taking of bait fish with a net not exceeding 12 foot in radius; §20 - 2 - 5 (Amended Code)	Thompson, R., Hicks, Rodighiero, Evans 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Political Subdivisions			

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<a href="#">HB 2920</a>	M	Creating state and local law-enforcement review boards §15 - 2 F-1 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-2 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-3 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-4 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-5 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-6 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-7 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-8 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-9 (New Code) §15 - 2 F-10 (New Code) §15 - 2 G-1 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-2 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-3 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-4 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-5 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-6 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-7 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-8 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-9 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-10 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-11 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-12 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 G-13 (Amended Code)	Doyle, Hornbuckle, Brown, S., Pushkin, Evans 1/8	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2923</a>	M	Reforming the practice of securing state insurance §29 - 12 - 2 (Amended Code) §29 - 12 - 3 (Amended Code) §29 - 12 - 4 (Amended Code) §29 - 12 - 5 (Amended Code) §29 - 12 - 5 d (New Code)	Jennings, Kessinger, Cooper, Hanna, Mandt, Cadle, Hardy 1/8	Banking and Insurance then Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 2989</a>	O	State Settlement and Recovered Funds Accountability Act §5 - 3 - 5 (Repealed Code) §5 - 3 A-1 (New Code) §5 - 3 A-2 (New Code) §5 - 3 A-3 (New Code) §5 - 3 A-4 (New Code) §5 - 3 A-5 (New Code) §5 - 3 A-6 (New Code)	Rohrbaugh 1/8	Judiciary then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 3032</a>	S	Modifying the types of bolts and arrows that may be used in crossbow hunting; §20 - 2 - 5 g (Amended Code)	Cadle, Cooper, Howell, Hott, Linville, Porterfield 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 3053</a>	O	Relating to rules for hunting antlered deer; §20 - 2 - 39 (New Code)	Hott; Martin, C., Kelly, D., Rowan, Phillips, Mandt 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Gov Org				
<a href="#">HB 3120</a>	M	West Virginia Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Control Act §20 - 17 - 1 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 2 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 3 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 4 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 5 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 6 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 7 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 8 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 9 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 10 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 11 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 12 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 13 (New Code) §20 - 17 - 14 (New Code)	Doyle, Pyles, Hansen 1/8	Industry and Labor then Gov Org				
<a href="#">HB 4012</a>	M	West Virginia Contractor Act §21-11-1 et seq (repealed) §30-11-1 et seq (new code)	Porterfield, Howell, Little, Mandt, Higginbotham, Foster, Cowles, Ellington, Jennings 1/9	Gov Org				

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<a href="#">*HB 4015</a>		M	Relating to Broadband Enhancement and Expansion §31 - 15 - 8 (Amended Code) §31 G- 1 - 3 (Amended Code) §31 G- 5 - 1 (New Code) §31 G- 5 - 2 (New Code) §31 G- 5 - 3 (New Code) §31 G- 5 - 4 (New Code)	Linville, Atkinson, Bamhart, Kelly, D., Maynard, Sypoll, Porterfield, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Queen, Pack, Nelson 1/9	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary; with amendment do pass, first to Judiciary; do pass 2/17; to Senate Gov Org 2/21	Passed House 98 Y 1 N 1 NV, 2/20		
<a href="#">HB 4029</a>		M	Creating a Class VI hunting permit to safely accommodate visually impaired hunters; §20 - 2 - 46 g (new Code)	Porterfield 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources			
<a href="#">HB 4042</a>		M	Requiring agencies exempt from some or all of state purchasing requirements to adopt procedural rules §5A-3-62 (new code)	Howell, Bibby, Jeffries, J., Waxman, Kelly, J., Cadle 1/8	Gov Org; introduced in Senate 1/20; to Senate Gov Org; reported do pass 1/31; Floor Amendment adopted 2/5	Passed House 1/17 Y-96; N-0; NV-4; House concurred in Senate Amendment 96-Y, 0-N, 4-NV	Passed Senate 2/6 34-Y, 0-N, 0-A; request House to concur	Approved by Governor 2/18
<a href="#">HB 4070 FN</a>		O	Compensating counties for state-owned lands through payments in lieu of taxes §20 - 1 B- 1 (New Code) §20 - 1 B- 2 (New Code) §20 - 1 B- 3 (New Code) §20 - 1 B- 4 (New Code) §20 - 1 B- 5 (New Code) §20 - 1 B- 6 (New Code)	Little, Householder 1/8	Political Subdivisions then Finance; with amendment to Finance 2/17			
<a href="#">HB 4074</a>		M	Allowing the issuance of special licenses for one-day charitable events for the sale, serving, and auctioning of beer, and alcoholic liquors §11 - 16 - 11 b (Amended Code) §60 - 7 - 9 (New Code)	Jeffries, J, Foster, Howell, McGeehan, Maynard, Linville 1/9	Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 4079</a>		M	Altering the definition of an aboveground storage tank	Kelly, J., Anderson, Azinger 1/9	Energy			
<a href="#">HB 4104</a>		M	Clarifying the definition of an employee for the purposes of unemployment compensation and workers' compensation §21 A- 1 A- 16 (Amended Code) §23 - 2 - 1 a (Amended Code)	Foster, Phillips, Bibby, Porterfield, Jennings, Anderson, Steele, Howell, Hanna, Fast, Shott 1/13	Industry and Labor then Gov Org; to Gov Org 1/16			
<a href="#">HB 4110</a>		M	Repealing the West Virginia Jobs Act §21 - 1 C- 1 (Repealed Code) §21 - 1 C- 2 (Repealed Code) §21 - 1 C- 3 (Repealed Code) §21 - 1 C- 4 (Repealed Code) §21 - 1 C- 5 (Repealed Code) §21 - 1 C- 6 (Repealed Code)	Foster, Waxman, Jennings, Porterfield, Steele, Hanna, Kessinger, Cowies, Wilson 1/13	Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 4116</a>		M	Permitting the tracking of wounded or injured deer or bear with leashed dogs §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Steele, Pack 1/13	House Agriculture and Natural Resources			
<a href="#">HB 4118</a>		M	Creating a state-wide email address directory §12 - 3 B- 1 (New Code) §12 - 3 B- 2 (New Code) §12 - 3 B- 3 (New Code) §12 - 3 B- 4 (New Code) §12 - 3 B- 5 (New Code)	Steele, Graves, Pack, Byrd 1/13	Judiciary then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 4127</a>		O	Relating generally to hunting and fishing §20-2-5 (amended code)	Foster, Waxman 1/13	House Agriculture and Natural Resources			
<a href="#">HB 4130</a>	<a href="#">SB309</a>	M	Relating to competitive bidding for government construction contracts arising out of declared states of emergency §5-22-1a (new code)	Jeffries, D., Hanna 1/13	House Judiciary; Floor Amendments 1/20; Introduced in Senate 1/22; to Senate Gov Org; reported out with amendment 1/24	Passed House 1/21 99-Y 0-N 1-NV; House concurred to senate amendment Y-97, N-0, NV - 3; effective from passage 1/30	Passed Senate with amended title 1/29; requests house to concur; House Message received 1/31	Approved by Governor 2/5; recorded by House and Senate Journal 2/6
<a href="#">HB 4169</a>	<a href="#">SB 490</a>		Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities §61 - 3 B- 7 (New Code)	Bamhart, Cadle, Hartman, Hott 1/14	Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary			

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<a href="#">HB 4184</a>		M	Relating to criminal trespass §61 - 3 B- 2 (Amended Code) §61 - 3 B- 3 (Amended Code)	Foster, Waxman, Jennings, Butler, Cadle, Bibby, Hardy, Porterfield, Kessinger, Fast, Kelly, J. 1/14	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4189</a>		M	Relating generally to the payment of salary or wages under the Parental Leave Act §21 - 5 D- 2 (Amended Code) §21 - 5 D- 4 (Amended Code)	Capito, Nelson 1/14	Judiciary then Finance; with amendment, do pass, but first to Finance 2/10			
<a href="#">HB 4196</a>			Enacting fair workweek employment standards §21 - 17 - 1 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 2 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 3 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 4 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 5 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 6 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 7 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 8 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 9 (New Code) §21 - 17 - 10 (New Code)	Pyles 1/14	Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4357</a>		M	Relating to governmental websites § 5 F- 1 - 7 (New Code) § 7 - 1 - 3π (Amended Code) § 8 - 39 - 1 (New Code)	Higginbotham, Ellington, Atkinson, Hamrick, Barnhart, Toney, Hanna 1/15	Gov Org			
<a href="#">*HB 4363</a>	<a href="#">SI SB233</a>	M	Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System § 2 - 17 - 13 (New Code) §20-17-1 et seq (New Code) § 5 - 10 - 17 (Amended Code) § 5 - 10 D- 1 (Amended Code) § 7 - 14 D- 5 (Amended Code) § 8 - 22 A- 6 (Amended Code) §16 - 5 V- 6 (Amended Code)	Graves, Pack, Steele, Ellington, Kessinger, Jennings, Summers, Waxman, Maynard, Sypolt, Rowan 1/15	Pensions and Retirement then Finance; with amendment, to Finance 2/12	Passed House, effective July 1, 2020, 98 Y 0 N 2 NV 2/21		
<a href="#">HB 4369</a>		M	Relating to the termination, expiration, or cancellation of oil or natural gas leases §36 - 4 - 9 b (New Code)	Shott, Higginbotham, Kelly, J., Pethel 1/16	Energy then Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4381</a>		M	Relating to lifetime hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for adopted children §20 - 2 B- 7 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, J., Bibby, Hanna, Hardy, Cooper, Fast, Steele, Summers, Sypolt, Maynard, Kessinger 1/16	Agriculture and Natural Resources; reported from Ag & NR 1/28; introduced in Senate, to Natural Resources2/3; reported do pass 2/11	floor amendment 1/30; Title amendment and passed House 96-Y, 0-N, 4-NV; Communicated to Senate 1/31	Passed Senate 32-Y 0-N 2A 2/17	Completed legislation
<a href="#">HB 4390</a>		M	Relating to records management of public records § 5 A- 8 - 3 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 4 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 5 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 6 (Repealed Code) § 5 A- 8 - 7 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 9 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 10 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 11 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 12 (Repealed Code) § 5 A- 8 - 13 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 14 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 8 - 17 (Amended Code)	Howell, Hamrick, Linville 1/16	Technology and Infrastructure then Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 4400</a>		M	Allowing workers' compensation benefits for first responders diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder §23 - 4 - 1 f (Amended Code)	Byrd 1/17	Fire Departments and Emergency Services then Political Subdivisions then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 4435</a>		M	Granting counties and municipalities a portion of the net terminal income from racetrack video lottery §29 - 22 A- 10 (Amended Code) §29 - 22 A- 10 b (Amended Code)	McGeehan, Phillips, Panyer 1/21	Judiciary then Finance			
<a href="#">HB 4437</a>		M	Relating to the West Virginia Pay Card program §12 - 3 A- 4 (Amended Code)	Jeffries, J., Toney, Maynard 1/21	Gov Org; do pass 2/10; to Senate Finance 2/14	Passed House 94-Y 1-N 5-NV, 2/13		

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<a href="#">HB 4449</a>		M	Requiring state purchases of certain items to be made from authorized dealers in this state § 5 A- 3 - 37 a (New Code)	Graves, Linville, Skaff, Swartzmiller, Storch, Higginbotham, Hanna, Barrett, Boggs, Westfall, Nelson 1/21	Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development then Gov Org; do pass, but first to Gov Org 2/6		
<a href="#">HB 4456</a>		O	Allowing a member of a volunteer fire department to purchase a resident lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping license §20 - 2 B- 7 (Amended Code)	Maynard, Westfall, Rohrbach, Steele, Worrell, Azinger, Linville, Howell, Paynter, Jeffries, J. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Finance; to Finance 1/28		
<a href="#">HB 4460</a>		M	Relating to the valuation of natural resources property §11 - 1 C- 10 (Amended Code) §11 - 1 C- 10 a (New Code) §11 - 3 - 24 (Amended Code) §11 - 3 - 25 (Amended Code) §11 - 10 A- 8 (Amended Code)	Criss, Householder, Barrett, Kessinger, Graves 1/22	Energy then Finance		
<a href="#">HB 4499</a>		M	Relating to multicounty trail network authorities §20 - 17 - 7 (Amended Code) §20 - 17 A- 2 (Amended Code) §20 - 17 A- 3 (Amended Code)	Hensen, Howell, Martin, C. 1/23	Technology and Infrastructure then Gov Org; do pass, 2nd reference dispensed 2/14; to Senate Natural Resources 2/20		Passed House 98 Y 0 N 2 NV 2/19
<a href="#">HB 4505</a> FN	<a href="#">SI SB517</a>	D	Creating the State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund §20 - 5 A- 1 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 2 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 3 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 4 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 5 (New Code) §20 - 5 A- 6 (New Code)	Atkinson, Westfall, Tomblin, Cooper, Hartman, Cadle, Hott, Thompson, R. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Finance; with amendment, do pass, first to Finance 2/4		
<a href="#">HB 4506</a>	<a href="#">SI SB516</a>	D	Relating to procurement of architect-engineer services by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources §20 - 1 - 15 (New Code)	Atkinson, Tomblin, Sypolt, Westfall, Hott, Hartman, Anderson, Cadle, Dean, Kelly, D. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Gov Org		
<a href="#">HB 4513</a>	<a href="#">SI SB469</a>	D	Increasing the replacement costs required of a person causing injury or death of game or protected species §20 - 2 - 5 a (Amended Code)	Atkinson, Anderson, Tomblin, Westfall, Cadle, Dean 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary; with amendment, do pass but first to Judiciary 2/4; to Senate Judiciary 2/17		Passed House 86-Y 6-N 8-NV 2/14
<a href="#">*HB 4514</a>		D	Permitting the use of leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear §20 - 2 - 5 j (New Code) §20 - 2 - 16 (Amended Code)	Atkinson, Anderson, Cadle, Westfall, Tomblin, Porterfield, Hott 1/23	Ag & Natural Resources; to Senate Natural Resources 2/21		Passed House 95 Y 2 N 3 NV 2/20
<a href="#">*HB 4515</a>	<a href="#">SI SB468</a>	D	Relating to wildlife resources, eligibility for license or permit application §20 - 2 - 30 (Amended Code)	Sypolt, Hartman, Westfall, Tomblin, Anderson, Cooper, Cadle, Hott, Atkinson, Dean, Kelly, D. 1/23	Ag and Natural Resources; to Senate Natural Resources 2/10		Passed House 2/7, 97-Y, 1-N, 2-NV; Communicated to Senate Passed Senate 33 Y 0 N 1 A 2/21
<a href="#">HB 4519</a>		M	Establishing a summer youth intern pilot program within Department of Commerce § 5 B- 2 D- 8 (New Code) §18 - 2 - 7 e (New Code)	Espinosa, Hanna, Higginbotham, Ellington, Mandt 2/6	Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Economic Development then Education; to Senate Education 2/19;		Passed House 95 Y 2N 3 NV 2/18
<a href="#">*HB 4523</a>		S	Removing the limitation of number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person may purchase §20 2 - 42 y (Amended Code)	Summers, Paynter, Hardy, Worrell, Maynard 1/24	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary; do pass but first to Judiciary 2/11		Passed House 99 Y 0 N 2 NV 2/21
<a href="#">HB 4524</a>		S	Making the entire state "wet" or permitting the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption §60 - 5 - 1 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 3 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 4 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 5 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 6 (Amended Code) §60 - 5 - 8 (Amended Code)	Westfall, Hartman, Sponaule, Barrett, Phillips, Storch 1/24	Judiciary; do pass 2/5		on 2nd reading, House Calendar 2/24

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<a href="#">HB 4537</a> FN		M	Establishing a study conducted by the Division of Natural Resources on the Upper Mud River Lake §20 - 1 - 22 (New Code)	Maynard, Jeffries, J., Tomblin, Linville, Miller, Martin, P., Mandt, Worrell, Pack, Rohrbach 1/24	Ag and Natural Resources then Gov Org; do pass but first to Gov Org; Com Sub do pass 2/14; to Senate Natural Resources then Finance 2/20	Passed House 98 Y 0 N 2 NV 2/19
<a href="#">HB 4545</a>	<a href="#">SI SB486</a>	D	Permitting the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission licensees operating at state park locations to pay in arrears on invoices §20 - 5 - 2 (Amended Code)	Westfall, Atkinson, Tomblin, Sypolt, Anderson, Cadle, Hott, Hartman, Kelly, D., Dean 1/27	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary	
<a href="#">HB 4548</a>		M	Eliminating the ability of a person's driver's license to be suspended for the failure to pay court fines and costs § 8 - 10 - 2 b (Amended Code) §17 B- 3 - 3 c (Amended Code) §62 - 4 - 17 (Amended Code)	Harrick, Maynard, Hardy, Bibby, Staggers, Higginbotham, Hanna, Bamhart, Walker, Jeffries, J., Ellington 1/27	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary	
<a href="#">HB 4555</a>	<a href="#">SI SB163</a>	S	Relating to municipal or county taxation of hotel rooms booked through a marketplace facilitator § 7 - 18 - 3 (Amended Code) § 7 - 18 - 4 (Amended Code)	Storch, Cowles, Criss, Ellington, Linville, Maynard, Pack, Rowe, Skaff, Bates, Hartman 1/27	Gov Org then Finance	
<a href="#">*HB 4560</a>		M	Relating to deliveries by a licensed wine specialty shop §60 - 8 - 6 b (Amended Code)	Hansen, Higginbotham, Skaff, Steele, Fleischauer, Walker, Pyles, Williams, Barrett, Canestraro, Pushkin 1/28	Judiciary; Com Sub 2/21	on 1st reading 2/24
<a href="#">HB 4561</a>		M	Exempting law enforcement and emergency vehicles from paying turnpike tolls §17 - 16 A- 6 (Amended Code)	Campbell, Maynard, Bates, Pack, Paynter, Steele, Evans, Lavender-Bowe, Toney, Cooper 1/28	Fire Departments and Emergency Services then Finance	
<a href="#">HB 4563</a>		M	Creating a law-enforcement transparency board §33 - 3 - 33 (Amended Code)	Walker, Fleischauer, Pushkin, Estep-Burton, Thompson, C., Brown, S., Hombuckle 1/28	Political Subdivisions then Judiciary	
<a href="#">HB 4576</a>		M	Establishing a procedure for correcting errors in deeds, deeds of trust and mortgages §36 - 3 - 11 (New Code)	Shott, Nelson, Lovejoy, Canestraro, Steele, Byrd 1/28	Judiciary; Com sub reported, do pass 2/7; to Senate Judiciary 2/13	Passed House 93-Y 0-N 7-NV, 2/12
<a href="#">HB 4577</a>	<a href="#">SB 660</a>	M	Establishing regulation of electric bicycles §17 A- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 B- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 5 a (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 70 (New Code) §17 C- 11 - 6 (New Code)	Atkinson, Sypolt, Boggs, Jeffries, D., Butler, Rowan, Westfall, Miller, Queen, Lavender-Bowe 1/30	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary; with amendment do pass, first to Judiciary 2/14	
<a href="#">HB 4579</a>		M	Relating to the state employee merit system §29 - 6 - 1 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 2 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 3 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 4 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 6 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 7 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 7 a (Repealed Code) §29 - 6 - 8 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 9 (Repealed Code) §29 - 6 - 10 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 10 a (Repealed Code) §29 - 6 - 12 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 14 (Repealed Code) §29 - 6 - 16 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 17 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 19 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 20 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 21 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 22 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 23 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 24 (Amended Code) §29 - 6 - 25 (Repealed Code) §29 - 6 - 27 (Amended Code)	Howell, Miller 1/30	Gov Org	

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<a href="#">HB 4598</a>	M	Establishing seniority rights for public employees §29 - 6 - 13 (New Code)	Toney, Paynter, Dean, Pyles 1/29	Industry and Labor then Gov Org				
<a href="#">HB 4616</a>	M	Creating a customer service quality reporting system for public officials and public employees § 6 E- 1 - 1 (New Code)	Wilson, McGeehan, Miller, Pack, Thompson, R., Jennings, Foster, Little, Waxman, Martin, P., Hardy 1/30	Gov Org				
<a href="#">HB 4617</a>	M	Requiring the State Auditor to conduct financial audits of state agencies and departments § 5 - 30 - 1 (New Code)	Wilson, McGeehan, Pack, Thompson, R., Foster, Jennings, Little, Waxman, Martin, P., Jeffries, D., Graves 1/30	Gov Org				
<a href="#">HB 4624</a>	M	Permitting public employees the right to collectively bargain § 6 C- 5 - 1 (New Code) § 6 C- 5 - 2 (New Code) § 6 C- 5 - 3 (New Code) § 6 C- 5 - 4 (New Code)	Brown, S., Caputo, Diserio, Thompson, C., Dean, Toney, Paynter, Hicks, Sponaugle 1/31	Industry and Labor then Finance				
<a href="#">HB 4627</a>		Increasing the monthly retirement annuity for certain retirants § 5 - 10 - 221 (Amended Code) §18 - 7 A- 26 w (Amended Code)	Summers 1/31	Pensions and Retirement then Finance				
* <a href="#">HB 4634</a>	M	Southern West Virginia Lake Development Study Commission Act § 5 B- 1 B- 1 (New Code) § 5 B- 1 B- 2 (New Code) § 5 B- 1 B- 3 (New Code) § 5 B- 1 B- 4 (New Code)	Evans, Bates, Toney, Dean, Paynter 1/31	Ag and Natural Resources then Judiciary; do pass but first to Judiciary 2/11; Com Sub 2/18	Passed House 97 Y 1 N 2 NV 2/21			
<a href="#">HB 4641</a>	M	Establishing authority for creation of tourism development districts § 5 B- 1 - 9 (New Code)	Householder, Barrett, Cowles, Kump, Wilson, Bibby, Hardy, Espinosa, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Graves, Criss 1/31	Finance				
* <a href="#">HB 4645</a>	M	Establishing the Office of Regulatory and Fiscal Affairs under the Joint Committee on Government and Finance § 4 - 2 - 1 (Amended Code) § 4 - 2 - 4 (Amended Code) § 4 - 2 - 6 a (New Code) § 4 - 3 - 3 c (Amended Code)	Householder, Barrett, Criss, Bates 2/3	Gov Org; Com Sub 2/18	Passed House 94 Y 4 N 2 NV 2/21			
<a href="#">HB 4653</a>	M	Requiring disclosure of nonpublic personal information required in employment cases §55 - 7 L- 1 (New Code)	Pack 2/3	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 4658</a>	M	Relating to complaints against public agencies to obtain records through the Freedom of Information Act § 6 B- 2 - 5 d (New Code) §29 B- 1 - 2 (Amended Code) §29 B- 1 - 3 (Amended Code) §29 B- 1 - 3 b (New Code) §29 B- 1 - 4 (Amended Code) §29 B- 1 - 5 (Amended Code) §29 B- 1 - 6 a (New Code)	Maynard, Worrell, Rohrbach, Lovejoy, Bamhart 2/3	Judiciary				
<a href="#">HB 4660</a>	M	Requiring state agencies to maintain updated records of all financial transactions in a searchable website § 5 A- 8 - 24 (New Code)	Wilson, Jeffries, D., Martin, C., Phillips, Martin, P., Steele, Dean, Bibby, Hardy, Foster, Jeffries, J. 2/3	Gov Org				
* <a href="#">HB 4665</a>	M	Reducing the amount of rebate going to the Purchasing Improvement Fund §12 - 3 - 10 d (Amended Code)	Capito, Queen, Shott, Nelson 2/4	Finance	on 1st reading 2/24			

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<a href="#">HB 4671</a>		M	Relating to DMV organ donation registry §17 B- 1 B- 2 (Amended Code)	Robinson, Hombuckle, Hill, Pack, Rowan, Worrell, Rowe, Estep-Burton, Pushkin, Skaff, Byrd 2/4	Technology and Infrastructure then Gov Org	
<a href="#">HB 4675</a> FN			Permitting persons who routinely shoot or discharge firearms at a public shooting range to assist in its maintenance and upkeep §20 - 2 - 56 b (New Code)	Wilson, Cooper, Bibby, Atkinson, Tomblin, Rodighiero, Jeffries, D., Sypolt, Kelly, D., Hott, Campbell 2/4	Judiciary	
<a href="#">HB 4682</a>		M	Increasing annuity payment by one percent for certain retirees under a Consolidated Public Retirement Board retirement system § 5 - 10 D- 14 (New Code)	Campbell, Lavender-Bowe, Canestraro, Lovejoy, Fluharty, Bates, Miller, Robinson, Pack, Hicks, Thompson, R. 2/4	Pension and Retirement then Finance	
<a href="#">*HB 4717</a>		M	Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act §60 A- 7 - 708 (New Code)	Schott, Fleischauer, Wilson 2/6	Judiciary; Com Sub 2/21	on 1st reading 2/24
<a href="#">HB 4756</a>		O	Relating to keeping reptiles, amphibians, and exotic birds from being included on the Dangerous Wild Animal Board's list §19 - 34 - 2 (Amended Code) §19 - 34 - 5 (Amended Code) §64 - 9 - 12 (New Code)	Kump 2/7	Ag and Natural Resources then Gov Org	
<a href="#">HB 4761</a>		M	Reducing to one year the deadline for right to set aside deed §11 A- 4 - 4 (Amended Code)	Porterfield 2/10	Judiciary	
<a href="#">HB 4767</a> FN		O	Establishing a system for issuing permits for persons to provide rehabilitation of orphaned, sick and injured wildlife §20 - 2 D- 1 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 2 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 3 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 4 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 5 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 6 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 7 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 8 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 9 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 10 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 11 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 12 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 13 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 14 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 15 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 16 (New Code) §20 - 2 D- 17 (New Code)	Thompson, C., Hartman, Lavender-Bowe, Angelucci, Kessinger, Dean, Storch, Sponaugle 2/10	Ag & Natural Resources then Gov Org	
<a href="#">HB 4792</a>		M	Relating to the board of public works assessing a flat fee on land owned by a railroad, telegraph, telephone, or pipeline under certain conditions §11 - 6 - 11 (Amended Code)	Howell, Martin, C., Hamrick 2/11	Gov Org then Finance; with amendment to Finance 2/20	
<a href="#">HB 4800</a>		M	Transferring the Division of Forestry from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture § 5 B- 1 - 2 (Amended Code) § 5 F- 2 - 1 (Amended Code) § 6 - 7 - 2 a (Amended Code) §19 - 1 - 3 c (New Code) §19 - 1 A- 5 (Amended Code) §19 - 1 B- 3 (Amended Code)	Cadle, Hicks, Paynter, Foster, Azinger, Bibby 2/11	Ag & Natural Resources then Gov Org	
<a href="#">HB 4802</a>		M	Eliminating the ability of a person's driver's license to be suspended for the failure to pay court fines § 8 - 10 2 b (Repealed Code) §17 B- 3 - 3 c (Repealed Code) §62 - 4 - 17 (Repealed Code)	Fleischauer, Pushkin, Hombuckle, Walker, Bates, Fluharty, Canestraro, Williams, Pyles, Evans, Rowe 2/11	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary	

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<a href="#">HB 4805</a>		<b>M</b>	Providing adequate opportunities for state employees to obtain continuing education credits for professional licenses and registrations § 6 C- 4 - 3 (Amended Code) § 6 C- 4 - 4 (New Code)	Graves, Higginbotham 2/20	Gov Org		
<a href="#">HB 4810</a>		<b>O</b>	Requiring earlier start of buck deer hunting season §20 - 2 - 65 (New Code)	Campbell, Jeffries, D., Fluharty, Dean, Lavender-Bowe, Pack, Hamrick, Higginbotham, Thompson, R. 2/11	Ag & Natural Resources		
<a href="#">HB 4811</a>		<b>M</b>	Relating to requirements for state contracts § 5 A- 3 - 62 (New Code)	Hanshaw, Miley 2/11	Gov Org		
<a href="#">HB 4812</a> FN		<b>O</b>	Permitting the resident lineal descendants of landowners to hunt, trap or fish on that resident landowner's property without a license §20 - 2 - 28 (Amended Code)	Hamrick, Maynard, Bibby, Hardy, Cooper, Porterfield, Paynter, Higginbotham, Bamhart, Campbell 2/12	Ag & Natural Resources then Finance		
<a href="#">*HB 4820</a>		<b>O</b>	Relating to inventory of firearms owned by state agencies § 5 - 16 - 9 (Amended Code) § 5 - 16 B- 5 (Amended Code) § 5 A- 3 - 35 a (New Code) § 5 A- 3 - 47 (Amended Code) § 5 B- 1 - 1 a (Amended Code) § 5 B- 2 - 4 (Amended Code) § 8 - 22 - 18 a (Amended Code) § 9 - 2 - 9 a (Amended Code) § 9 - 5 - 15 (Amended Code) §12 - 3 A- 3 (Amended Code) §12 - 5 - 7 (Amended Code) §12 - 6 - 4 (Amended Code) §12 - 6 C- 7 (Amended Code) §15 - 2 D- 3 (Amended Code) §15 A- 3 - 14 (Amended Code) §16 - 29 G- 3 (Amended Code) §17 - 16 A- 13 (Amended Code) §20 - 1 - 7 (Amended Code) §22 C- 1 - 6 (Amended Code) §23 - 1 - 1 f (Amended Code) §23 - 2 C- 3 (Amended Code) §29 - 12 - 8 (Amended Code) §29 - 18 - 6 (Amended Code) §29 - 22 A- 19 (Amended Code) §31 A- 8 A- 8 (Amended Code) §33 - 2 - 9 (Amended Code) §33 - 20 E- 7 (Amended Code) §51 - 1 - 17 (Amended Code)	Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Miley 2/11	Gov Org; Com Sub 2/18	House Rejected 44 Y 54 N 2 NV 2/21	
<a href="#">HB 4827</a>		<b>O</b>	Orphan Oil and Gas Well Prevention Act §22 - 10 A- 1 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 2 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 3 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 4 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 5 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 6 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 7 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 8 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 9 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 10 (New Code) §22 - 10 A- 11 (New Code)	Hansen, Pyles 2/11	Energy then Finance		
<a href="#">HB 4837</a>		<b>M</b>	Eliminating the ability of a person's driver's license to be suspended for the failure to pay court fines and costs § 8 - 10 - 2 b (Amended Code) §17 B- 3 - 3 a (Amended Code) §17 B- 3 - 3 c (Amended Code) §50 - 3 - 2 a (Amended Code) §62 - 4 - 17 (Amended Code)	Canestraro, Hamrick, Kelly, D., Lovejoy, Miller, Shott 2/11	Judiciary		

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<a href="#">HB 4845</a>		<b>M</b>	Increasing the community service hours a person may be ordered to perform upon conviction of or pleading guilty to littering §22 - 15 A-4 (Amended Code)	Angelucci 2/11	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4855 FN</a>		<b>O</b>	Allowing discounts and free camping at state parks for certain resident veterans §20 - 5 - 19 (Amended Code)	Boggs, Hartman, Brown, N., Thompson, C., Sponaugle 2/11	Veterans Affairs then Finance			
<a href="#">*HB 4864</a>		<b>M</b>	Relating to performance reviews of state agencies and regulatory boards § 4 - 10 - 7 (Amended Code) § 4 - 10 - 9 (Amended Code)	Howell, Waxman 2/11	Gov Org; to Senate Gov Org 2/21	Passed House 65 Y 31 N 4 NV 2/20		
<a href="#">HB 4869</a>		<b>M</b>	Requiring a public entity accepting a bid on a public contract to notify all municipalities and counties § 5 - 22 - 4 (New Code)	Hanshaw, Miley 2/11	Political Subdivisions then Gov Org			
<a href="#">HB 4880</a>		<b>M</b>	Providing increased protections for the welfare of domestic animals § 7 - 1 - 14 (Amended Code) § 7 - 10 - 1 a (New Code) § 7 - 10 - 2 (Amended Code) § 7 - 10 - 4 (Amended Code) § 7 - 10 - 6 (New Code) §19 - 20 - 12 a (New Code) §19 - 20 - 22 (Amended Code) §19 - 20 - 26 (Amended Code) §19 - 20 - 27 (New Code) §61 - 8 - 19 (Amended Code) §61 - 8 - 19 d (New Code) §61 - 8 - 19 e (New Code)	Graves 2/12	Judiciary			
<a href="#">HB 4909</a>		<b>M</b>	Requiring seats to be provided for employees §21 - 3 - 11 (Amended Code)	Hombuckle 2/11	Industry and Labor			
<a href="#">HB 4954</a>			Updating highway and vehicle laws to include electric bicycles §17 A- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 B- 1 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 3 (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 5 a (Amended Code) §17 C- 1 - 70 (New Code) §17 C- 11 - 1 (Amended Code) §17 C- 11 - 2 (Amended Code)	Bamhardt 2/11	Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary 2/11			

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<a href="#">*HCR 75</a>		O	Naming the highest peak on Wolf Creek Mountain in Monroe County, Boone's Peak	Staggers, Boggs, Miley, Wilson, Phillips, Lavender-Bowe, Bates, Pack, Cooper, Kessinger, Campbell, Angelucci, Azinger, Barrett, Bibby, Brown, N., Brown, S., Byrd, Cadle, Canestraro, Caputo, Criss, Diserio, Doyle, Evans, Fleischauer, Fluharty, Hansen, Hartman, Hombuckle, Householder, Jennings, Kelly, D., Kump, Linville, Longstreth, Maynard, McGeehan, Miller, Paynter, Pethel, Porterfield, Pushkin, Pyles, Queen, Rodighiero, Rohrbach, Rowe, Shott, Skaff, Sponaule, Swartzmiller, Sypolt, Thompson, C., Thompson, R., Tomblin, Toney, Walker, Williams, Worrell 2/11	Ag & Natural Resources then Rules' with amendment to House Rules 2/17	on unfinished business 2/24	
<a href="#">HCR 76</a>		O	Naming a waterfall located on North Branch of Short Creek, White Angel Falls	Fluharty, Diserio, Canestraro, Zukoff, Lovejoy, Storch 2/11	Ag & Natural Resources then Rules		
<a href="#">*HCR 94</a>		O	Calling for the construction of a licensed Off Highway Vehicle semi-contiguous trail to parallel the Appalachian Hiking Trail on the western side	Howell, Martin, C., Hott, Dean, Sponaule, Ellington, Campbell, Hartman, Paynter, Pack, Worrell 2/17	Technology and Infrastructure then Rules		
<a href="#">HJR 8</a>		M	Right to Hunt and Fish in West Virginia Amendment	Sponaule 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary		
<a href="#">HJR 25</a>		M	Natural Resources and the Public Estate Amendment	Hansen, Miley, Walker, Zukoff, Fleischauer, Thompson, C., Doyle, Estep-Burton, Brown, S., Pyles, Diserio 1/8	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary		
<a href="#">HJR 107</a>		O	Giving the Legislature discretion in appropriating revenue generated from motor vehicle registrations and nongame wildlife motor vehicle registration plates	Linville, Rohrbach, Waxman, Little, Maynard 1/20	House Technology and Infrastructure then Judiciary		
<a href="#">HJR 113</a>		M	Guaranteeing the right of the citizens of West Virginia to hunt and fish	Romano, Baldwin, Lindsay, Ihlenfeld 1/8	Judiciary		

# **2019-2020 WEST VIRGINIA BIG GAME HARVEST SUMMARY**

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**SUMMARY OF WEST VIRGINIA HUNTER HARVEST, 2015-2019**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Deer--Bucks Only	60,814	46,071	44,127	44,599	36,472
Deer--Archery/Crossbow	32,540	26,524	26,206	26,613	29,508
Deer--Antlerless	39,852	34,792	33,584	32,751	28,336
Deer--Muzzleloader	5,178	4,997	4,243	4,234	4,522
Deer--Mountaineer Heritage				659	599
<b>Deer Total</b>	<b>138,384</b>	<b>112,384</b>	<b>108,160</b>	<b>108,856</b>	<b>99,437</b>
Bear--Gun	2,110	1,993	2,547	1,969	2,133
Bear--Archery/Crossbow	1,091	1,019	611	637	966
<b>Bear Total</b>	<b>3,201</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>3,158</b>	<b>2,606</b>	<b>3,099</b>
Turkey--Spring	9,037	10,361	11,545	12,274	11,215
Turkey--Fall	1,140	2,066	948	1,215	1,113
<b>Turkey Total</b>	<b>10,177</b>	<b>12,427</b>	<b>12,493</b>	<b>13,489</b>	<b>12,328</b>
<b>Wild Boar</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>88</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA DEER HARVEST, 2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>Buck Gun</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Muzzleloader</b>	<b>Archery/Crossbow</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barbour	855	873	122	693	2543
Brooke	188	149	31	193	561
Hancock	153	104	30	320	607
Harrison	551	517	69	404	1541
Marion	538	554	77	470	1639
Marshall	600	372	71	386	1429
Monongalia	550	565	109	675	1899
Ohio	200	151	36	288	675
Preston	1396	1663	268	1682	5009
Taylor	347	351	64	334	1096
Tucker	602	346	89	515	1552
Wetzel	738	461	70	413	1682
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>6718</b>	<b>6106</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>6373</b>	<b>20233</b>
Berkeley	533	543	75	649	1800
Grant	954	528	97	432	2011
Hampshire	1231	966	125	506	2828
Hardy	1010	631	85	379	2105
Jefferson	346	381	45	460	1232
Mineral	760	547	69	392	1768
Morgan	437	462	50	268	1217
Pendleton	985	502	70	423	1980
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>6256</b>	<b>4560</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>3509</b>	<b>14941</b>
Braxton	1142	816	176	659	2793
Clay	406	166	35	289	896
Lewis	973	1075	140	552	2740
Nicholas	924	437	203	745	2309
Pocahontas	952	233	75	313	1573
Randolph	1368	772	253	1139	3532
Upshur	1138	1196	193	947	3474
Webster	705	284	161	467	1617
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>7608</b>	<b>4979</b>	<b>1236</b>	<b>5111</b>	<b>18934</b>
Fayette	874	482	165	897	2418
Greenbrier	1500	724	160	704	3088
McDowell	0	0	0	577	577
Mercer	515	412	101	763	1791
Monroe	993	938	96	582	2609
Raleigh	598	284	92	981	1955
Summers	500	380	78	370	1328
Wyoming	0	0	0	972	972
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>4980</b>	<b>3220</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>5846</b>	<b>14738</b>
Boone	433	138	88	373	1032
Cabell	316	256	37	277	886
Kanawha	748	401	94	998	2241
Lincoln	439	252	70	325	1086
Logan	0	0	0	545	545
Mason	742	858	108	579	2287
Mingo	0	0	0	371	371
Putnam	436	521	75	393	1425
Wayne	428	111	55	303	897
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>3542</b>	<b>2537</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>4164</b>	<b>10770</b>
Calhoun	644	608	70	372	1694
Doddridge	762	531	90	318	1701
Gilmer	768	609	96	381	1854
Jackson	893	907	158	642	2600
Pleasants	287	182	29	171	669
Ritchie	1238	1108	125	679	3150
Roane	954	940	125	538	2557
Tyler	659	607	84	375	1725
Wirt	451	576	75	343	1445
Wood	712	866	133	715	2426
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>7368</b>	<b>6934</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>4534</b>	<b>19821</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>36472</b>	<b>28336</b>	<b>5092</b>	<b>29537</b>	<b>99437</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERED BUCK GUN HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Barbour	1281	1098	984	958	855
Brooke	286	268	175	188	188
Hancock	208	209	157	139	153
Harrison	1418	1138	1017	888	551
Marion	1190	765	735	678	538
Marshall	818	727	624	637	600
Monongalia	1023	827	825	750	550
Ohio	290	270	180	197	200
Preston	2046	1774	1947	1607	1396
Taylor	732	581	485	491	347
Tucker	783	730	817	754	602
Wetzel	1144	899	823	676	738
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>11219</b>	<b>9286</b>	<b>8769</b>	<b>7963</b>	<b>6718</b>
Berkeley	908	737	753	757	533
Grant	1304	954	1194	1219	954
Hampshire	1947	1197	1386	1471	1231
Hardy	1709	1076	1198	1212	1010
Jefferson	499	422	419	463	346
Mineral	1335	922	1011	1048	760
Morgan	678	437	503	622	437
Pendleton	1297	1088	1018	1275	985
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>9677</b>	<b>6833</b>	<b>7482</b>	<b>8067</b>	<b>6256</b>
Braxton	1660	1102	1233	1017	1142
Clay	618	390	481	438	406
Lewis	1875	1246	1216	1001	973
Nicholas	1274	1044	987	1060	924
Pocahontas	1008	921	1040	994	952
Randolph	1659	1617	1633	1685	1368
Upshur	1704	1399	1025	1155	1138
Webster	1080	941	777	937	705
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>10878</b>	<b>8660</b>	<b>8392</b>	<b>8287</b>	<b>7608</b>
Fayette	1214	889	927	998	874
Greenbrier	1816	1447	1628	1481	1500
McDowell	C	C	C	C	0
Mercer	843	636	593	617	515
Monroe	1462	1099	1295	1193	993
Raleigh	895	648	592	624	598
Summers	999	657	809	701	500
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	0
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>7229</b>	<b>5376</b>	<b>5844</b>	<b>5614</b>	<b>4980</b>
Boone	868	573	658	672	433
Cabell	641	677	404	644	316
Kanawha	1547	1058	1046	1214	748
Lincoln	1312	846	569	958	439
Logan	C	C	C	C	0
Mason	1488	1267	867	1206	742
Mingo	C	C	C	C	0
Putnam	1114	992	624	943	436
Wayne	963	815	448	737	428
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>7933</b>	<b>6228</b>	<b>4616</b>	<b>6374</b>	<b>3542</b>
Calhoun	1063	705	740	698	644
Doddridge	1376	946	947	659	762
Gilmer	1435	791	875	800	768
Jackson	1870	1487	1096	1380	893
Pleasants	492	334	317	280	287
Ritchie	2024	1422	1338	1065	1238
Roane	1846	1178	1186	1176	954
Tyler	1064	855	817	566	659
Wirt	1152	777	734	669	451
Wood	1556	1193	974	1001	712
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>13878</b>	<b>9688</b>	<b>9024</b>	<b>8294</b>	<b>7368</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>60814</b>	<b>46071</b>	<b>44127</b>	<b>44599</b>	<b>36472</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY/CROSSBOW HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>*2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>**2018</b>	<b>**2019</b>
Barbour	623	535	534	537	693
Brooke	278	262	155	171	193
Hancock	344	353	282	267	320
Harrison	702	559	634	528	404
Marion	640	482	509	433	470
Marshall	353	336	300	290	386
Monongalia	781	678	694	592	675
Ohio	272	286	202	217	288
Preston	1415	1265	1469	1333	1682
Taylor	346	279	361	286	334
Tucker	420	400	482	465	515
Wetzel	357	288	311	251	413
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>6531</b>	<b>5723</b>	<b>5933</b>	<b>5370</b>	<b>6373</b>
Berkeley	554	534	559	645	649
Grant	423	323	363	366	432
Hampshire	457	349	381	355	506
Hardy	404	268	321	296	379
Jefferson	374	402	408	446	460
Mineral	394	327	381	353	392
Morgan	253	214	242	251	268
Pendleton	391	296	316	371	423
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>3250</b>	<b>2713</b>	<b>2971</b>	<b>3083</b>	<b>3509</b>
Braxton	593	516	539	452	659
Clay	339	223	243	250	289
Lewis	712	544	538	485	552
Nicholas	799	726	635	636	745
Pocahontas	318	264	324	244	313
Randolph	921	928	883	914	1139
Upshur	906	747	694	683	947
Webster	626	537	511	540	467
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>5214</b>	<b>4485</b>	<b>4367</b>	<b>4204</b>	<b>5111</b>
Fayette	801	701	765	694	897
Greenbrier	739	525	722	615	704
McDowell	673	456	574	628	577
Mercer	817	653	625	567	763
Monroe	632	483	542	505	582
Raleigh	1032	729	789	807	981
Summers	563	362	450	377	370
Wyoming	1039	867	824	976	972
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>6296</b>	<b>4776</b>	<b>5291</b>	<b>5169</b>	<b>5846</b>
Boone	486	354	377	399	373
Cabell	365	416	208	376	277
Kanawha	1069	894	894	1045	998
Lincoln	643	421	258	415	325
Logan	924	574	507	772	545
Mason	786	690	535	610	579
Mingo	579	386	277	410	371
Putnam	599	579	397	551	393
Wayne	451	402	179	292	303
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>5902</b>	<b>4716</b>	<b>3632</b>	<b>4870</b>	<b>4164</b>
Calhoun	433	295	283	295	372
Doddridge	390	264	328	241	318
Gilmer	448	257	334	311	381
Jackson	759	692	515	676	642
Pleasants	163	137	162	117	171
Ritchie	713	536	501	514	679
Roane	707	455	489	478	538
Tyler	366	281	328	258	375
Wirt	459	341	334	341	343
Wood	909	853	738	709	715
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>5347</b>	<b>4111</b>	<b>4012</b>	<b>3940</b>	<b>4534</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>32540</b>	<b>26524</b>	<b>26206</b>	<b>26636</b>	<b>29537</b>

\*Implementation of Statewide Deer Crossbow Season

\*\*Total includes harvest numbers from the Mountaineer Heritage Season and the special Urban Archery/Crossbow Season in the following January

**WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERLESS HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Barbour	911	806	873	875	873
Brooke	346	392	236	159	149
Hancock	210	168	163	100	104
Harrison	1228	1045	1014	842	517
Marion	984	826	809	543	554
Marshall	554	514	437	371	372
Monongalia	968	673	673	677	565
Ohio	361	230	152	141	151
Preston	1437	1635	1703	1799	1663
Taylor	486	514	533	473	351
Tucker	47	200	332	413	346
Wetzel	957	866	723	516	461
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>8489</b>	<b>7869</b>	<b>7648</b>	<b>6909</b>	<b>6106</b>
Berkeley	813	675	730	706	543
Grant	592	467	599	647	528
Hampshire	1240	908	959	1068	966
Hardy	967	659	717	774	631
Jefferson	442	428	450	411	381
Mineral	899	761	706	729	547
Morgan	551	433	490	562	462
Pendleton	547	497	424	574	502
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>6051</b>	<b>4828</b>	<b>5075</b>	<b>5471</b>	<b>4560</b>
Braxton	1193	909	1083	848	816
Clay	184	182	109	305	166
Lewis	1753	1377	1258	1160	1075
Nicholas	606	509	436	862	437
Pocahontas	238	216	249	213	233
Randolph	533	850	849	850	772
Upshur	1271	1605	1300	1289	1196
Webster	174	314	562	331	284
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>5952</b>	<b>5962</b>	<b>5846</b>	<b>5858</b>	<b>4979</b>
Fayette	392	283	286	441	482
Greenbrier	821	739	773	801	724
McDowell	C	C	C	C	0
Mercer	337	414	547	423	412
Monroe	1220	819	998	1099	938
Raleigh	291	215	226	229	284
Summers	689	603	682	524	380
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	0
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>3750</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>3512</b>	<b>3517</b>	<b>3220</b>
Boone	93	157	172	182	138
Cabell	419	422	290	380	256
Kanawha	558	412	478	525	401
Lincoln	872	567	338	290	252
Logan	C	C	C	C	0
Mason	1593	1370	1052	922	858
Mingo	C	C	C	C	0
Putnam	1048	885	612	807	521
Wayne	38	269	134	53	111
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>4621</b>	<b>4082</b>	<b>3076</b>	<b>3159</b>	<b>2537</b>
Calhoun	802	630	557	653	608
Doddridge	914	750	731	627	531
Gilmer	1017	688	727	694	609
Jackson	1521	1317	1122	1183	907
Pleasants	260	268	298	164	182
Ritchie	1622	1309	1290	1123	1108
Roane	1514	1123	1101	1073	940
Tyler	901	815	781	542	607
Wirt	1002	860	733	721	576
Wood	1436	1218	1087	1057	866
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>10989</b>	<b>8978</b>	<b>8427</b>	<b>7837</b>	<b>6934</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>39852</b>	<b>34792</b>	<b>33584</b>	<b>32751</b>	<b>28336</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA MUZZLELOADER HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>*2018</b>	<b>*2019</b>
Barbour	116	133	119	108	122
Brooke	18	38	13	24	31
Hancock	23	34	18	19	30
Harrison	128	113	126	132	69
Marion	124	113	82	72	77
Marshall	76	73	64	66	71
Monongalia	117	91	82	87	109
Ohio	44	46	34	39	36
Preston	182	217	203	213	268
Taylor	75	70	59	77	64
Tucker	16	73	73	84	89
Wetzel	88	90	71	44	70
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1036</b>
Berkeley	74	67	64	64	75
Grant	112	81	75	100	97
Hampshire	127	88	89	121	125
Hardy	80	63	74	87	85
Jefferson	48	54	46	65	45
Mineral	75	80	43	50	69
Morgan	70	44	38	48	50
Pendleton	67	70	48	62	70
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>616</b>
Braxton	189	157	127	142	176
Clay	25	43	34	64	35
Lewis	165	168	146	125	140
Nicholas	265	232	162	198	203
Pocahontas	77	56	57	70	75
Randolph	202	243	194	205	253
Upshur	155	185	163	169	193
Webster	28	139	74	158	161
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1223</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>1236</b>
Fayette	183	124	124	165	165
Greenbrier	108	135	130	178	160
McDowell	C	C	C	C	0
Mercer	114	86	62	118	101
Monroe	105	70	107	93	96
Raleigh	83	70	70	114	92
Summers	88	62	78	83	78
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	0
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>692</b>
Boone	39	72	74	127	88
Cabell	45	60	32	50	37
Kanawha	88	78	64	103	94
Lincoln	159	106	46	76	70
Logan	C	C	C	C	0
Mason	150	153	108	142	108
Mingo	C	C	C	C	0
Putnam	90	119	63	90	75
Wayne	31	62	30	29	55
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>527</b>
Calhoun	71	69	66	70	70
Doddridge	104	70	95	41	90
Gilmer	126	93	87	83	96
Jackson	183	158	138	154	158
Pleasants	34	27	20	27	29
Ritchie	167	102	109	88	125
Roane	129	105	90	95	125
Tyler	75	82	63	43	84
Wirt	86	92	91	90	75
Wood	154	141	118	118	133
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>985</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>5178</b>	<b>4997</b>	<b>4243</b>	<b>4870</b>	<b>5092</b>

\*Total includes harvest numbers from the Mountaineer Heritage Season

**WEST VIRGINIA SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Barbour	127	165	204	250	202
Brooke	67	78	100	174	118
Hancock	89	98	106	87	109
Harrison	247	286	328	440	347
Marion	170	192	257	330	298
Marshall	174	207	256	417	311
Monongalia	199	197	267	346	263
Ohio	109	111	113	145	145
Preston	333	371	475	555	455
Taylor	72	101	135	189	142
Tucker	82	90	97	89	102
Wetzel	168	196	244	396	270
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>3418</b>	<b>2762</b>
Berkeley	124	115	147	162	141
Grant	131	161	145	160	140
Hampshire	156	170	184	166	203
Hardy	116	132	132	151	142
Jefferson	82	79	115	115	125
Mineral	118	134	133	148	121
Morgan	64	54	64	65	83
Pendleton	94	88	112	112	112
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>1079</b>	<b>1067</b>
Braxton	194	197	209	307	257
Clay	83	101	120	142	102
Lewis	194	211	249	289	233
Nicholas	213	330	311	287	260
Pocahontas	145	144	142	113	155
Randolph	225	250	247	207	258
Upshur	231	228	302	335	297
Webster	114	156	151	129	100
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>1399</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>1809</b>	<b>1662</b>
Fayette	239	292	278	247	257
Greenbrier	242	308	269	225	254
McDowell	218	200	177	132	105
Mercer	161	176	192	150	129
Monroe	181	184	192	183	231
Raleigh	231	283	280	213	205
Summers	199	219	209	170	158
Wyoming	257	320	262	197	182
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>1859</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>1521</b>
Boone	138	157	157	125	132
Cabell	110	114	176	125	147
Kanawha	227	285	320	308	296
Lincoln	169	215	229	158	173
Logan	172	181	165	157	141
Mason	314	378	448	469	465
Mingo	91	131	143	106	118
Putnam	181	210	268	235	236
Wayne	108	139	186	129	132
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>1810</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>1812</b>	<b>1840</b>
Calhoun	128	145	164	190	164
Doddridge	118	137	160	216	178
Gilmer	124	132	143	170	142
Jackson	264	302	408	460	447
Pleasants	71	80	88	122	124
Ritchie	218	216	264	327	285
Roane	210	231	256	280	258
Tyler	144	182	181	250	217
Wirt	153	174	205	230	186
Wood	248	328	380	407	362
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>1927</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>2652</b>	<b>2363</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>9037</b>	<b>10361</b>	<b>11545</b>	<b>12287</b>	<b>11215</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2015-2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Barbour	C	29	21	22	18
Brooke	6	15	9	7	4
Hancock	8	6	2	6	15
Harrison	28	41	15	18	17
Marion	19	38	12	20	14
Marshall	9	50	17	24	14
Monongalia	25	30	20	23	16
Ohio	6	21	5	8	5
Preston	71	105	55	54	43
Taylor	2	23	21	10	15
Tucker	13	14	6	26	13
Wetzel	C	40	17	14	12
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>186</b>
Berkeley	30	21	20	12	13
Grant	38	57	29	47	22
Hampshire	35	30	18	22	20
Hardy	31	27	19	21	21
Jefferson	C	8	4	4	2
Mineral	25	22	14	30	19
Morgan	15	9	6	13	10
Pendleton	25	35	24	19	23
<b>Dist II Subtotal</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>130</b>
Braxton	C	43	5	8	17
Clay	C	12	4	3	5
Lewis	25	21	10	14	20
Nicholas	63	140	36	68	51
Pocahontas	62	49	34	41	44
Randolph	114	116	38	76	61
Upshur	59	92	32	58	59
Webster	48	91	14	51	27
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>284</b>
Fayette	C	38	14	18	36
Greenbrier	81	74	64	65	65
McDowell	C	30	14	16	9
Mercer	C	27	17	17	21
Monroe	61	61	51	53	56
Raleigh	C	47	18	24	25
Summers	26	29	22	10	17
Wyoming	41	62	12	27	19
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>248</b>
Boone	C	21	5	9	8
Cabell	C	12	5	8	7
Kanawha	C	38	17	10	20
Lincoln	C	26	7	12	8
Logan	C	25	5	9	6
Mason	43	64	28	45	33
Mingo	C	8	1	8	8
Putnam	19	27	14	14	20
Wayne	C	17	0	2	4
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>114</b>
Calhoun	C	19	7	12	10
Doddridge	C	12	5	7	6
Gilmer	C	10	9	1	9
Jackson	24	48	34	29	27
Pleasants	6	7	8	13	6
Ritchie	C	21	8	12	15
Roane	C	26	17	15	19
Tyler	15	18	2	6	15
Wirt	17	30	23	17	15
Wood	47	84	34	37	29
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>2066</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>1113</b>

### WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST, 1979-2019

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Kill</u>
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
*2018	137
*2019	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>2517</b>

### 2019 WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST

<u>County</u>	<u>Bow/Crossbow</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Total</u>
Boone	8	20	28
Logan	25	35	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>88</b>

\*Harvest Numbers include the following February late season harvest

**\*WEST VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST, 2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>Archery/Crossbow</b>	<b>Sept./Oct.</b>	<b>Buck Gun</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barbour	31	12	16	8	67
Brooke	0	0	0	0	0
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	4	0	0	0	4
Marion	3	0	3	0	6
Marshall	0	0	1	0	1
Monongalia	5	0	0	0	5
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Preston	30	25	20	31	106
Taylor	7	0	5	0	12
Tucker	20	29	13	46	108
Wetzel	3	0	6	0	9
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>318</b>
Berkeley	4	0	3	1	8
Grant	13	20	13	38	84
Hampshire	21	2	19	6	48
Hardy	24	34	17	33	108
Jefferson	9	0	1	0	10
Mineral	9	5	2	7	23
Morgan	4	1	4	0	9
Pendleton	20	60	27	75	182
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>472</b>
Braxton	28	12	25	13	78
Clay	24	10	13	10	57
Lewis	10	3	10	2	25
Nicholas	58	73	36	47	214
Pocahontas	15	50	17	53	135
Randolph	41	106	20	75	242
Upshur	17	15	6	4	42
Webster	48	66	30	49	193
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>991</b>
Fayette	106	26	34	15	181
Greenbrier	47	45	16	45	153
McDowell	55	57	6	38	156
Mercer	28	2	7	2	39
Monroe	29	25	13	22	89
Raleigh	43	19	17	18	97
Summers	22	2	10	1	35
Wyoming	43	28	2	28	101
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>851</b>
Boone	38	54	40	38	170
Cabell	1	0	0	0	1
Kanawha	34	37	25	25	121
Lincoln	2	0	1	0	3
Logan	40	40	0	18	98
Mason	0	0	0	0	0
Mingo	10	22	1	4	37
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	0	0	4	0	4
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>434</b>
Calhoun	5	2	5	0	12
Doddridge	0	0	0	0	0
Gilmer	4	0	3	0	7
Jackson	0	0	2	0	2
Pleasants	0	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	5	0	2	0	7
Roane	2	0	2	0	4
Tyler	0	0	0	0	0
Wirt	4	0	1	0	5
Wood	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>3099</b>

**WEST VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST, 2019**

<b>County</b>	<b>Archery/Crossbow</b>	<b>Gun</b>	<b>Total</b>
Barbour	31	36	67
Brooke	0	0	0
Hancock	0	0	0
Harrison	4	0	4
Marion	3	3	6
Marshall	0	1	1
Monongalia	5	0	5
Ohio	0	0	0
Preston	30	76	106
Taylor	7	5	12
Tucker	20	88	108
Wetzel	3	6	9
<b>Dist. I Subtotal</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>318</b>
Berkeley	4	4	8
Grant	13	71	84
Hampshire	21	27	48
Hardy	24	84	108
Jefferson	9	1	10
Mineral	9	14	23
Morgan	4	5	9
Pendleton	20	162	182
<b>Dist. II Subtotal</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>472</b>
Braxton	28	50	78
Clay	24	33	57
Lewis	10	15	25
Nicholas	58	156	214
Pocahontas	15	120	135
Randolph	41	201	242
Upshur	17	25	42
Webster	48	145	193
<b>Dist. III Subtotal</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>986</b>
Fayette	106	75	181
Greenbrier	47	106	153
McDowell	55	101	156
Mercer	28	11	39
Monroe	29	60	89
Raleigh	43	54	97
Summers	22	13	35
Wyoming	43	58	101
<b>Dist. IV Subtotal</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>851</b>
Boone	38	132	170
Cabell	1	0	1
Kanawha	34	87	121
Lincoln	2	1	3
Logan	40	58	98
Mason	0	0	0
Mingo	10	27	37
Putnam	0	0	0
Wayne	0	4	4
<b>Dist. V Subtotal</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>434</b>
Calhoun	5	7	12
Doddridge	0	0	0
Gilmer	4	3	7
Jackson	0	2	2
Pleasants	0	0	0
Ritchie	5	2	7
Roane	2	2	4
Tyler	0	0	0
Wirt	4	1	5
Wood	0	1	1
<b>Dist. VI Subtotal</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>2133</b>	<b>3099</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE  
2020-2021 BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS  
AND THE  
2021-2022 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2020-2021 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that there be a special youth bear season for youth hunters, 8 to less than 18, Class Q permit holders and Class XS license holders, to be held on the third Saturday and following Sunday in October on private and public lands in counties open to a firearms deer hunting season. The use of dogs is prohibited during this season.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2020 Black Bear Seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2020 Antlerless Deer Season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow hunters (age 14 and under), in addition to Class Y license holders, to utilize a crossbow during the crossbow deer season in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend the Buck Firearms and Antlerless Deer Seasons through the second Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow for the use of bows and crossbows with arrows or bolts equipped with a point having at least two sharp-cutting edges measuring in excess of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide, in addition to shotguns during the Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

7. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the spring wild turkey season opens on the third Monday in April and runs for thirty-five (35) consecutive days thereafter and is open statewide for the hunting of bearded turkeys only. (Currently the season length is 27 days).

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

8. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the segment splits for the fall turkey season be extended by one day and close on a Sunday.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

9. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow year-round coyote hunting with an artificial light with the condition that between September 1 thru December 31 night hunting with an artificial light for coyotes could only occur on private land, after receiving permission and prior to hunting, with the requirement that the hunter(s) must notify the DNR-Law Enforcement Section after they received the permission.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2020-2021 hunting seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
2021-2022 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other small game & furbearer hunting and trapping regulations for the 2021-2022 seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed 2020 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. **Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS Bear Season October 17 – 18, 2020 in 51 counties open to firearms deer hunting, no dogs allowed.**

Bow Season – 55 counties: Sept. 26 – Dec. 31 Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below

7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 3 – Oct. 9 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 23 – Dec. 6 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 7 – Dec. 31	16-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Aug. 29 - Sept. 13 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 7 - Dec. 31	7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 19 – Sept. 25 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 7 - Dec. 31	5-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 23 - Dec. 31	4-Day Gun Without Dogs October 22 – 25 No Permit Required Public and Private Portions of Counties Open for Antlerless Deer Gun Hunting	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 23 – Dec. 6 No Permit Needed Entire County Open	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 7 - 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 (E. of Rt 92 to Reedsville and east of Rt 7 to the Monongalia County line) 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 Pleasants Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Wayne Wetzel Wirt Wood	Barbour Braxton Berkeley Boone Calhoun Clay Fayette Gilmer Hampshire Harrison Jefferson Kanawha Lewis Lincoln <b>Marion</b> Mercer Monongalia Monroe Morgan Nicholas Preston Raleigh <b>Ritchie</b> Roane Summers Taylor Upshur <b>Wetzel</b> <b>Wirt</b>	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) Preston (W of Rt 92 to Reedsville and west of Rt 7 to the Monongalia County line) Upshur (W. of Rt. 20)

## **Summary of Proposed Changes to Bear Seasons for 2020**

### **More Liberal Seasons without hounds**

**Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Clay, Fayette, Grant, Greenbrier, Hardy, Kanawha, Mineral, Monroe, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Raleigh, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur and Webster** – from November 23 – December 5 to November 23 – December 6 (if buck gun season is changed to end on Sunday).

**Berkeley, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hampshire, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Mercer, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio, Pleasants, Putnam, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood** – from November 23 – December 31 (with Sunday December 6 closed to hunting) to November 23 – December 31 (with December 6 open to hunting)(if buck gun season is changed to end on Sunday).

**Marion, Ritchie, Wetzel and Wirt counties** – added to the October 22 – 25 concurrent bear/antlerless deer season with no permit required on public and private land in the portions of the counties open for antlerless deer firearms hunting.

**Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS Bear Season** – October 17 – 18 in 51 counties open to firearms deer hunting. No dogs allowed.

### **More Conservative Seasons with hounds**

The portion of Preston County West of Route 92 to Reedsville and west of Route 7 to the Monongalia County line will be closed to hunting bear with dogs.

**PROPOSED 2020 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) <b>(Season Bag Limit: 1)</b></p> <p>Oct. 22-25; Nov. 23-<b>Dec. 6</b>; Dec. 10-13; Dec. 28-31</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN <b>(Season Bag Limit: 1)</b></p> <p>Oct. 22-25; Nov. 23-<b>Dec. 6</b>; Dec. 10-13; Dec. 28-31</p>	<p>Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN <b>(Season Bag Limit: 3)</b></p> <p>Oct. 22-25; Nov. 23-<b>Dec. 6</b>; Dec. 10-13; 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> <b>(Season Bag Limit: 3)</b></p> <p>Oct. 22-25; Nov. 23-<b>Dec. 6</b>; Dec. 10-13; Dec. 28-31</p>
<p>Clay (<i>south portion</i>) Fayette (<i>west portion</i>) Kanawha (<i>south portion</i>) Raleigh (<i>west portion</i>) Wayne (<i>south portion</i>)  Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming</p>	<p>Boone (400) Greenbrier (<i>north portion - 200</i>) Nicholas (400) Pocahontas (400) Raleigh (<i>east portion - 250</i>) Wayne (<i>north portion - 300</i>) Webster (300)</p>	<p>Braxton Brooke Clay (<i>north portion</i>) Fayette (<i>east portion</i>) Hancock Kanawha (<i>north portion</i>) Lincoln Mason Marshall Mercer Mineral (<i>west portion</i>) Ohio Pleasants Randolph Summers Tucker Wetzel Wirt</p>	<p>Barbour Cabell Doddridge Gilmer Grant Harrison Jackson Lewis Marion Monongalia Pendleton Putnam Ritchie Roane Taylor Tyler Upshur</p>	<p>Berkeley Calhoun Greenbrier (<i>south portion</i>) Hampshire Hardy Jefferson Mineral (<i>east portion</i>) Monroe Morgan Preston Wood</p>

\*In these counties, or parts thereof, deer hunters are required to take an antlerless deer from the county, which may be taken during any deer season open to antlerless deer hunting, prior to harvesting a second antlered deer, from the county, during the combined deer seasons, including the 2021 Mountaineer Heritage Season.

**PROPOSED 2020 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS  
(PUBLIC LANDS)**

**Season Dates:** Oct. 22-25, Nov. 23-**Dec. 6**, Dec. 10-13, and Dec 28-31, 2020

<b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1</b>		
Calvin Price SF (100) (Pocahontas Co.)	Greenbrier SF (50) (Greenbrier Co.)	Kumbrabow SF (100) (Randolph Co.)
Camp Creek SF (50) (Mercer Co.)	Hillcrest WMA (25) (Hancock Co.)	Seneca SF (100) (Pocahontas Co.)

<b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CLASS N/NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT OF 1</b>			
Amherst/Plymouth WMA (Putnam Co.)	Canaan Valley NWR (Tucker Co.)	Little Canaan WMA (Tucker Co.)	Pruntytown WMA (Taylor Co.)
Blackwater WMA (Preston/Tucker Cos.)	Coopers Rock SF (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)	Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Cos.)
Bluestone WMA (Summers/Mercer/Monroe Cos.)	Green Bottom WMA (Cabell/Mason Cos.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Cos.)	Wallback WMA (Roane/Clay/Kanawha Cos.)

<b>WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS CLOSED TO ANTLERLESS SEASON</b>		
Beaver Dam WMA (Randolph Co.)	Handley WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Potts Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)
Becky Creek WMA (Randolph Co.)	Little River WMA (Pocahontas Co.)	Rimel WMA (Pocahontas Co.)
Cheat WMA (Randolph Co.)	Morris Creek WMA (Kanawha Co.)	Slatyfork WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph Cos.)
Cove Creek WMA (Monroe Co.)	Neola WMA (Greenbrier/Pocahontas Cos.)	Tea Creek WMA (Pocahontas/Randolph/Webster Cos.)
Cranberry WMA (Nicholas/Webster/Pocahontas/ Greenbrier Cos.)	Otter Creek WMA (Randolph/Tucker Cos.)	Valley Bend Wetland (Randolph County)

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 2020 Antlerless Deer Season County Regulations

## (Comparison of 2019 and 2020 Proposed Antlerless Deer Seasons)

### More Liberal 2020 Antlerless Season:

Counties or portions of counties which were closed in 2019 and are proposed for limited permits in 2020:

None

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in permits: Pocahontas (400)

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 1 unlimited: Lincoln (the permit portion of the split was eliminated), Mineral (west)

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 3 unlimited: None

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit (with special regulation): None

### More Restrictive 2020 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: None

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1: Kanawha (north), Mason, Wirt

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1 (limited permits): None

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to closed: None

### Proposed Same 2020 Antlerless Season:

Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay (north and south), Doddridge, Fayette (east and west), Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier (north and south), Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy Jefferson, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha (south), Lewis, Logan, Marion, Marshall, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral (east), Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh (east and west), Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne (north and south), Webster, Wetzel, Wood, Wyoming

<b>Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2020-2021 Big Game Hunting Seasons</b>		
<b>Species</b>	<b>Opening &amp; Closing Dates</b>	<b>Comments/Changes</b>
Mountaineer Heritage Season Deer and Bear (Primitive Weapons)	Jan. 14, 2021 - Jan. 17, 2021	
Bear (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 26, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Aug. 29, 2020 - Sept. 13, 2020 Sept. 19, 2020 - Sept. 25, 2020 Oct. 3, 2020 - Oct. 9, 2020 Oct. 22, 2020 - Oct. 25, 2020 Nov. 23, 2020 - Dec. 5, 2020 Dec. 7, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020	See Attached Bear Tables for Selected Counties
<b>Bear (Youth/Q/XS Season) – dogs prohibited</b>	<b>Oct. 17, 2020 - Oct. 18, 2020</b>	<b>Proposed New Season</b>
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 24, 2020 - Oct. 31, 2020 Feb. 5, 2021 - Feb. 7, 2021	split season
Boar (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 26, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020 Feb. 5, 2021 - Feb. 7, 2021	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow - Special Urban)	Sept. 5, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020 Jan. 11, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2021	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 26, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020	
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 23, 2020 - <b>Dec. 6, 2020</b>	<b>Propose season close on Sunday</b>
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 22, 2020 - Oct. 25, 2020 Nov. 23, 2020 - <b>Dec. 6, 2020</b> Dec. 10, 2020 - Dec. 13, 2020 Dec. 28, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020	See Attached Deer Tables For Selected Counties <b>Propose season close on Sunday – similar to buck firearms season</b>
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season -Antlerless)	Oct. 17, 2020 - Oct. 18, 2020 <b>Dec. 26, 2020 - Dec. 27, 2020</b>	<b>Modify to first 2 days after Christmas Day (which can include a Sunday)</b>
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 14, 2020 - Dec. 20, 2020	
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 10, 2020 - <b>Oct. 18, 2020</b> Oct. 26, 2020 - <b>Nov. 15, 2020</b>	<b>Propose segment splits close on the following Sunday</b>
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 10, 2020 - <b>Oct. 18, 2020</b> Oct. 26, 2020 - <b>Nov. 1, 2020</b>	Fall counties determined after 2020 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 10, 2020 - <b>Oct. 18, 2020</b>	Fall counties determined after 2020 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Spring 2021 Youth Season)	April 17, 2021 - April 18, 2021	
Turkey (Spring 2021)	April 19, 2021 - <b>May 23, 2021</b>	<b>Additional 8 days proposed to end of season</b>

**Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2021-2022  
Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Comments/Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 11, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Squirrel (Youth)	Sept. 4 - 5, 2021	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 16, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 16, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	<b>Modification to Grouse Hunting Season Pending</b>
Quail (Tomblin WMA closed)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Jan. 1, 2022	
Rabbit	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Jan. 1, 2022 Nov. 13, 2021 - Dec. 4, 2021	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping) (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022 Jan. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Jan. 31, 2022	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 1, 2021 - Nov. 20, 2021 Jan. 1, 2022 - Mar. 5, 2022	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/ Woodchuck/English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	<b>*Between September 1 thru December 31 night hunting with an artificial light for coyotes could only occur on private land, after receiving permission and prior to hunting, with the requirement that the hunter(s) must notify the DNR-Law Enforcement Section after they received the permission. (Pending approval in 2020)</b>
Coyote (Hunting at night with artificial light)	*Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 6, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022	
Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	

**THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SEEKS YOUR OPINION ON THE  
FOLLOWING QUESTION RELATING TO THE RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING  
SEASON**

1. The Division of Natural Resources seeks your opinion as it relates to reducing the length of the ruffed grouse hunting season. The Division is considering reducing the length of the grouse hunting season due to declining grouse populations, and requests your opinion as to which option best represents your opinion on the issue. Check One of the Options:

Reduce days toward the end of the season.

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Prefer a split season with reduction in days being in middle of season.

Prefer the length of the ruffed grouse season remain the same.

Also, this past hunting season, did you actively hunt grouse in West Virginia

Yes or  No (please check one)

**(The current grouse season framework opens on the Saturday nearest to October 15 and runs through the end of February)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020 REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to add the Blanchard's cricket frog (*Acris blanchardi*) and yellow-spotted woodland salamander (*Plethodon pauleyi*) to the existing established seasons and limits for reptiles and amphibians in West Virginia as shown on the attached table.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes the season be closed, possession limit of 0, for all reptile and amphibian species listed below.

FROGS AND TOADS	SNAKES
Blanchard's cricket frog ( <i>Acris blanchardi</i> )	Timber rattlesnake ( <i>Crotalus horridus</i> )
Upland chorus frog ( <i>Pseudacris feriarum</i> )	Eastern hog-nosed snake ( <i>Heterodon platirhinos</i> )
TURTLES	Eastern black kingsnake ( <i>Lampropeltis g. niger</i> )
Northern red-bellied cooter ( <i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i> )	Smooth greensnake ( <i>Opheodrys vernalis</i> )
Eastern box turtle ( <i>Terrapene c. carolina</i> )	Northern rough greensnake ( <i>Opheodrys a. aestivus</i> )
LIZARDS	Red cornsnake ( <i>Pantherophis guttatus</i> )
Eastern six-lined racerunner ( <i>Aspidoscelis s. sexlineata</i> )	Northern pinesnake ( <i>Pituophis m. melanoleucus</i> )
Northern coal skink ( <i>Plestiodon a. anthracinus</i> )	Common ribbonsnake ( <i>Thamnophis s. saurita</i> )
Broad-headed skink ( <i>Plestiodon laticeps</i> )	Mountain earthsnake ( <i>Virginia v. pulchra</i> )
	Eastern smooth earthsnake ( <i>Viginia v. valeriae</i> )

Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

**The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), Wildlife Diversity Unit (WDU) recommends the following changes to Title 58, series 73 (58CSR73)- Reptile and Amphibian Regulations:**

To maintain regulatory authority over native West Virginia fauna, we propose adding the yellow-spotted woodland salamander (*Plethodon pauleyi*) and Blanchard's cricket frog (*Acris blanchardi*) to the list of native herpetofauna. New genetic data has identified the yellow-spotted woodland salamander as a new species to science (Felix et al. 2019. Re-evaluation of the Wehrle's salamander (*Plethodon wehrlei* Fowler and Dunn) species group (Caudata: Plethodontidae) using genomic data, with the description of a new species. *Zootaxa* 4609 (3): 429-448), with populations occurring in West Virginia, Kentucky, and likely, Virginia. The species has been recommended for listing as a Priority 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in the West Virginia State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) by the WVDNR WDU based on current data gaps. We recommend that the yellow-spotted woodland salamander have a possession limit consistent with other open season native salamanders (possession limit of 10 individuals in aggregate) until its addition to the SWAP is finalized.

The Blanchard's cricket frog is the rarest species of frog in West Virginia and is currently listed in the SWAP as a Priority 1 SGCN. The species has always been regarded as a native species to the state but was overlooked during the development of the original regulations. We recommend adding the species to the list of native frogs and toads to allow the WVDNR to maintain regulatory authority over native wildlife.

To protect imperiled species in West Virginia, as well as maintain consistency with previous season closures and set season closure standards moving forward, we recommend that seasons for all Priority 1 SGCN species currently identified in the SWAP, be closed. Approval of this standard would result in the addition of the following closures within species groups: 2 species of frogs and toads, 1 species of turtle, 3 species of lizards, and 8 species of snakes. For a full list of proposed season closures, please see the list below. Species listed as Priority 1 SGCN have been prioritized by WVDNR WDU staff and partners as needing conservation attention due to species' rarity in the state, risk of illegal collection, and threat of emerging diseases. By closing seasons for Priority 1 SGCN species, the WVDNR will be better able to combat illegal collection of at-risk amphibians and reptiles and the spread of emerging amphibian and reptile pathogens that threaten other wildlife populations in the state.

Additionally, the current length standard for the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) is unable to be properly enforced by WVDNR Natural Resources Police Officers (NRPO) as officers are not properly trained in venomous snake handling, nor have proper handling or personal protection equipment to restrain and measure timber rattlesnakes to ensure compliance (42 inches or greater). The timber rattlesnake is a species that has experienced collection pressure and persecution, as well as being affected by the emerging Snake Fungal Disease, a deadly fungal pathogen that has caused declines in rattlesnake populations in the Northeast. For these reasons, the timber rattlesnake has been listed as a Priority 1 SGCN in the SWAP, and season closure is recommended to protect timber rattlesnake populations and NRPOs. Season closures of Priority 1 SGCN snake species will not prevent West Virginia residents from protecting their property, as defined in 58CSR73-4.4.c.

To further assist WVDNR NRPOs in enforcement of these regulations, we recommend closing the season on 3 additional snake species due to similarity of appearance to Priority 1 SGCN species: Eastern black kingsnake (*Lampropeltis g. niger*), Northern rough greensnake (*Ophedrys a. aestivus*), and Eastern smooth earthsnake (*Viginia v. valeriae*).

# **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2021 FISHING REGULATIONS**

Presented to the  
West Virginia Natural Resources Commission

Prepared by: West Virginia Division of Natural Resources  
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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2021 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a State-wide 30-fish daily creel and 60-fish possession limit for each of the following fish species: black and white crappie in aggregate, all sunfish species in aggregate, all other gamefish currently not under a creel limit, and yellow perch.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to remove the 12" size limit for black bass from Wallback Lake.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to remove the season for dip netting to allow this method to be used year-round.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to remove the black bass no-harvest regulation from the 12-mile section of the New River from the I-64 bridge at Sandstone to the Grandview Sandbar.

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a river-wide 14" to 22" slot limit with only one fish allowed over 22" for all black bass in the New River from the confluence of the New and Gauley Rivers upstream to the West Virginia/Virginia state line excluding Bluestone lake (from the dam upstream to the Bull Falls public access site).

Favor \_\_\_\_\_

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

# SUMMARY OF WV CWD DETECTIONS: February 23, 2020

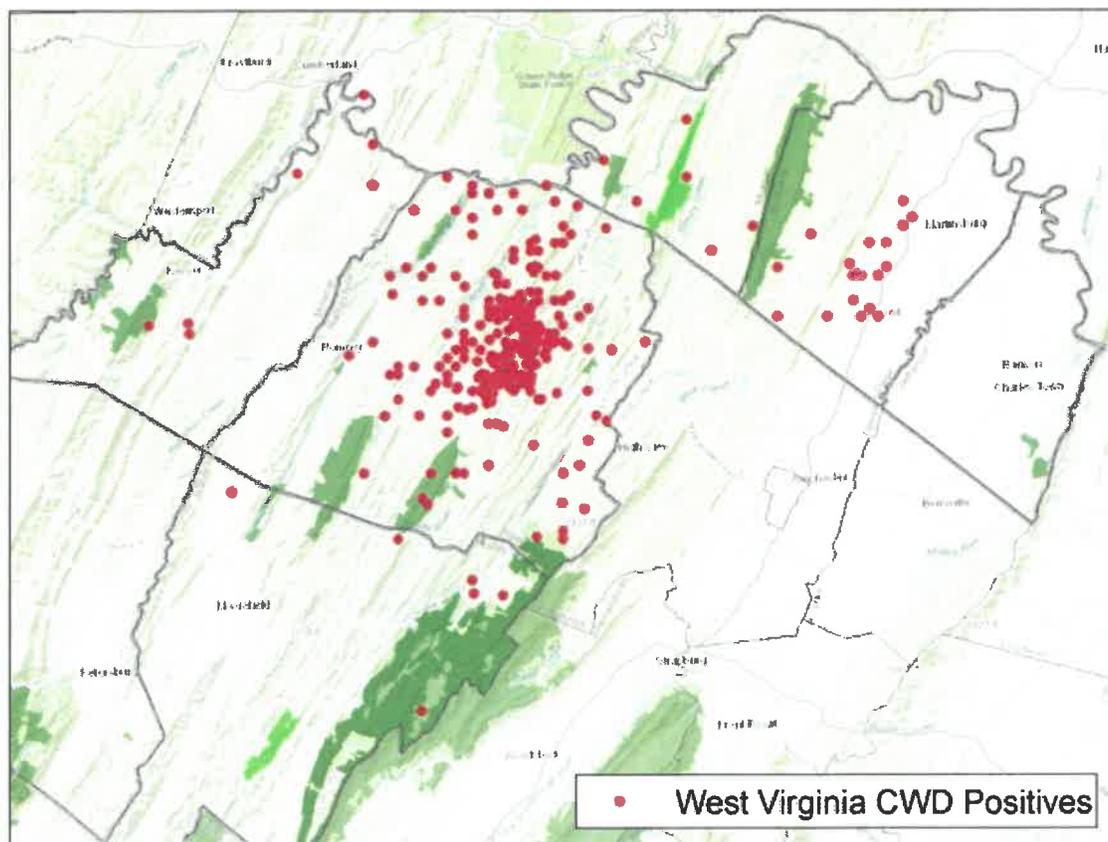
## Occurrence of CWD in West Virginia

CWD has been found in 363 white-tailed deer in Hampshire County, six deer in Hardy County, 21 deer in Berkeley County, seven deer in Mineral County, and six deer in Morgan County. Two hundred seventy-seven (277) positive deer were hunter-harvested, one in 2006, six in 2007, six in 2008, 15 in 2009, 10 in 2010, 9 in 2011, 16 in 2012, 29 in 2013, 19 in 2014, 8 in 2015, 38 in 2016, 71 in 2017, 27 in 2018, and 22 in 2019. The remaining 126 positives were collected by West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) personnel, many in cooperation with local Hampshire County landowners, to monitor the disease. Since 2002, the WVDNR, Wildlife Resources Section, in cooperation with the SE Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia and the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has tested 19,970 deer from West Virginia for CWD and as of January, 2020, the 403 deer are the only animals found thus far to have the abnormal protein associated with CWD.

## Latest Detections of CWD in West Virginia

### 2019 Hunter Harvest CWD Testing Summary

County	Number of Deer Sampled	Number of Deer with Detected CWD Agent
BERKELEY	156	6
GRANT	29	0
HAMPSHIRE	72	8
HARDY	9	0
JEFFERSON	45	0
MINERAL	234	3
MORGAN	170	5
PENDLETON	1	0
Grand Total	716	22



# 4 Reasons We Can't Forget Does in the Fight Against CWD

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**There's still much we do not know about chronic wasting disease (CWD), but we uncover new secrets annually and provide managers with new insights to better manage deer herds afflicted with this devastating disease. One fact is becoming more prominent: Even though bucks contract CWD at higher rates than does, it is a mistake to focus the majority of disease management efforts on the bucks in a disease zone. Here are four reasons why we should not forget about the does.**

# 1. Doe Groups Are CWD Reservoirs

Research by Daniel Grear from the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Wisconsin shows how genetic relatedness and deer social behavior affect CWD transmission among individuals and impact management strategies. In short, deer are very social with a lot of interaction among related individuals. Much discussion on managing the spread of CWD focuses on yearling-buck dispersal, when young bucks scatter from where they were born to establish their adult home ranges. However, Daniel's data showed that does were 10 times more likely to be CWD positive when there was one CWD positive relative nearby.



Groups of related does are tightly knit and highly social. An individual doe is 10 times more likely to acquire CWD when there is a CWD-positive relative in its home range.

**This has huge implications for how we manage CWD. Rather than**

being solely focused on buck harvest for fear of yearling bucks spreading the disease, I believe we need a much larger focus on antlerless harvest to keep deer herds in balance with the habitat and to keep doe family groups from becoming reservoirs for CWD.

## **2. Dispersal is Not Just a Buck Thing**

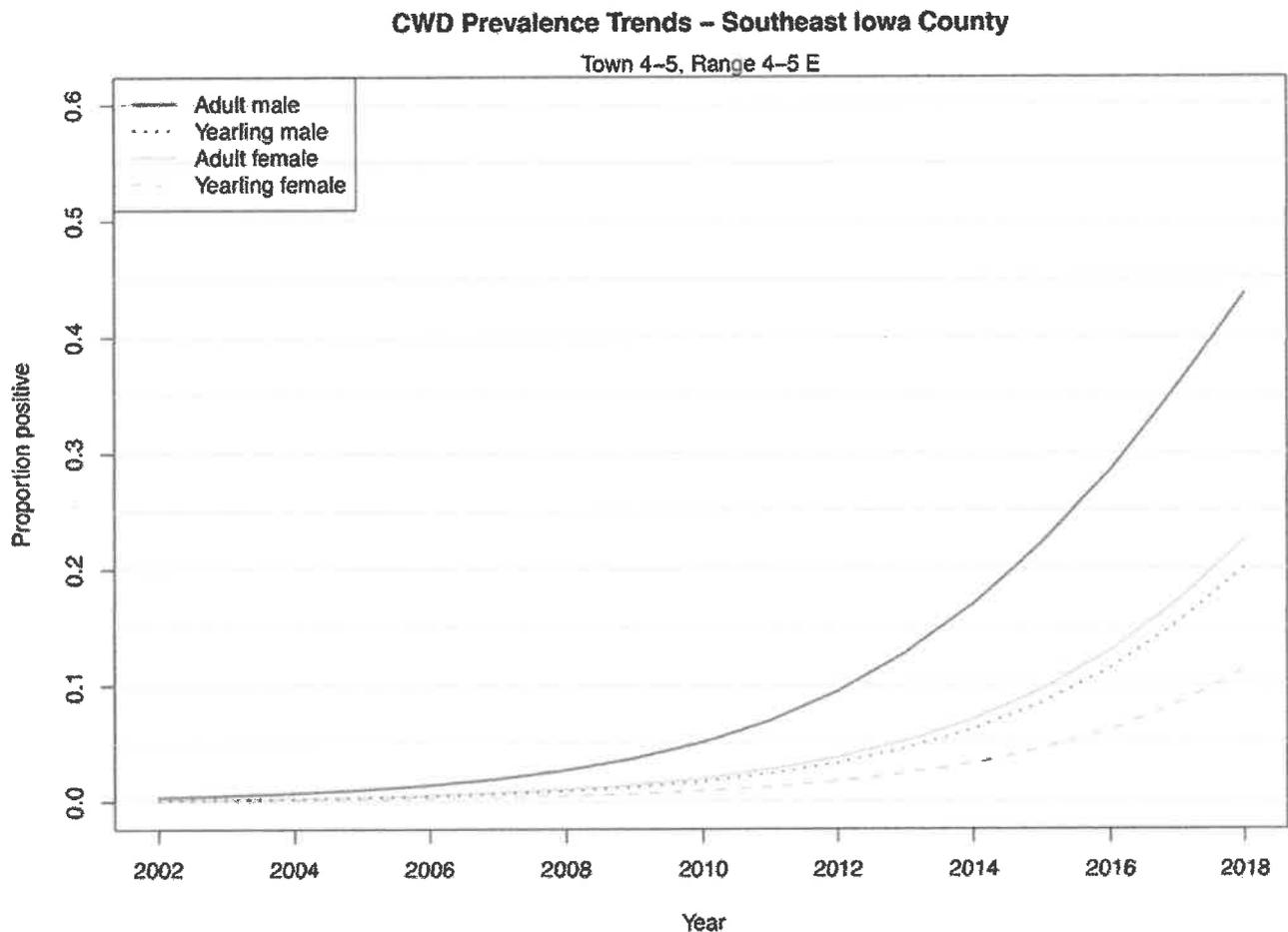
Numerous research projects have determined 50 to 75% of yearling bucks disperse 1 to 5 miles from their birthplace when they are 12 to 18 months old. This is one reason some experts recommend increased harvest of young bucks: kill them before they disperse and spread the disease.

*At a time when wildlife agencies are asking for increased harvests, a declining hunter base is shooting fewer deer per hunter.*

Research in Southeastern Minnesota by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking at natural deer movements to learn about potential pathways of CWD spread by infectious deer. Preliminary results from the DNR study show about half of the monitored yearlings made one-way, long-distance movements in spring 2019. That included 10 of 22 bucks (45%) and 15 of 34 does (44%)! The median straight-line dispersal distance was about 7 miles for bucks and almost 6 miles for does. These rates of dispersal and median dispersal distances were comparable with their results from 2018. So, at least in Minnesota, yearling bucks are dispersing and potentially spreading CWD, but yearling does are too. Let's not forget about the does.

## **3. Does Outnumber Bucks**

Wisconsin DNR has some excellent graphs showing the CWD prevalence rates in adult and yearling bucks and adult and yearling does (see one of them below). From these it is easy to see adult bucks have the highest prevalence rates of the disease. However, what's often missed is the actual number of CWD-positive animals on the landscape. That's the number most important from a deer management perspective.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The graph above shows an adult buck prevalence in Southeast Iowa County of about 44% in 2018 and an adult doe prevalence of about 23%. Thus, adult bucks are about twice as likely to have CWD in this Wisconsin county. This has resulted in management suggestions to focus the majority of harvest effort on bucks. What many lose sight of, however, is that even though an individual adult

**buck is about twice as likely to have CWD, *there are more than twice as many adult does than adult bucks in Southeast Iowa County – and in the vast majority of the whitetail's range.* So, even though prevalence is higher in bucks, there are more CWD-positive does on the landscape. If you want to remove the most CWD-positive animals, you can't focus the majority of harvest effort on bucks. The same goes for educating hunters and the public about CWD. Let's not forget about the does.**

#### **4. Fewer Hunters Are Shooting Fewer Deer**

**It's an undeniable and unfortunate fact that hunter numbers are declining. This is occurring at a time when several state wildlife agencies are asking hunters to shoot more deer in disease management areas. Shooting more deer sounds great, but it's simply not happening in most places. During the 2017 hunting season, only 41% of hunters in the United States successfully harvested a deer. That was down from 48% of hunters in 2011. So, in any given year, less than half of the hunters are successful. Even more concerning is only 15% of hunters shot more than one deer in 2017.**

**At a time when wildlife agencies are asking for increased harvests, a declining hunter base is shooting fewer deer per hunter. Combined with an increased focus on bucks in disease-management zones, this means fewer adult does are harvested, and the number of CWD-positive animals on the landscape continues to climb. This is absolutely the wrong management approach to employ.**



In CWD zones, it is extremely important for hunters to help their state meet doe-harvest goals.

**Do we need to shoot bucks? Absolutely, but in disease zones we should be shooting more adult does than bucks. Otherwise deer herds grow above what the habitat can support, the number of CWD-positive animals on the landscape climbs each year, and those doe groups become reservoirs for a disease that we cannot remove from the environment.**

**If you hunt in a CWD management zone, help your state achieve doe-harvest goals, and help promote the benefits of doe harvest. It's important to increase harvest pressure on adult bucks, but let's focus even more effort on adult does.**

**Now more than ever, let's not forget about the does.**

## **More About CWD**

**Chronic wasting disease (CWD) continues to spread across the U.S. and beyond. It is an always-fatal disease found in most deer species, including elk, reindeer, moose, mule, red and white-tailed deer, and CWD has now been identified in over 300 counties in 26 states, four Canadian provinces (including the Toronto zoo), Finland, Norway and South Korea. Contagions spread through urine, feces, saliva, blood, deer parts, and especially via live deer. Importantly, there is no vaccine or cure. The severity of the disease necessitates increased resources for research, surveillance and monitoring. [Learn more about what QDMA is doing to help fight CWD.](#)**

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