NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Quarterly Meeting
February 24, 2019
MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, South Charleston, West Virginia. The following individuals attended:

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONERS

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

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Delegate Scott Cadle, 13th District
Delegate Jason Harshbarger, 7th District
Senator Bill Hamilton, 11th District
Senator Mark Maynard, 6th District
Delegate Ruth Rowan, 57th District
Delegate Rick Atkinson, 11th District

CABINET SECRETARY

Ed Gaunch, Secretary, Department of Commerce

MEDIA

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

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Stephen S. McDaniel, Director (Presiding), South Charleston, WV
Lysti Looney, Director's Office (Recording Secretary), South Charleston, WV
Emily Fleming, Director's Office, South Charleston, WV
Paul Johansen, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Jerry Jenkins, Law Enforcement, South Charleston, WV
David Trader, Law Enforcement, South Charleston, WV
Zack Brown, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Chris Ryan, Wildlife Resources, WV University, Morgantown, WV
Scott Warner, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Art Shomo, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston, WV
Gary Foster, Wildlife Resources, South Charleston/Elkins, WV
Jim Crum, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Colin Carpenter, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV
Todd Dowdy, Wildlife Resources, Beckley, WV
Roger Wolfe, Planning, Engineering & Maintenance, Logan, WV
Brad Reed, Parks & Recreation, South Charleston, WV
Nick Huffman, Wildlife Resources, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Randy Tucker, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Gary Amick, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Jacob Frantz, Law Enforcement, Forks of Coal, South Charleston, WV
Jason Mathis, 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
Dan Cincotta, Wildlife Resources, Elkins, WV
Jane Charnock, Director's Office, South Charleston, WV
Hoy Murphy, Commerce Communications, Charleston, WV

ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jo Stein, St. Albans, WV
Cory Boothe, Quinwood, WV
Mike Persinger, Oak Hill, WV
Rick Bebout, Morgantown, WV
Elizabeth Williams, Ellamore, WV
Kenneth Hartman, Cacapon Bridge, WV
Don Radcliff, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Elkview, WV

Patrick Fox, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Belington, WV
H. Hinzeman
J. Hinzeman
Steve Russell
Renna Matther
Jake Good
Jen Toudey
Michael Crinel, Elkins, WV
Nathan Pritt, Clay WV
Sarah Pritt, Clay, WV
Alex Grose, Clay WV
Brad Scott, Elkins, WV
Kris Williams, Ellamore, WV
Tommy Williams, Ellamore, WV
Ashley Courts, Red House, WV
Jerod Huggins, Fayetteville, WV
Nicholas Hartman
Heath Hartman
Michael Moses, Hurricane, WV
Josh Hamilton, Charleston, WV
Cully McCurdy, National Wild Turkey Federation, Marlinton, WV
Nick Ranger, Buckhannon, WV
Jason Dishmon, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Pineville, WV
Ryan Farley, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Pineville, WV
Autumn Dishmon, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Pineville, WV
Ronald Armentrout, K G Hunt Club, Parkersburg, WV
Paul Robinson, K G Hunt Club, Parkersburg, WV
Ryan Boone, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Buckhannon, WV
Jason Kincaid, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Lewis, WV
Demrer Lowe, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Lewis, WV
Chris Scott, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Elkins, WV
Jesse Matheny, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Ripley, WV
Lindsey Jeffery, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Ripley, WV
Kevin Ware, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, French Creek, WV
Gary Lerol, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Bratter Creek, WV
Calib Cool, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Sugar Creek, WV
Larry Orr, West Virginia Chapter Trout Unlimited, Elkview, WV
Jeff Holbert, Scott Depot, WV
Jaxon Holbert, St. Albans, WV
Justin Booth, Morgantown, WV

Stephen Booth, Morgantown, WV
Frank Hughes, Elizabeth, WV
Brett Walker, Buffalo, WV
Shon Butler, Buckhannon, WV
Chrissy Lemasters, Buckhannon, WV
Randall Anderson, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Kernersville, WV
Brittany Harlm, Beverly, WV
Juliann Harlm, Beverly, WV
Charles Mayers, August, WV
Brian Fields, Headwaters, VA
Elbert Moiars, Franklin, WV
Michelle Goodman, Alum Creek, WV
John Goodman, Alum Creek, WV
Kitt Justice
Justin Rhea
Corey Danwel, Lewisburg, WV
Ed Cole, Charleston, WV
Jacob Bennett, Marlinton, WV
Rebecca Bennett, Marlinton, WV
Marcus Boyce, Nettie, WV
John Given, Buckhannon, WV
Blake Kenney
Eva McCuise, Bluefield, WV
John Hess Leroy, WV
Dean Moses, Clear Creek R & G, Petroleum, WV
Jerry Collins, Bluefield, WV
Ardien Bailey, Montaalm, WV
Bo Williby, Princeton, WV
James Kinney, Clothier, WV
Jake Boyter, Chapmanville, WV
John Haymhen, Handley, WV
Hunter Haxmaker, Hanley, WV
Beyen Smith, Belle, WV
Daniel Cogar, Webster, WV
George Harlan, Beverly, WV
Jill Warner, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Riverton, WV
Chief Warner, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Riverton, WV
J. R. Warner, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Riverton, WV
Tiffany Warner, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Riverton, WV
Rick Wagner, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Franklin, WV

June Bug Tingler, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Cabins, WV
Brandon Lee, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, French Creek, WV
Abia Whislon, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, French Creek, WV
Tom McClain, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, French Creek, WV
Vidue McClain, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, French Creek, WV
Cruize Carico, Bolt, WV
Drake Donell, Clear Creek, WV
Josh Stewart, Pineville, WV
Catherine Moles, Elkview, WV
Greg Moles, Elkview, WV
Jason Pennington, South Rock, WV
Zack Moore
Ryan Farley
Andy Waugh
Tyler Waugh
Penny Harker, Fairmont, WV
Bill Babb, Fairmont, WV
Radul Rexrode, Riverton, WV
Chet Coca, Fairmont, WV
Charles Uphold, Morgantown, WV
Brandon Williams Buckhannon, WV
Travis Anderson, Buckhannon, WV
Kyerstin Taylor, Charleston, WV
Justin Hettick, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Morgantown, WV
Camron Stover, Parkersburg, WV
Ed McMinn, South Charleston, WV
Dennis Dial, Fayetteville, WV
Courtney Dial, Fayetteville, WV
Steven Sawyers, Page, WV
Steve Wilson, Elkins, WV
John Drangmeister, Hurricane, WV
Lindsie Criner, Elkview, WV
Bryan Elkins, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Ashford, WV
Reggie Woodrum, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Ashford, WV
Janis Woodrum, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Ashford, WV
Shawna Cogar, Webster Springs, WV
Jody Puescer, Clay, WV
Samuel Nottingham, Clay, WV
Larry Lawson, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, Belle, WV
Greg Carmthes, Pt. Pleasant, WV

Alvin Harris, Pt. Pleasant, WV
Debra Rusnak, Clendenin, WV
Jason Rusnak, Clendenin, WV
Eric Beck, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Scot Depot, WV
Gary Ledmond, Charleston, WV
Roman Stauffer, Charleston, WV
Jeffrey Rose, Richwood, WV
Fred Kincaid, Nettie, WV
Bradley Toler, Clear Fork, WV
Matthew Brown, Ridgeview, WV
Jacob Spencer, West Virginia Bowhunters Association
Dennis Roberts, Lick Creek, WV
Dr. Brandy Vannattee, Alkol, WV
Daniel Hanfan, Buckhannon, WV
Deanna Warner, Buckhannon, WV
Patrick Warner, Buckhannon, WV
Lisa Dean, Elk Springs Resort, Monterville, WV
Daron Dean, Elk Springs Resort, Monterville, WV
William Vandale, Charleston, WV
Clifford Bennett, Mt. Nebo, WV
Jerod Harman, West Virginia Wildlife Federation, Bass Nation, Buckhannon, WV
Stephen Boone, Jumping Branch, WV
Robert Belding, Smoot, WV
Nick Whitten, Boogc, WV
Ed McCalley, Griffithsville, WV
Chris Ryan, Danville, WV
Tricia Butler, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Summersville, WV
Carey Rexrode, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Cowen, WV
Zachary Rexrode, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Cowen, WV
Rusty Wamsley, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Buckhannon, WV
Brandon Wamsley, Buckhannon, WV
Core Reed, Buckhannon, WV
Mike Mace, St. Albans, WV
Leroy Jones, Madison, WV
Joey Dillard, Buffalo, WV
Dwight Kent
Danny Carte, Elkview, WV
Adam Rader, Summersville, WV
James Russell
Donald Kiser

Charles Ayers, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Beckley, WV
Tina Ayers, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Beckley, WV
Electa Kelley, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Lewis, WV
Robert McClain, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Lewis, WV
Tristan Huffman, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Elkins, WV
Martin See, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Elkins, WV
Owen Davis, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Belle, WV
Wesley Smith, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Cabin Creek, WV
Josh Ilefion, The Untamed, Winfield, WV
David Horn, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Ripley, WV
Chip Butler, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Summersville, WV
Morgan Francis, Camden on Gauley, WV
Tiffany Kiser, Camden on Gauley, WV
Rob Wyatt, Camden on Gauley, WV
Melissa Wyatt, Camden on Gauley, WV
Cierra Wamsley, Buckhannon, WV
Donald Buckner, Alkol, WV
Chris Cremons, Hamlin, WV
Jon Baldwin, Boone, WV
Jeremy Preston, Mountaineer Quality Dear Management Association, Fairmont, WV
Jacob Scapp, Putnam, WV
Jim Roley, Sissonville, WV
Jim Ashworth, West Virginia Bowhunters Association
Thomas Estep, Boone, WV
Lance Murray, Marion, WV
Shamia Brown, Boone, WV
George Vanater, Mason, WV
Shane Raynes, Dock Talk, West Virginia, St. Albans, WV
Elmer Aleshire
Randy Dillard, Letart, WV
Pamela Kurt, Tornado, WV
Gary Francisco, Buffalo, WV
Shawn Setle, Hurricane, WV
Vincent Dumronglevetin, Summersville, WV
Clayton Curry, Huntington, WV
Tyler Franci, Ona, WV
Chalmer Hadley, Boone, WV
Logan Bockrath, Fayetteville, WV
Adam Davis, Putnam, WV

Chase Edkenrode, Charleston, WV
Matthew Cover, Gordon Boy Kennels, Marlinton, WV
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Curtis Millex, Walker, WV
Shane King, Nitas, WV
James Soures, Buckhannon, WV
Linda Halley, Uneeda, WV
Daniel Belcher, Madison, WV
Greg Micels, Wayne, WV
Jordan Thorne, Petersburg, WV
Cole Burgess, Petersburg, WV
Jason Merritt, Crawley, WV
Tina Merritt, Crawley, WV
Chris Halley
Hallie Halley
Robert Arbogast
Alfred Arbogast, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Buckhannon, WV
Kevin Hissam, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Rock Cave, WV
Spite Tenney, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Buckhannon, WV
Josh Jade, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Harman, WV
Dustin Cook, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Harman, WV
Dakota Bennett, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Harman, WV
James Howes, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Buckhannon, WV
Shawn Taylor, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Green Bank, WV
Nick Cutright, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Rock Cave, WV
Tonya Cutright, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Rock Cave, WV
Darren Cutright, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Rock Cave, WV
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Bridgett Cutright, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Rock Cave, WV
Kevin Beligh, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Walkersville, WV
Tonya Beligh, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Walkersville, WV
Danny Smith, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Dawes, WV
Dale White, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Bluestone, WV

Nathan White, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
Shawn Kisamore, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Mill Creek, WV
Loren George, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
Kevin George, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
John Shultz, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Amma, WV
Carrie Adkins, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association, Amma, WV
Donna Hill, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
Wayne Kile, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
Ben Bone, Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited, Hurricane, WV
C.D. Caldwell, Hurricane, WV
Pan Jan, West Virginia Bear Hunters Association
James Good
Jesse Christian
Larry Casto
Victor Winfree, 9 Mile Kennel
Brandon Light, 9 Mile Kennel
Chase Light, 9 Mile Kennel
Jonathon Landers
Chris Cook, Hardcore Kennel
Teddy Morgan, Hardcore Kennel
Tamera Crookshank
Josh Crookshank
Marshal Wickline
Robert Rose, Charleston, WV
Jennifer Rose, Charleston, WV

CALL TO ORDER

Director Stephen McDaniel called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Director McDaniel introduced himself, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Director McDaniel introduced Secretary Gaunch, Delegate Scott Cadle, Delegate Jason Harshbarger, Senator Bill Hamilton, Delegate Ruth Rowan, Delegate Rick Atkinson and Senator Mark Maynard. He asked the commissioners to introduce themselves and state the county they represent. Director McDaniel introduced Commissioner Byron Chambers and Commissioner Tom Dotson, who were participating via phone.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Milne made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2018 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission as submitted. Commissioner Bowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John and Vivian Knepper of Hardy County were recognized for the generous donation of 227 Acres which is to be incorporated into the Lost River State Park. The property is largely un-developed and has a small picnic shelter, bathroom/storage building and water well. Mr. Knepper presented Director McDaniel with the deed.

2019 LEGISLATURE UPDATE

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

STATUS OF THE CANDY DARTER

Dan Cincotta presented a power point presentation on the candy darter which is a small freshwater fish native to the Gauley, Greenbrier and New River watersheds, and the U.S.F.W.S's plans to place on the endangered list. (Attachment B)

SUMMARY of the 2018-2019 BIG GAME HARVEST FIGURES

Gary Foster presented an overview of the 2018-2019 Big Game Season Harvests. Overall good year for big game hunters. (Attachment B).

Commissioner Burnette requested that the big game bulletin report breakdown the number of bucks, button bucks, deer with shed antlers and does.

PROPOSED 2019 BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS

Chris Ryan reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 Hunting and Trapping Regulations. (Attachment D tab 1)

Colin Carpenter presented the proposed Black Bear Regulations for 2019, and the proposal to open bear hunting on public land if the public land is open for the antlerless

deer season. (Attachment D tab 2)

Gary Foster presented the proposed 2019 Antlerless Deer Season Hunting Regulations. (Attachment D tab 3)

Chris Ryan presented the proposed Opening and Closing dates for the 2019-2020 Big Game Hunting Season. (Attachment D tab 4)

PROPOSED 2020-2021 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Chris Ryan presented the proposed Opening and Closing dates for the 2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping season. (Attachment D tab 5)

PROPOSED 2020 FISHING REGULATIONS

Mark Scott presented the proposed 2020 Fishing Regulations (Attachment E).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director McDaniel stated he wanted to make some of his comments now regarding the bear hunting issues. He thanked the bear hunters for attending and was pleased to see the number of concerned hunters. Furthermore, he stated that the DNR is opposed to bear baiting. Regarding the bear guiding bill, the Director stated that the DNR gives input on various bills, and if this bill would pass the DNR would be in control of all bear guiding and that it would be limited to those areas where there are problems with bears.

Commissioner Burnette passed out letter from Jeff Jones, President, West Virginia National Wild Turkey Federation Board of Directors expressing support regarding the revision of regulations pertaining to the size of shot deemed legal for use during youth turkey season. (Attachment F)

Don Ratcliff spoke on SB 590 (Permitting guided bear hunts by licensed outfitters and guides) he feels this bill was "back door" dirty politics at its best. This commission meeting is the only venue hunters have to show how they feel and that there are over 200 bear hunters in attendance today to show you we oppose this bill. Bear hunters can control bear if the season wasn't when the temperatures are in the 80's and 90's.

Eric Beck thanked all the bear hunters for attending. He stated that there is an economic impact of $51 million dollars based on the 2006 survey thanks to state's bear

hunters. Bear hunters are the one who promote and support these counties by buying gas, food and lodging. Bear hunters support the economic impact, approximately 26,000 bear damage stamps were sold last year. Land that is now open to the public for hunting will be leased by guides causing access to thousands of acres not available for hunting. Dog hunters do not want this bill.

Joe Sterns stated information he received back from his readers stated they want no increase on any hunting license fees and no changes to opening day. They do approve of the use of dogs in tracking deer, and they are opposed to guided bear hunts. He received mixed response on reducing the buck limit from 3 to 2. If buck limit is reduced, he recommend increasing the antlerless harvest. Proposed a 1-day velvet deer season on the first Saturday in September.

Jeremy Preston, Quality Deer Management Association, stated that it was awesome to see all the bear hunters in attendance and that he supported lowering the buck limit to 2. He attended the Hunt Show in Charleston a couple of years ago and visited the Ohio booth noticed on a magazine add Quality vs. Quantity. Also, in the magazine was an add that stated come hunt in West Virginia we have liberal bag limits. He also stated that tag sales are down for R tags and that hunters are not the same as they were 15 years ago.

Corey Boothe stated he supports lowering the buck limit. He stated there was a 2014 White Paper lowering buck limit from 3 to 2 would result in a loss of $150 thousand dollars. However, surrounding states sales have increased in revenue when lowering the buck limit. West Virginia revenue is down selling less gun tags, non-resident, and sportsmen's packages. He also stated that if Wet Virginia offers hunters the products they want, they will pay the money. He further stated that historically, surveys have shown that hunters support a lower annual buck limit.

Justin Covert would love to see 1-buck limit or a 2-buck limit (1 per weapon 2nd buck with antlerless restrictions needs to implemented). He believes hunters should be able to use dogs to retrieve deer and that pictures of poachers should be posted on social media.

Mike Persinger remembers when deer herd was low and that hunters have to travel to hunt big bucks. He recommends a one buck limit or two buck limit (1 with archery and 1 with gun and second deer taken has an antler restriction).

Kevin Williams opposes SB 590

Rich Bebout supports additional youth hunts and would like to see an additional day added for spring turkey, squirrel and fall antlerless seasons.

Tommy Williams opposes SB 590

Ashly Covert supports lowering the buck limit and feels that all counties should have the same regulations.

Elizabeth Williams opposes SB 590

Jarred Higgins lowering buck limit from 2 to 1 or a buck limit of 2 (with antler restriction on second buck). Big bucks bring big money. He supports tracking dogs to retrieve harvest and opposes SB590.

Caleb Cool opposed SB 590

Larry Orr, West Virginia Counsel of Trout Unlimited is here to show support and continue working with DNR. At the Council's last meeting funding was approved for the purchase of electric back pack for stream restoration.

Jeff Holbert feels the buck limit should be 2 bucks per year (antler restriction on 2nd buck). He does the bulk of hunting in Mingo County which is a managed area is difference like night and day. Agrees that tracking dogs should be allowed. He feels DNR should give youth a either sex tag during the youth deer season.

Justin Booth asking to lower buck limit to 1 or 2 (with 2nd buck having an antler restriction). Tennessee recently reduced their buck limit and says revenue has increased by 10.7% during period from 2014 to 2017. West Virginia licenses have decreased and that DNR should simplify license system "Simple Sportsman" package like Tennessee.

Steve Booth supports lowering buck limit.

Frank Hughes would like to see Class X privileges changes to allow 2 either sex deer tags – with yearly limit of 2 deer (2nd buck would have to have 3 points on a side).

Shon Butler would like to see a 2-buck limit with an antlerless restriction on 2nd buck. States he does not want the Legislature setting rules. Would like to see wild turkeys added to the Mountaineer Heritage season. He opposes guided bear hunts and would like to see hunters and management work together for the better of our state

Kendell Anderson, West Virginia Bearhunters Association, stated he feels West Virginia citizens give up a lot of natural resources. He opposes bear guiding and feels there should be one buck limit. Thanked DNR Commissioners, game biologist and officers for their efforts and that he is a farmer and looks at things in a different way.

Justin Hettick, President, West Virginia Bowhunters Association, stated the Bowhunters Association is still neutral to lowering the buck limit. Stated changes should come from DNR Commissioners and biologists who know their jobs. Stated members are 100% agreement that regardless how we feel DNR should manage the wildlife and that the members oppose the Legislature making rules.

Camron Stover stated that it was impressive to see the unity and large crowd of hunters attending. Stated we have talked about bear but have not talked about ATV's on our public lands which is of concern. Supported the land acquisition efforts in the western portion of the state and the proposed older-aged deer management area on the new Little Kanawha WMA. He would like the buck limit lowered to 1 buck or 2 bucks (by weapon) as he would like to see older age deer. Appreciated the changes coming to the Class Q.

Patrick Fox stated his concerns were addressed earlier by other speakers. Stated Director made a statement he opposes baiting, but Director did not mention he opposes bear guiding. Wants to know where DNR stands on bear guiding. I understand there are problems with bears in the southern counties I don't think bear is going to be a problem with the elk.

Ed McMinn stated he opposed SB 586 (Prohibiting Natural Resources Commission from establishing bag limit for antlered deer). Stated Senator Facemyer made a comment how he wished everyone would quit comparing West Virginia to other states. Stated on survey that 65% were satisfied with the decisions biologists are making as it relates to deer management, and that he appreciates what the Commission and DNR do.

Steve Wilson opposes bear guiding and baiting for bears. WVDNR are the professionals and let them manage the game in West Virginia, not the Legislature. Game regulations should be set by Natural Resources Commission and DNR staff. WVDNR is well respected by other states.

Michael Criner stated he supports lowering buck limit and opposes ATV's on WMA public lands.

Bryan Elkins stated he supports habitat restoration efforts in the state and that game management should be left to the DNR, not the Legislature.

Reggie Woodrum stated he kills and eats 8-10 deer per year and that he can take a 2-buck limit but no way a 2 deer limit per year. There are mature deer in every county get out there and hunt. Furthermore, hunters should listen to the biologists, not the Legislature. He also opposes guided bear hunts.

Shawna Cogar stated her concerns were addressed earlier by Don and Eric, and that bear hunters spend a lot of money in the state. Stated she does not want guided bear hunting. Senator Maynard says this is a way for us to show off our hobby - Mr. Maynard this is not a hobby to us this is our life. Asked Senator Maynard to stand and look at all attending this meeting who are opposed to bear guides.

Roman Stauffer, President, Ernie Nester Trout Unlimited Chapter presented a $6,000 check to the DNR for lime stone sand treatment. He stated Trout Unlimited has donated over one hundred thousand dollars for lime stone and sand treatments, and that ENTU appreciates the commitment and relationship with DNR. Want to continue to work together for our fisheries across the state. (Attachment G)

Robert Billing is worried Mountaineer Heritage Season will be taken over and forgotten, and would like to see spears included. (Attachment H)

Lance Murray stated he appreciates Commissioners and Director McDaniel feels he is doing fantastic job. He would like to see buck limit lowered to 1 or at least 2 but understands the financial challenges. Does not want his kids to have to travel out of state to hunt trophy buck. He is opposed to Legislature making decisions. Mr. Murray stated his concern that the deer hunter survey was biased by the DNR. Stated he questions numbers thrown out by media.

Vincent Dawrongietim stated he hunts with every weapon and that West Virginia is losing hunters not only in this state but all across the United States. Supports 3 buck annual limit. He stated surrounding states have different environment (i.e. agriculture), regulations, etc. – should not compare. Says there are big bucks out there one buck limit is not going to change anything.

Shawn King stated he lives in Morgantown and for years there were no bears now there are bears in Morgantown and that he opposes guided bear hunting as well as the Legislature setting rules.

James Squires supports one buck limit or no more than 2 (if by weapon). Opposed to guided bear hunts.

Daniel Belcher stated he opposes SB 590 as well as raising hunting license fees. He is opposed to ATV's on WMAs and supports one buck limit as long as they can have more doe tags. Losing hunters participation in all states.

Larry Lawson congratulated Commissioner Dotson on his reappointment to the Natural Resource Commission. Thanked John McCoy and Chris Lawrence for articles they have been doing. Stated he trusts DNR, and that if you try to charge more for less it does not work people, will not pay. In 1995 they tried a 2-buck limit for one year was called the Mitchell Bill and that there was a loss in license sales. Revenue loss is involved with a cut in bag limits.

Greg Michaels stated he grew up with Senator Mark Maynard. State he loves his hounds and he is 100% against guided hunts. Asked why Senator Maynard is not standing up for the working men and women? Senator Maynard you are our voice we vote you in why are you not standing up for us?

Senator Mark Maynard stated he tries to do right thing for the sportsmen and women of the state. He is trying to get a leashed dog tracking bill SB 331 through the legislature (using leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear). Stated there has been an outcry for the last five years on the annual buck bag limit and he agrees to let Commissioners decide on bag limits. Stated he had no intention of hurting anyone with the guided bear bill. He stated this is an amazing sport and thought this was an opportunity for someone to get a little money out of it and felt it was something to help you and our state. In closing he stated he has faith in DNR. He also stated that the Class Q license is a work in process.

Delegate Hansbarger thanked Director McDaniel and his staff, and appreciates officers helping with poachers in his area. He puts his name as support on bills, but agency has authority. Regarding SB 590 your voices have been heard. Stated one person cannot pass a bill. The bill is introduced and is process though committees there are 100 Delegates and 34 Senators and Governor that must support and pass the bills. Stated he does not want Legislature setting policy and thinks Natural Resources Commission should have control. Asked why not lower bag limit in one WMA in each district bow hunting only to generate some nice bucks. He stated that he appreciated being able to speak at this meeting and that it has been a very enlighten meeting and stated we need to respect each other.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director McDaniel stated that DNR is opposed to baiting because of the possibility of spreading of CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease). Southwick Associates will be conducting a survey regarding lowering buck limit, financial impact, etc., and that they have been conducting surveys for other states as well. We have hired professionals to advise us on as to what the financial impact as it relates to lowering the buck limit will have on DNR. Asked Commissioners to submit a list of questions they have on lowering the buck limit to him within the next 90 days.
The Commissioners will vote at the August 4, 2019 NRC meeting on lowering the buck limit.
Director stated he is proud to announce that we have 175 schools and have certified 7,500 students in the Hunters Education Program.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

May 5, 2019, Forks of Coal, District 5, South Charleston, WV

ADJOURN

Commissioner Bowers made a **MOTION** to adjourn. Commissioner Burnette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Division of Natural Resources Legislature Tracking Chart **Attachment A**

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*** new action** **S DNR supports** **O DNR opposes** **M Monitor** **D proposed by DNR**

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SB 12 Similar to SB38	S	Exempting DNR police officers' pension benefits from state income tax (FN) §11 - 21 - 12 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 7 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Blair, Jeffries, Takubo, Boso, Lindsay, Cline 1/9	Senate Pensions then Finance			
SB 15 Similar to SB132 and HB 2420	M	Establishing Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority (FN) §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)*	Beach, Stollings, Jeffries, Sypolt, Cline, Lindsay 1/9	Senate Economic Development then Finance			
SB 28	M	Removing hotel occupancy tax limit collects for medical care and emergency services § 7 - 18 - 14 *(Amended Code)*	Blair, Boso, Clements 1/9	Senate Finance passed 1/11	Passed Senate 1/16 33Y, 0 N	House passed with title amendment 2/1 96 Y, 2 N To Senate Rules	
SB 37	O	Exempting certain persons from hunting, fishing, and trapping license and permit fees (FN) §20 - 2 - 63 *(New Code)*	Weld, Baldwin 1/9	Senate Natural Resources then Finance			
SB 38 Similar to SB12 and HB 2111	S	Exempting DNR police officers' pension benefits from state income tax (FN) §11 - 21 - 12 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 7 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Weld, Boso, Jeffries, Lindsay 1/9	Senate Pensions then Finance			
SB 74	M	Exempting nonpaid volunteers at ski areas from workers' compensation benefits §23 - 2 - 1 a *(Amended Code)*	Cline 1/9	Senate Banking and Insurance com sub reported 2/5, Judiciary passed 2/11	Senate passed 2/14 34 Y, 0 N	To House Banking and Insurance 2/15 then Judiciary	

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SB 75 Similar to SB259	M	Granting certain owners of breeding-age cows access to Coyote Control Program § 7 - 7 - 6 e *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt, Boso 1/9	Senate Agriculture and Rural Development then Finance			
SB 88.	M	Creating Office of Outdoor Recreation (FN) §20 - 1 - 15 *(New Code)*	Beach 1/9	Senate Government Organization then Finance			
SB 97	M	Modernizing certain beer, wine, and liquor laws § 7 - 1 - 3ss *(Repealed Code)* §11 - 16 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 5 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 6 a *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 6 b *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 9 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 11 b *(New Code)* §11 - 16 - 18 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 1 - 5 a *(Amended Code)* §60 - 2 - 17 a *(New Code)* §60 - 3 - 12 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 3 A- 18 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 3 A- 25 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 4 - 3 a *(Amended Code)* §60 - 4 - 3 b *(Amended Code)* §60 - 6 - 7 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 6 - 8 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 6 - 9 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 2 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 4 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 5 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 6 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 7 - 8 a *(New Code)* §60 - 7 - 12 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 8 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 8 - 20 *(Amended Code)* §60 - 8 - 34 *(Amended Code)* §61 - 8 - 27 *(Amended Code)*	Trump 1/9	Senate Judiciary			
SB 100	M	Increasing court fees to fund law-enforcement standards training and expenses §30 - 29 - 4 *(Amended Code)*	Trump 1/9	Senate Finance com sub reported 1/30	Senate passed 2/4 34 Y, 0 N	To House Finance 2/5	

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SB 101	M	Equalizing penalties for intimidating and retaliating against certain public officers and other persons §61 - 5 - 27 *(Amended Code)*	Trump 1/9	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 1/23	Passed Senate 1/28 31 Y, 2 N	To House Judiciary	
SB 124	M	Creating felony offense for actions of cruelty to animals which causes serious injury or death of animal §61 - 8 - 19 *(Amended Code)*	Clements, Weld, Baldwin 1/9	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 1/23	Passed Senate 1/28/19 29 Y, 4 N To House	To House Judiciary	
SB 131	M	Modifying procedure for certain public agencies to contract for architectural and engineering services § 5 G- 1 - 3 *(Amended Code)*	Romano 1/9	Senate Government Organizatio n then Finance			
SB 132 similar to SB 15 And HB 2484	M	Establishing Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority (FN) §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, Lindsay, Boso 1/9	Senate Economic Developmen t then Finance			
SB 141	O	Creating Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Act of 2019 (Includes the right to hunt, trap, or fish in season in West Virginia without obtaining a license) § 5 H- 1 - 3 *(Amended Code)* § 8 - 15 - 8 d *(New Code)* §11 - 21 - 8 i *(New Code)* §20 - 2 - 28 *(Amended Code)*	Ojeda, Stollings 1/9	Senate Government Organization then Finance			
SB 157 Similar to HB 2231	M	Authorizing Department of Administration promulgate legislative rules §64 - 2 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 2/1	Senate passed 2/6 31 Y, 0 N Effective from passage	House Government Organization passed 2/18, to Judiciary	

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SB 158 Similar to HB 2273	M	Department of Administration rule relating to state-owned vehicles §64 - 2 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Judiciary Reported on com sub for SB 157			
SB 159 Similar to HB 2274	S	Department of Administration rule relating to leasing of space and property acquisition on behalf of state spending units	Maynard 1/10	Senate Judiciary Reported on com sub for SB 157			
SB 163 Similar to HB 2236	M	Authorizing DEP promulgate legislative rules §64 - 3 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Energy, Industry and Mining passed 1/16, Judiciary com sub reported 2/4	Senate passed 2/7 20 Y, 12 N Effective from passage	House Energy passed 2/20, to Judiciary	
SB 167 Similar to HB 2283	M	DEP rule relating to requirements governing water quality standards §64 - 3 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Energy, Industry and Mining passed with amendment 1/24, Judiciary reported in com sub for SB 163			
SB 191 Similar to HB 2275	M	Agriculture Commissioner rule relating to animal disease control §64 - 9 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Agriculture and Rural Development passed 1/21, Judiciary reported in com sub for SB 199 1/25			

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SB 194 Similar to HB 2278	M	Agriculture Commissioner rule relating to captive cervid farming §64 - 9 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Agriculture and Rural Development passed 1/21, Judiciary reported in com sub for SB 199 1/25			
SB 199 Similar to HB 2282	M	Authorizing certain miscellaneous agencies and boards promulgate legislative rules (Agriculture) §64 - 9 - 1 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 2 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 4 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 5 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 6 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 7 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 8 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 9 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 10 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 9 - 11 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 1/25	Senate passed 1/31 34 Y, 0 N Effective from passage	House Government Organization amended and passed 2/18, to Judiciary	
SB 223 Similar to HB 2246	D	Authorizing Department of Commerce promulgate legislative rules (includes DNR rules) §64 - 10 - 1 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 10 - 2 *(Amended Code)* §64 - 10 - 3 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard 1/10	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 1/21	Passed Senate with amended title 1/24 34 Y, 0 N Effective from passage	House Energy passed 2/6, to Judiciary	
SB 259 similar to SB75	M	Expanding Coyote Control Program § 7 - 7 - 6 e *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt, Azinger, Beach, Boso, Clements, Hamilton, Maynard, Rucker, Smith, Stollings, Woelfel, Cline, Jeffries, Tarr, Maroney 1/1	Senate Agriculture and Rural Development passed 1/24, Finance com sub reported 2/13	Senate passed 2/18 33 Y, 0 N	To House Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/19 then Finance	
SB 271 Similar to HB 2412	M	Concerning government procurement of commodities and services § 5 A- 3 - 28 *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 3 - 30 *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 3 - 31 *(Repealed Code)* §61 - 5 B- 1 *(New Code)* §61 - 5 B- 2 *(New Code)*	Carmichael, Trump, Woelfel, Palumbo, Tarr 1/11	Senate Government Organization passed 1/18, to Judiciary			

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		§61 - 5 B- 3 *(New Code)* §61 - 5 B- 4 *(New Code)*					
SB 278 similar to HB 2030	O	Permitting veterans hunt, trap, or fish without license §20 - 2 - 28 *(Amended Code)*	Baldwin, Beach, Jeffries, Tarr, Prezioso 1/11	Senate Natural Resources then Finance			
SB 279 Similar to HB 2879	O	Authorizing lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for foster or adoptive children §20 - 2 B- 7 *(Amended Code)*	Jeffries, Azinger, Baldwin, Beach, Boso, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Lindsay, Mann, Palumbo, Plymale, Prezioso, Romano, Smith, Stollings, Woelfel, Cline, Rucker, Clements, Tarr, Maroney 1/11	Senate Natural Resources then Finance			
SB 298	D	Relating to lawful method for developmentally disabled person to purchase a base hunting license (FN) §20 - 2 - 30 a *(Amended Code)*	Hamilton, Boso, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Maynard, Smith, Stollings, Sypolt, Cline, Tarr 1/14	Senate Natural Resources			
SB 304	S	Establishing Southern WV Lake Development Study Commission § 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)*	Hamilton, Facemire, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Maynard, Smith, Sypolt Stollings, Lindsay, Baldwin, Beach, Cline, Takubo 1/15	Senate Economic Development then Government Organization			
SB 305 Similar to HB 2540	S	Prohibiting waste of big game animals §20 - 2 - 5 i *(New Code)*	Hamilton, Boso, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Smith, Romano, Woelfel, Lindsay, Baldwin, Beach, Cline, Takubo 1/15	Senate Natural Resources passed 2/8, to Judiciary			
SB 308 Similar to HB 2599	M	Awarding service weapons to special natural resources police officers upon retirement §20 - 7 - 1 d *(Amended Code)* §20 - 7 - 1 f *(Amended Code)*	Hamilton, Baldwin, Beach, Cline, Takubo, Prezioso 1/15	Senate Government Organization			

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SB 314 Similar to HB 2452	M	Relating to cybersecurity of state government (FN) § 5 A- 6 - 4 a *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 1 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 2 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 3 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 4 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 5 *(New Code)*	Carmichael and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] 1/15	Senate Government Organization then Finance			
SB 317	M	Authorizing three or more adjacent counties form multicounty trail network authority (FN) §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)*	Maynard, Cline and Sypolt1/16	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 1/22, Judiciary com sub for com sub reported 2/7	Senate passed 2/11 33 Y, 0 N	To House Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/12 then Judiciary	
*SB 330	M	Requiring contact information be listed on agency's online directory and website § 5 F- 1 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Cline 1/16	Senate Government Organization Com sub passed 2/20	Senate passed 2/23 30 Y, 1 N To House		
SB 331 Similar to HB 2578	S	Using leashed dogs to track mortally wounded deer or bear §20 - 2 - 5 i *(New Code)* §20 - 2 - 16 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Cline and Smith 1/16	Passed Senate Natural Resources 1/29	Passed Senate 2/1 31 Y, 3 N Effective from passage	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Passed 2/13, to Judiciary	
SB 332	D	Relating to Class Q special hunting permit for disabled persons §20 - 2 - 46 e *(Amended Code)*	Maynard and Cline 1/16	Passed Senate Natural Resources 1/29	Passed Senate 2/1 34 Y, 0 N Effective from passage	House Agriculture and Natural Resources Passed 2/13, to Judiciary	
SB 343 Similar to HB 2601	M	Relating to review and approval of state property leases (IB) § 5 A- 10 - 4 *(Amended Code)* § 5 A- 10 - 12 *(New Code)*	Carmichael and Prezioso1/18	Senate Government Organization passed 2/1	Passed Senate with floor amendment 2/8 30 Y, 0 N	To House Government Organization 2/11	

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SB 345 Similar to HB 2558	M	Adding definition of "grantee" to include state spending units and local governments (IB) § 8 - 15 - 8 b *(Amended Code)* §12 - 4 - 14 *(Amended Code)* §12 - 4 - 14 b *(New Code)* §29 - 3 - 5 f *(Amended Code)*	Carmichael and Prezioso1/18	Senate Government Organization com sub reported 2/8	Senate passed 2/13 33 Y, 0 N	To House Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services	
SB 365	M	Redistributing revenue-generated excise tax on soft drinks to four-year medical schools §11 - 19 - 1 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 19 - 2 *(Amended Code)*	Plymale, Baldwin, Woelfel, ~~Stollings~~ 1/21 (Stollings request removal as sponsor 1/24)	Senate Finance			
SB 366	M	Authorizing Division of Protective Services issue electronic key cards to qualified applicants to enter State Capitol	Blair, Maroney, Cline 1/21	Senate Government Organization then Finance			
SB 386 Similar to HB 2584	M	Funding of Public Employees Health Insurance Program (FN) § 5 - 16 - 25 *(Amended Code)* § 5 - 16 - 27 *(New Code)* §11 B- 2 - 15 a *(New Code)*	Carmichael and Prezioso [By Request of the Executive] 1/22	Senate Finance			
SB 389 Similar to HB 2791	D	Allowing developmentally disabled person purchase base hunting license §20 - 2 - 30 a *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Beach, Cline, Hamilton 1/22	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 1/30	Senate passed 2/4 34 Y, 0 Effective from passage	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 2/13, to Judiciary	
SB 402 Similar to HB 2717	M	Authorizing Division of Forestry investigate and enforce timber theft violations §19 - 1 A- 3 b *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt, Beach, Stollings, Hamilton, Boso, Cline, Baldwin, Maroney and Prezioso 1/23	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 2/8, com sub to com sub reported from Judiciary 2/18	Senate passed 2/21 33 Y, 0 N	To House Agriculture and Natural Resources 2/21 then Government Organization	
*SB 404 Similar to HB 2714	M	Altering sediment control during commercial timber harvesting operations §19 - 1 B- 4 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 6 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 7 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 10 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 12 a *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt and Boso 1/23	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 2/8, Government Organization passed 2/20	Senate passed 2/23 32 Y, 0 N		

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SB 410 Similar to HB 2790	M	Creating WV Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2019 §29 - 1 - 8 c *(New Code)*	Maynard, Hamilton, Cline, Tarr1/24	Senate Judiciary			
SB 411	M	Relating to disposition of vacated school buildings or other state-owned buildings § 5 A- 10 - 3 *(Amended Code)* § 5 A- 11 - 3 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Stollings, Maroney 1/24	Senate Government Organization then Finance			
SB 413	M	Creating Adopt-A-Stream program §20 - 13 - 7 *(New Code)*	Maynard, Baldwin, Stollings, Boso, Clements 1/24	Senate Government Organization			
SB 416	O	Permitting resident landowner hunt and kill bears located on landowners' property through use of bait §20 - 2 - 22 a *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt (by request), Smith, Maynard, Boso, Maroney 1/24	Senate Natural Resources			
SB 418 Similar to HB 2595	M	Establishing WV Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System § 5 - 10 - 17 *(Amended Code)* § 5 - 10 D- 1 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 B- 10 *(Amended Code)* §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)* §20 - 17 - 15 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 16 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 17 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 18 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 19 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 20 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 21 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 22 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 23 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 24 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 25 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 26 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 27 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 28 *(New Code)*	Mann, Hamilton, Jeffries, Weld, Baldwin, Facemire, Boso, Prezioso, Hardesty 1/24	Senate Pensions then Finance			

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		§20 - 17 - 29 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 30 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 31 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 32 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 33 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 34 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 35 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 36 *(New Code)* §20 - 18 - 1 *(New Code)*					
SB 420	o	Allowing county commissions impose amusement tax (FN) § 7 - 1 - 3tt *(New Code)*	Smith, Sypolt and Cline1/24	Senate Finance			
SB 448	D	Exempting list of names, addresses, and contact information for hunting license holders §20 - 2 - 27 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard and Hamilton 1/28	Senate Government Organization			
SB 517	O	Allowing owner or lessee sell crop damage permit §20 - 2 - 15 *(Amended Code)*	Sypolt and Boso 2/4	Senate Natural Resources			
*SB 522	M	Creating Special Road Repair Fund §11 - 13 A- 3 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 13 A- 3 a *(Amended Code)* §17 - 3 - 11 *(New Code)* §17 - 30 - 1 *(New Code)* §17 - 30 - 2 *(New Code)* §17 - 30 - 3 *(New Code)* §17 - 30 - 4 *(New Code)* §17 - 30 - 5 *(New Code)*	Smith, Maynard, Sypolt, Tarr, Plymale, Cline, Rucker, Maroney 2/5	Senate Transportation and Infrastructure passed 2/18, Finance com sub reported 2/23	2nd Senate reading 2/25		
*SB 530 Similar to HB 2844	M	Relating to 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)*	Trump 2/5	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 2/23	1st Senate Reading 2/25		

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		§29 - 6 - 24 *(Amended Code)* §29 - 6 - 25 *(Repealed Code)* §29 - 6 - 27 *(Amended Code)*					
*SB 531 Similar to HB 2844	M	Relating to 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)*	Trump 2/5	Senate Banking and Insurance amended and passed 2/20	Senate passed 2/23 32 Y, 0 N To House		
*SB 547		Limiting landowner liability for recreational use of lands §19 - 25 - 2 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 25 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 25 - 4 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 25 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Beach, Cline and Swope 2/7	Senate Judiciary com sub reported 2/21	3rd Senate reading 2/25		
SB 549		Authorizing DNR solicit donation for WVU Rifle Team on hunting and fishing license applications §20 - 2 - 33 c *(New Code)*	Stollings, Prezioso Hardesty, Hamilton, Ihlenfeld, Romano, Beach, Maroney, Facemire 2/7	Senate Government Organization			
SB 577 Similar to HB 2984	O	Repealing Class N resident and Class NN nonresident antlerless deer hunting stamp (FN) §20 - 2 - 42 a *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 j *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 k *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 n *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 p *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 s *(Amended Code)*	Takubo 2/12	Senate Natural Resources then Finance			

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		§20 - 2 - 42 t *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 x *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 y *(Amended Code)* §200 - 2 - 42 q *(Repealed Code)* §220 - 2 - 42 r *(Repealed Code)*					
SB 586	O	Prohibiting Natural Resources Commission from establishing bag limit for antlered deer §20 - 1 - 17 *(Amended Code)*	Sen. Maynard and Jeffries 2/12	Senate Natural Resources then Judiciary			
SB 590		Permitting guided bear hunts by licensed outfitters and guides §20 - 2 - 22 a *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 23 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 26 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard, Mann, Rucker, Smith, Sypolt, Cline 2/12	Originating in Senate Natural Resources 2/12	Senate passed 2/15 19 Y, 13 N Effective from passage	To House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary	
*SB 592		Providing for collection of hotel occupancy tax by marketplace facilitators § 7 - 18 - 3 *(Amended Code)* § 7 - 18 - 4 *(Amended Code)*	Blair, Cline, Sypolt 2/13	Senate Finance passed 2/21	3rd Senate reading 2/25		
SB 610		Authorizing DNR solicit donations for WVU Rifle Team on hunting and fishing license applications §20 - 2 D- 1 *(New Code)* §20 - 2 D- 2 *(New Code)* §20 - 2 D- 3 *(New Code)*	Sypolt, Hamilton, Stollings, Romano, Maroney 2/14	Senate Government Organization			
SB 611		Transferring Division of Forestry from Department of Commerce to Department of Agriculture (FN) § 5 B- 1 - 2 *(Amended Code)* § 5 F- 2 - 1 *(Amended Code)* § 6 - 7 - 2 a *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 - 3 b *(New Code)* §19 - 1 A- 5 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 3 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 12 A- 5 *(Amended Code)*	Roberts, Sypolt, Rucker, Smith, Trump, Cline, Tarr, Boso 2/14	Senate Government Organization			
SB 613		Requiring DNR include election of organ donation on hunting licenses §16 - 19 - 3 *(Amended Code)* §16 - 19 - 5 *(Amended Code)* §16 - 19 - 19 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 31 *(Amended Code)*	Maroney, Plymale, Takubo, Jeffries, Hamilton, Stollings, Roberts, Baldwin, Woelfel 2/14	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 2/19	Senate passed 2/22 32 Y, 0 N Effective from passage To House		
SB 630		Relating to allocation of premiums for employers and employees in PEIA § 5 - 16 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	Plymale, Hardesty 2/15	Senate Pensions then Finance			

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Senate Bill	S O M D	Subject / Code sections addressed	Sponsors/Date introduced	Committee references and actions	Senate action/vote	House action/vote	Governor action
*SB 651	D	Relating to DNR ability to enter into certain contracts (FN) §20 - 1 - 7 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 5 - 4 *(Amended Code)*	Maynard (By Request) 2/18	Senate Natural Resources com sub reported 2/23	2nd Senate reading 2/25		
SCR 15	M	Studying feasibility of requiring all state agencies that collect fees and fines to deposit those funds in General Revenue Fund	Tarr, Cline, Sypolt 1/22	Senate Finance 1/23			
SCR 21	M	Urging US Congress open public lands in WV	Maynard, Sypolt 1/31	Government Organization 2/1			
SCR 39		Requesting creation of Joint Select Committee on Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards	Trump, Baldwin, Swope, Plymale, Stollings, Ihlenfeld, Maroney, Rucker 2/19	Senate Rules 2/20			

House Bill	S O M D	Subject/Code sections addressed	Sponsors/Date introduced	Committee references and actions	House action/vote	Senate action/vote	Governor action
HB 2030 Similar to SB 278	O	Permitting honorably discharged veterans to hunt, trap or fish in this state without first obtaining a license (FN) §20 - 2 - 28 *(Amended Code)*	Wilson 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HB 2035	M	Requiring purchases to be made at lowest retail price available at level of quality sought by the spending unit (FN) § 5 A- 3 - 10 e *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 3 - 11 *(Amended Code)*	Fast and Rowan 1/9	House Government Organization then Finance			
HB 2043	M	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)*	R. Thompson 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			

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HB 2045	M	Removing the requirement for contactors to file payroll information on public improvement construction projects §21 - 1 C- 5 *(Amended Code)*	Foster 1/9	House Industry and Labor then Judiciary			
HB 2049	M	Relating to a prime contractor's responsibility for wages and benefits §21 - 5 - 7 *(Repealed Code)*	Foster 1/9	House Industry and Labor amended and passed 2/13, Judiciary passed substitute 2/22	2nd House reading 2/25, special calendar		
HB 2057	M	Reestablishing prevailing wages for certain state government contracts §21 - 5 A- 2 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 3 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 4 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 5 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 6 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 7 *(New Code)* §21 - 5 A- 9 *(New Code)*	Fleischauer, Pyles, Canestraro 1/9	House Industry and Labor then Finance			
HB 2075	M	Exempting certain law-enforcement officers from payment of income and personal property taxes §11 - 3 - 9 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 21 - 12 *(Amended Code)*	McGeehan 1/9	House Political Subdivisions then Finance			
HB 2097	O	Relating to the hunting of coyotes §20 - 2 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	McGeehan and J. Kelly 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 1/23, to Judiciary			
HB 2099	M	Relating to the transfer of certain revenues derived from lottery activities generally, restoring distribution to the West Virginia Infrastructure Fund to 2013 rates and decreasing the funds available for grants therefrom §29 - 22 - 18 d *(Amended Code)* §29 - 22 A- 10 d *(Repealed Code)* §29 - 22 A- 10 e *(Repealed Code)* §29 - 22 A- 10 f *(Repealed Code)* §29 - 22 C- 27 a *(Repealed*	McGeehan 1/9	House Finance			

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		Code) §29 - 25 - 22 b *(Repealed Code)*					
HB 2101	M	Modifying the tax on soft drinks to only cover sugary drinks (FN) §11 - 19 - 1 *(Amended Code)* §11 - 19 - 2 *(Amended Code)*	Hornbuckle 1/9	House Finance			
HB 2114	S	Purchasing certain items from local suppliers	Howell 1/9	House Government Organization then Judiciary			
HB 2128	M	Allowing state employees to take paid leave to attend parent-teacher conference for their children §29 - 6 - 29 *(New Code)*	Caputo 1/9	House Government Organization approved substitute 1/14	House Passed 1/17 97 Y, 2 N	To Senate Government Organization then Finance	
HB 2130 Similar to HB 2650	O	Establishing seniority rights for public employees (FN) §29 - 6 - 9 a *(New Code)*	Caputo 1/9	House Government Organization then Finance			
HB 2132	M	Increasing the amount of annual and incremental salary increases for eligible state employees (FN) § 5 - 5 - 2 *(Amended Code)*	Caputo 1/9	House Government Organization then Finance			
HB 2140	O	Providing a ten percent discount to residents at state parks and forests (FN) §20 - 5 - 20 *(New Code)*	Caputo 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HB 2143	M	West Virginia Firearms Freedom Act (FN) §47 - 26 - 1 *(New Code)*	Howell 1/9	House Judiciary			
HB 2145	O	Relating to payment by paper warrant §12 - 3 - 1 a *(Amended Code)* §12 - 3 - 1 c *(New Code)*	Westfall 1/0	House Government Organization then Finance			
HB 2146 similar to HB 2339	S	Creating a loan tuition forgiveness program to encourage students in selected and necessary fields to remain in the state §18 C- 2 - 10 *(New Code)*	Rowe 1/9	House Education then Finance			
HB 2150	O	Providing a fee discount for certain nonresident hunting, fishing and trapping licenses for native nonresidents (FN) §20 - 1 - 2 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 45 *(New Code)*	Cooper 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			

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HB 2151	O	Relating to the beginning and expiration of hunting and fishing licenses (FN) §20 - 2 - 35 *(Amended Code)*	Cooper 1/9	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			
HB 2166	M	Prohibiting employees of the state who have convictions for driving under the influence from driving or operating state owned vehicle (FN) § 5 A- 3 - 48 *(Amended Code)*	Howell and J. Kelly 1/9	House Judiciary			
HB 2170	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 1/9				
HB 2182	M	Prohibiting certain persons from operating state-owned vehicles § 5 A- 3 - 49 a *(New Code)*	Howell and J. Kelly 1/9	House Judiciary			
HB 2185	M	Relating to the removal of animals left unattended in motor vehicles §61 - 8 - 19 *(Amended Code)*	Westfall, Harshbarger, Byrd, Lovejoy, Capito, Zukoff, Fluharty, Pushkin, Fleischauer, Rohrbach 1/9	House Judiciary amended and passed 1/15	House passed 1/18 96 Y, 0 N	To Senate Judiciary 1/21	
HB 2196	M	Creating a felony penalty of life without mercy for the first degree murder of a law-enforcement officer §61 - 2 - 10 c *(New Code)*	Byrd 1/9	House Judiciary			
HB 2231 similar to SB157	M	Department of Administration, Purchasing Division §64 - 2 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2273 similar to SB158	M	Department of Administration, rule relating to state-owned vehicles §64 - 2 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2274 similar to SB159	S	Department of Administration, rule relating to leasing of space and acquisition of real property on behalf of state spending units	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			

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HB 2275 similar to SB191	S	Commissioner of Agriculture, rule relating to animal disease control	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2278 similar to SB194	M	Commissioner of Agriculture, rule relating to captive cervid farming §64 - 9 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2283 similar to SB167	M	Department of Environmental Protection, rule relating to requirements governing water quality standards	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2292 similar to SB229	D	Division of Natural Resources, rule relating to commercial whitewater outfitters §64 - 10 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2293 similar to SB230	D	Division of Natural Resources, rule relating to rules for Cabwaylingo State Forest trail system two- year pilot project permitting ATVs and ORVs	Foster 1/10	House Judiciary			
HB 2334	O	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 1/1	House Energy then Finance			
HB 2350	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)*	Thompson, R. 1/11	House Industry and Labor then Judiciary			
HB 2356	M	Requiring each executive branch agency to maintain a website that contains certain information § 5 F- 1 - 7 *(New Code)*	Howell, Hanna, Hott, Steele, Linville, Pack, Phillips, Cadle, Worrell, Hill, Wilson 1/14	House Government Organization			
HB 2365	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, Higginbotham, Fast, Linville, Pack, Steele, Phillips, Shott, Summers, Kessinger, Cadle 1/14	House Industry and Labor amended and passed 1/30, Judiciary substitute passed 2/5	House passed 2/11 74 Y, 23 N	To Senate Judiciary 2/12	

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HB 2384	M	Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System (FN) § 5 - 10 D- 1 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 17 - 1 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 2 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 3 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 4 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 4 a *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 5 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 a *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 b *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 c *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 d *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 6 e *(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 - 11 a *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 11 b *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 12 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 13 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 14 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 15 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 16 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 17 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 18 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 19 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 20 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 21 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 22 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 23 *(New Code)*	Paynter 1/14	House Pensions and Retirement then Finance			
HB 2393	M	Fixing the premium cost sharing at no less than 80 percent for the employer and no more than 20 percent for the employee § 5 - 16 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	Dean, Rowan, Thompson, R.	House Banking and Insurance then Judiciary			
HB 2396	O	West Virginia Fresh Food Act § 1 - 7 - 1 *(New Code)*	Thompson, R., Lovejoy 1/14	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 1/23, Finance substitute passed 2/22	2nd House reading 2/25 special calendar		

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HB 2412 Similar to SB271	M	Relating to criminal acts concerning government procurement of commodities and services § 5 A- 3 - 28 *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 3 - 30 *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 3 - 31 *(Repealed Code)* §61 - 5 B- 1 *(New Code)* §61 - 5 B- 2 *(New Code)* §61 - 5 B- 3 *(New Code)* §61 - 5 B- 4 *(New Code)*	Hanshaw, Bates, Miley, Nelson, Shott, Wilson 1/15	House Judiciary passed 1/15	Passed House 1/24 with title amendment 98 Y, 0 N	To Senate Judiciary 1/25	
HB 2420 Similar to SB 15 and SB132	M	Establishing the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority (FN) §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)*	Summers, Caputo, Pethtel, Pyles and Miley 1/15	House Government Organization com sub passed 1/31	House passed 2/5 96 Y, 0 N	To Senate Economic Development 2/6 then Judiciary	
HB 2452 Similar to SB 314	S	Creating the West Virginia Cybersecurity Office (FN) § 5 A- 6 - 4 a *(Repealed Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 1 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 2 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 3 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 4 *(New Code)* § 5 A- 6 B- 5 *(New Code)*	Hanshaw and Miley [By Request of the Executive] 1/16	House Technology and Infrastructure amended and passed 1/30, Government Organization amended and passed 2/1, Finance com sub passed 2/19	3rd House reading 2/25 House Calendar		
HB 2455	M	Redirecting excise tax revenue on bottled soft drinks from West Virginia University schools to the Public Employees Insurance Agency (FN) §11 - 19 - 2 *(Amended Code)*	Paynter, Dean, Maynard, Cooper, C. Martin, McGeehan, Linville, Campbell, Storch, R. Thompson and Cadle 1/16	House Banking and Insurance then Finance			

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HB 2461	M	Relating to cruelty to animals §61 - 8 - 19 *(Amended Code)*	Williams 1/16	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary			
HB 2472	M	Providing a special license plate for pollinators (FN) §17 A- 3 - 14 *(Amended Code)*	Linville, Householder, Lovejoy, Graves, Higginbotham, Summers, Skaff, Maynard, J. Jeffries, Hornbuckle and Jennings 1/17	House Technology and Infrastructure amended and passed 2/12, 2nd reference to Finance dispensed	House passed with committee amendment 2/15 93 Y, 2 N	To Senate Transportati on and Infrastructure	
HB 2481	M	Permitting retail liquor licensees to sell alcoholic beverages from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays (FN) §60 - 3 A- 18 *(Amended Code)*	Steele, Foster and Kessinge 1/17	House Judiciary substitute passed 2/4	House passed 2/7 85 Y, 13 N Effective from passage	Senate passed with amended title 2/18 22 Y, 11 N House concurred and passed 2/19 86 Y, 12 N Effective from passage Completed legislative action	To Governor 2/22
HB 2484 Similar to SB132 And SB 386	M	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)*	Fleischauer, Pethtel, Williams, Pyles, Hansen, Walker, Jennings, Sypolt, Phillips, Miley and Hamrick 1/17	House Political Subdivisions passed 1/30, to Government Organization			

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HB 2490	M	Preventing proposing or enforcing rules that prevent recreational water facilities from making necessary upgrades §16 - 1 - 4 *(Amended Code)*	Howell, Pack, Hott, Rowan, Hamrick, Dean, Graves, Ellington, Staggers, Steele and Higginbotham 1/17	House Health and Human Resources com sub passed 2/1	House passed 2/6 98 Y, 0 N	To Senate Health and Human Resources	
HB 2504	M	Relating to complimentary samples of nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer §11 - 16 - 6 b *(Amended Code)* §11 - 16 - 11 a *(Amended Code)*	Atkinson, Westfall, Anderson, Hill, Criss, Martin, C., Kelly, J., Higginbotham, Martin, P., Nelson, Harshbarger 1/17	House Senior, Children, and Family Issues then Judiciary			
HB 2518 Similar to SB 331	M	Authorizing the tracking of wounded or injured deer or bear with leashed dogs §20 - 2 - 5 i *(New Code)* §20 - 2 - 16 *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger, Paynter, Cooper, Hanna, Bibby, Atkinson, Sypolt, D. Kelly and Mandt 1/18	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 1/23, to Judiciary			
*HB 2521	S	Relating to permitting fur-bearer parts §29 - 2 - 11 *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger, Paynter, Cooper, Bibby, D. Kelly, Atkinson, Sypolt, Hanna and Mandt 1/18	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 1/23, Judiciary substitute passed1/28	House passed 1/31 87 Y, 12 N	Senate passed 2/15 24 Y, 7 N To House Completed legislative action	To governor 2/22
HB 2534	O	Requiring available materials, supplies, equipment and other items purchased by the state and its agencies to be made in the United States § 5 - 22 - 4 *(New Code)* § 5 - 22 - 5 *(New Code)* § 5 - 22 - 6 *(New Code)* § 5 - 22 - 7 *(New Code)* § 5 - 22 - 8 *(New Code)*	Canestraro, Zukoff, Williams, Caputo, Diserio, Sponaugle, Evans, Campbell, Swartzmiller, Miller, Robinson 1/21	House Industry and Labor then Judiciary			

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*HB 2535	M	Relating to purchasing exemptions and procedures §15 A- 3 - 14 *(Amended Code)*	Fast, Harshbarger, Hollen 1/21	House Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security passed 2/15, Government Organization passed 2/22	2nd House reading 2/25 special calendar		
*HB 2540 Similar to SB305	M	Prohibiting the waste of game animals, game birds or game fish §20 - 2 - 5 i *(New Code)*	Harshbarger, Paynter, Sypolt, Cooper, Hanna, Bibby 1/21	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 1/30. Judiciary substitute passed 2/19	House passed 2/22 79 Y, 17 N title amendment adopted	To Senate Natural Resources 2/23 then Judiciary	
HB 2574	M	Repealing the soft drink tax (FN) §11 - 19 - 2 *(Repealed Code)*	Foster, Steele, Waxman, Kessinger, Bibby, Hardy, Maynard, Mandt, J. Jeffries, Householder and D. Kelly 1/22	House Finance			
HB 2578	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 1/22	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HB 2582	O	Exempting all veterans of the Armed Forces or any reserve component thereof from having to obtain a hunting, trapping fishing license (FN) §20 - 2 - 28 *(Amended Code)*	Rodighiero 1/22	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HB 2584 Similar to SB 386	S	Relating generally to funding of Public Employees Health Insurance Program § 5 - 16 - 25 *(Amended Code)* § 5 - 16 - 27 *(New Code)* §11 B- 2 - 15 a *(New Code)*	Hanshaw and Miley [By Request of the Executive] 1/22	House Banking and Insurance then Finance			
*HB 2595 Similar to SB 418	S	Establishing the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System § 5 - 10 - 17 *(Amended Code)* § 5 - 10 D- 1 *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 B- 10 *(Amended Code)*	Pack, Graves, Cooper, Paynter, Steele, Harshbarger, Sypolt, Jennings, Evans, Storch and Maynard	House Pensions and Retirement amended and passed 2/14,	2nd House reading 2/25 special calendar		

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		§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)* §20 - 17 - 15 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 16 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 17 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 18 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 19 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 20 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 21 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 22 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 23 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 24 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 25 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 26 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 27 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 28 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 29 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 30 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 31 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 32 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 33 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 34 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 35 *(New Code)* §20 - 17 - 36 *(New Code)* §20 - 18 - 1 *(New Code)*	1/22	Finance substitute passed 2.21			
HB 2597	M	Creating a hunting permit to safely accommodate visually impaired hunters (FN) §20 - 2 - 46 g *(New Code)*	Porterfield, J. Jeffries, Maynard, Cooper, Malcolm, Paynter, Cadle, Wilson, Harshbarger, Fast and Foster1/22	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 2/13, to Judiciary			
HB 2599 Similar to SB 308	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 1/22	House Judiciary			

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HB 2601 similar to SB343	M	Relating to the review and approval of state property leases § 5 A- 10 - 4 *(Amended Code)* § 5 A- 10 - 12 *(New Code)*	Hanshaw, Miley, Nelson 1/22	House Government Organization substitute passed 2/5	House passed 2/8 96 Y, 0 N	To Senate Government Organization	
HB 2644	O	Allowing an owner of Japanese quail to keep them as pets without having to obtain a license §20 - 2 - 47 *(Amended Code)*	R. Thompson, N. Brown and Hicks 1/24	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization			
HB 2687	M	Exempting law enforcement and emergency vehicles from paying turnpike tolls §17 - 16 A- 6 *(Amended Code)*	Campbell, Pack, Bates, Steele, Shott, Paynter, Lavender-Bowe, Kessinger, Maynard, Toney, Evans 1/28	House Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services then Finance			
HB 2696	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, D. Jeffries, Pack, Worrell and Hott 1/28	House Government Organization Passed 2/5	House passed 2/8 96 Y, 0 N	To Senate Government Organization 2/11	
HB 2709	D	Relating to hunting licenses §20 - 2 - 27 *(Amended Code)*	Atkinson, Worrell, McGeehan, Westfall, Miller, Swartzmiller, Kessinger, Cadle and Cooper [By Request of the WV Division of Natural Resources] 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 2/5, Judiciary passed 2/11	House passed 2/14 100 Y, 0 N	To Senate Judiciary 2/15	
HB 2714 Similar to SB404	M	Relating generally to sediment control during commercial timber harvesting operations (FN) §19 - 1 B- 4 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 6 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 7 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 10 *(Amended Code)* §19 - 1 B- 12 a *(Amended Code)*	Cadle, Worrell, McGeehan, Westfall, Miller, Swartzmiller, Atkinson, Kessinger, Harshbarger and Cooper [By Request of the WV Division of Forestry] 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			

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HB 2715	D	Relating to Class Q special hunting permit for disabled persons §20 - 2 - 46 e *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger, Worrell, McGeehan, Westfall, Miller, Swartzmiller, Kessinger, Cadle and Cooper [By Request of the WV Division of Natural Resources 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources amended and passed 2/6, Judiciary com sub passed 2/11	House passed as amended 2/14 100 Y, 0 N	To Senate Natural Resources 2/15 then Health and Human Resources	
HB 2716	D	Relating to motorboat lighting and equipment requirements (FN) §20 - 7 - 13 *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger, Worrell, McGeehan, Westfall, Miller, Swartzmiller, Atkinson, Kessinger, Cadle and Cooper [By Request of the WV Division of Natural Resources] 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 2/5, Government Organization passed 2/12	House passed 2/15/19 95 Y, 0 N Title amendment adopted	To Senate Natural Resources 2/18	
HB 2717 Similar to SB402	M	Authorizing the Division of Forestry to investigate and enforce timber theft violations (FN) §19 - 1 A- 3 b *(Amended Code)*	Cooper, Worrell, Miller, Storch, D. Kelly, Maynard, Swartzmiller, Atkinson, Kessinger, Cadle and Harshbarger [By Request of the WV Division of Forestry] 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization			
HB 2727	M	Relating to conducting a study of the Upper Mud River Lake §20 - 1 - 22 *(New Code)*	Maynard, J. Jeffries, Rohrbach, Paynter, Linville, Mandt, Harshbarger, Miller, Tomblin, Westfall and Pack 1/29	House Agriculture and Natural Resources passed 2/13, to Government Organization			
HB 2790 Similar to SB410	M	West Virginia Monument and Memorial Protection Act of 2019 §29 - 1 - 8 c *(New Code)*	Harshbarger, Cadle, Worrell, Westfall, Toney, Kelly, D., Martin, P., Kelly, J., Cooper1/31	House Judiciary			

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HB 2791 Similar to SB 389	D	Allowing persons with developmental disabilities to receive a base hunting license §20 - 2 - 30 a *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger, Cadle, Worrell, Westfall, Toney, Storch, Cooper, Kelly, D., Byrd, Kelly, J. 1/31	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary			
HB 2809	M	Relating to prohibited acts and penalties in the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Area §20 - 14 - 8 *(Amended Code)*	Shott 2/1	House Judiciary substitute passed 2/6	House passed as amended 2/11 80 Y, 16 N	To Senate Judiciary 2/12	
HB 2810	M	Modifying the method of calculation of the employer and employee contribution percentages for public employee insurance premiums (FN) § 5 - 16 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	Bates 2/1	House Banking and Insurance then the Judiciary			
HB 2840	O	Allowing a county commission in certain counties to impose an amusement tax to support medical care	Jennings, Phillips, Sypolt 2/4	House Political Subdivisions then Finance			
HB 2844 similar to SB 530	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, Pack, C. Martin and D. Jeffries 2/4	House Government Organization			

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HB 2855	M	Allowing rebate moneys to be used for the operation and maintenance of accounting and transparency systems of the State Auditor §12 - 3 - 10 d *(Amended Code)*	Householder 2/6	House Finance com sub reported 2/18	House passed 2/21 99 Y, 0 N	To Senate Government Organization 2/22	
HB 2858	M	Permitting the taking of bait fish with a net not exceeding 12 foot in radius §20 - 2 - 5 *(Amended Code)*	R. Thompson, Hicks, Rodighiero and Evans 2/6	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			
HB 2879 Similar to SB 279	O	Authorizing lifetime hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses for foster or adoptive children §20 - 2 B- 7 *(Amended Code)*	Harshbarger 2/7	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HB 2984 Similar to SB 577	O	Relating to the licensing process for hunting and fishing licenses (FN) § 2 O- 2 - 42 y *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 a *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 d *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 j *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 k *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 n *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 p *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 q *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 r *(Amended Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 s *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 t *(Repealed Code)* §20 - 2 - 42 x *(Repealed Code)*	C. Martin and Harshbarger 2/11	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			
HB 2989	M	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)*	Rohrbach 2/11	House Judiciary then Finance			

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HB 3022	M	Requiring the Governor to fix the salaries of certain state appointed officers after the office is vacated § 6 - 7 - 2 a *(Amended Code)*	Hanshaw 2/12	House Finance			
HB 3032	S	Modifying the types of bolts and arrows that may be used in crossbow hunting §20 - 2 - 5 g *(Amended Code)*	Cadle, Cooper, Howell, Harshbarger, Hott, Westfall, Sponaugle and Linville 2/12	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			
HB 3053	O	Relating to rules for hunting antlered deer §20 - 2 - 39 *(New Code)*	Hott, Harshbarger, C. Martin, D. Kelly, Sponaugle, Rowan, Westfall, Phillips, Hollen, Toney and Mandt 2/12	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization			
HB 3056		Providing protections, under certain circumstances, to owners of livestock and other domestic animals §19 - 18 - 1 *(Amended Code)*	Pethtel 2/12	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary			
HB 3059	O	Relating to buck deer rifle hunting season (FN) §20 - 2 - 65 *(New Code)*	Campbell, Higginbotham, Canestraro, Lovejoy, Lavender-Bowe, Harshbarger, Pack, Wilson, Worrell, Angelucci and Diserio 2/12	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Finance			
HJR 8	M	Right to Hunt and Fish in West Virginia Amendment	Sponaugle 1/11	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Judiciary			
HCR 50		Urging the United States Congress to designate the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia a national park	Kessinger, Capito, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Barrett, Bates, Bibby, Byrd, Cadle, Campbell, Cooper, Criss, Dean, Ellington, Espinosa, Fast, Fleischauer, Graves, Hamrick, Hanna, Hardy, Harshbarger,	House Agriculture and Natural Resources then Rules			

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			Higginbotham, Hott, Householder, Howell, Jeffries, D., Jeffries, J., Jennings, Kelly, D., Kump, Lavender-Bowe, Linville, Lovejoy, Malcolm, Mandt, Martin, C., Martin, P., Maynard, Nelson, Pack, Phillips, Porterfield, Robinson, Rohrbach, Rowan, Shott, Steele, Storch, Summers, Sypolt, Toney, Waxman, Worrell 2/6				

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Candy darter

Etheostoma osburni

Anglers Can Help!
Dump your unused bait in the trash, not the water. Transferring your live bait fish from one stream system to another can upset natural fish communities and may lead to the decline of some species, including the candy darter.

Visit the waters of Virginia and West Virginia's upper Kanawha River Basin, and you might find yourself witnessing flashes of underwater rainbows. With their vibrant teal, red and orange colors, candy darters are a small freshwater fish native to the Gauley, Greenbrier and New River watersheds. Although darters in general make up 20 percent of freshwater fish species in North America, candy darters are found nowhere else.

Darters are an integral part of freshwater stream environments, and they also help other species in their life processes. For example, darters may aid in the reproduction of freshwater mussels – important filter feeders that keep rivers clean – by helping transport mussel glochidia (larvae).

Darters are also an important link in the aquatic food chain, feeding on smaller organisms before they themselves are eaten by larger fish.

Following a review of the best available scientific information, peer review, and public comment, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is listing the candy darter as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The listing will take effect on xx. Nearly half of the 35 known candy darter populations have become obsolete since the species was first described in 1932.

Critical habitat has been proposed for streams within the five occupied watersheds in Virginia and West Virginia. Although the streams are considered state waters, adjacent land includes a combination of federal, state, and private ownership. This designation identifies areas that may need special management or protection by other federal agencies; they would have no impact on landowner activities that do not involve federal funding or require federal permits.

T. Travis Brown

Named for their vibrant colors, male candy darters have five black saddles along their backs and nine to 11 vertical bands that alternate red-orange and blue-green along the sides of their bodies. Though females maintain a similar marking pattern, they appear mostly olive green and black.

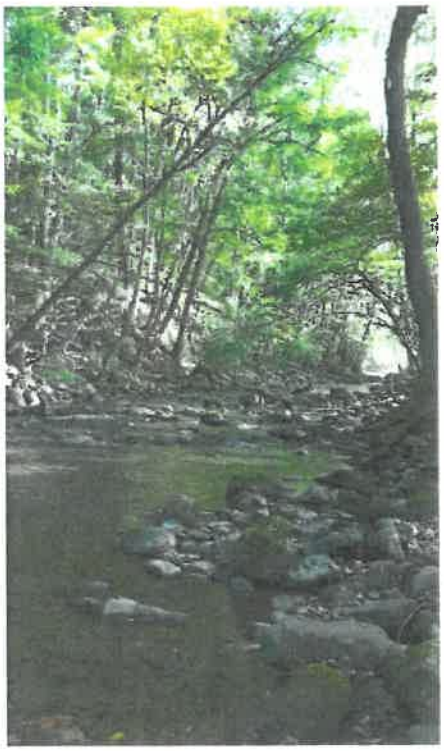
Underwater Rainbows
The candy darter is small, measuring only 2-3 inches (55-86 millimeters) in length. This colorful fish prefers shallow, fast-flowing stream reaches with rocky bottoms.

Candy darters live up to three years and begin breeding around two years of age. Spawning in mid- to late spring, candy darters are brood-hiding, bottom spawners. Females select areas of finer pebble and gravel among riffles to deposit their eggs.

Male candy darters display aggressive, territorial behavior during spawning. After nipping and chasing away competitors, the larger male successfully fertilizes the eggs. Incubation lasts five to 25 days depending on water temperature. Adult candy darters do not care for their young after spawning.

Candy darters primarily feed on small insects such as mayflies and caddisflies.

Vanishing Act
Candy darters were likely once relatively common throughout their range.



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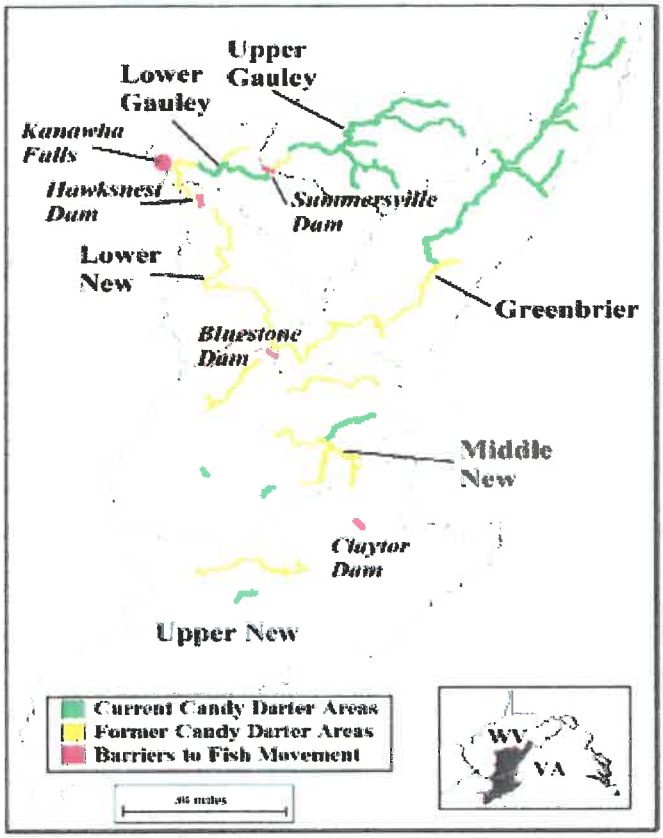
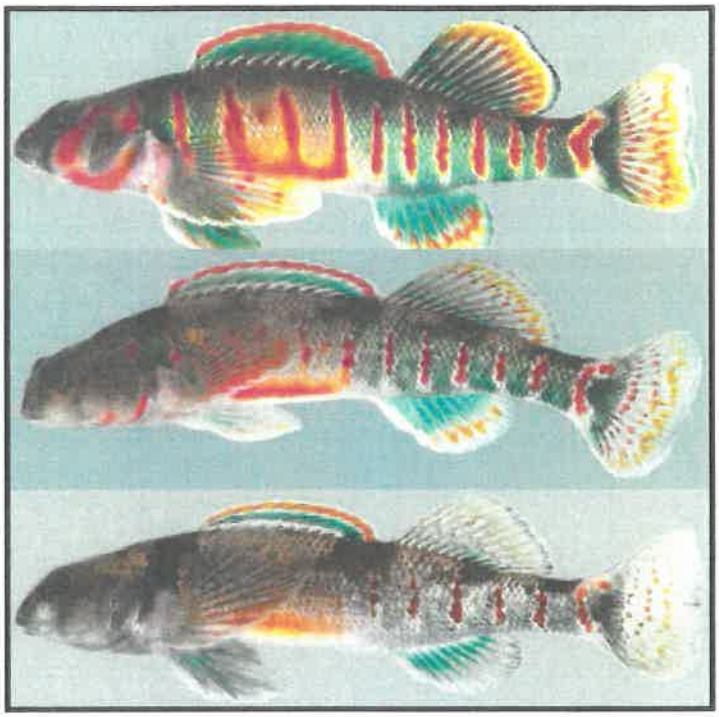
An example of stream habitat for the candy darter species in the Middle New River watershed in Virginia.



Hybridization and habitat loss have reduced candy darter presence in streams in which they were historically found. Green indicates existing populations and yellow indicates former candy darter areas in Virginia and West Virginia.



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As generations of hybridization progress, candy darter genes become increasingly diluted. Male candy darter (top); male hybrid specimen (middle); male variegate darter (bottom).

"May be the most vivid freshwater fish in North America."
- A Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes, Page and Burr 1991

Historical habitat degradation and fragmentation led certain populations to dwindle or even cease to exist. Nearly half of the 35 candy darter populations known when the species was first described in 1932 have disappeared.

Now, an emerging threat is harming the remaining populations. The culprit? Introduction of another darter species.

Slightly larger in size, the variegate darter appears to outcompete candy darters for space, food and mates.

But most critically, the closely related variegate darter and candy darter can successfully mate with each other. This results in fertile hybrid offspring that are neither pure candy darter nor pure variegate darter.

After multiple, quickly successive generations of this mixing, candy darter genes are effectively diluted out of the population, and only variegate darters remain.

Variegate darters were once naturally blocked by the Kanawha Falls from traveling upstream to candy darter populations. But in the late 20th century, variegate darters were released above the falls, likely as a result of their use as live bait for fishing.

Although variegate darter hybridization is ongoing, some populations of candy darters are protected by large dams that prevent the natural spread of variegate darters. Preventing the transfer of live baitfish into these watersheds is vital to the continued existence of candy darters in these areas.

Like many other darters, candy darters need very specific habitat features to survive and reproduce. Their presence generally indicates good water quality because they are affected by excessive sedimentation in rivers and streams. When sediment is released, it can fill the spaces between river bottom rocks, sometimes totally burying the gravel, pebbles, rocks and cobble that candy darters use for shelter and egg laying.

Other ways you can help candy darters:

- Safely and properly dispose of household and industrial chemicals so they do not run directly into streams, and report chemical spills to state environmental protection agencies.
- During timber harvest, construction or other projects, implement best management practices for sediment and erosion control.
- Start a watershed group or assist in stream and water quality monitoring efforts.
- Plant trees and other native woody vegetation along stream banks to help restore and preserve water quality and prevent erosion.
- If you reside on property that borders a stream or other waterway, minimize use of chemicals or fertilizers.
- Maintain a buffer of natural vegetation along stream banks to help control erosion and reduce runoff.

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2018 - 2019 WEST VIRGINIA BIG GAME HARVEST SUMMARY

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SUMMARY OF WEST VIRGINIA HUNTER HARVEST, 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018/19
Deer--Bucks Only	37,450	60,814	46,071	44,127	44,599
Deer--Archery/Crossbow	22,281	32,540	26,524	26,206	26,613
Deer--Antlerless	39,433	39,852	34,792	33,584	32,751
Deer--Muzzleloader	5,543	5,178	4,997	4,243	4,234
Deer--Mountaineer Heritage					659
Deer Total	**104,707**	**138,384**	**112,384**	**108,160**	**108,856**
Bear--Gun	1,988	2,110	1,993	2,547	1,969
Bear--Archery/Crossbow	593	1,091	1,019	611	637
Bear Total	**2,581**	**3,201**	**3,012**	**3,158**	**2,606**
Turkey--Spring	9,128	9,037	10,361	11,545	12,287
Turkey--Fall	956	1,140	2,066	948	1,215
Turkey Total	**10,084**	**10,177**	**12,427**	**12,493**	**13,502**
Wild Boar	51	99	46	91	137

WEST VIRGINIA DEER HARVEST, 2018

County	Buck Gun	Antlerless	Muzzleloader	Archery/Crossbow	Mountaineer	Total
Barbour	958	875	98	536	11	2478
Brooke	188	159	21	171	3	542
Hancock	139	100	16	267	3	525
Harrison	889	842	113	526	21	2391
Marion	678	543	60	433	12	1726
Marshall	637	371	58	290	8	1364
Monongalia	750	677	70	592	17	2106
Ohio	197	141	32	217	7	594
Preston	1607	1799	177	1333	36	4952
Taylor	491	473	65	284	14	1327
Tucker	754	413	71	465	13	1716
Wetzel	676	516	41	251	3	1487
Dist. I Subtotal	**7964**	**6909**	**822**	**5365**	**148**	**21060**
Berkeley	757	706	57	645	7	2172
Grant	1220	647	93	365	8	2333
Hampshire	1471	1068	111	355	10	3015
Hardy	1212	774	81	296	6	2369
Jefferson	463	411	60	445	6	1385
Mineral	1048	729	45	353	5	2180
Morgan	622	562	44	251	4	1483
Pendleton	1275	574	59	370	4	2282
Dist. II Subtotal	**8068**	**5471**	**550**	**3080**	**50**	**17169**
Braxton	1017	848	123	451	20	2459
Clay	438	305	53	250	11	1057
Lewis	1001	1160	105	485	20	2771
Nicholas	1060	862	168	634	32	2756
Pocahontas	991	213	65	244	5	1518
Randolph	1685	850	185	914	20	3654
Upshur	1155	1289	132	681	39	3296
Webster	937	331	137	540	21	1966
Dist. III Subtotal	**8284**	**5858**	**968**	**4199**	**168**	**19309**
Fayette	998	441	151	694	14	2298
Greenbrier	1483	801	151	615	27	3077
McDowell	C	C	C	628	0	628
Mercer	617	423	105	567	13	1725
Monroe	1193	1099	76	505	17	2890
Raleigh	624	229	96	806	19	1774
Summers	701	524	74	377	9	1685
Wyoming	C	C	C	974	2	974
Dist. IV Subtotal	**5616**	**3517**	**653**	**5166**	**101**	**14952**
Boone	672	182	109	398	19	1380
Cabell	644	380	43	376	7	1450
Kanawha	1214	525	76	1045	27	2887
Lincoln	957	290	64	415	12	1738
Logan	C	C	C	769	3	769
Mason	1206	922	128	610	14	2880
Mingo	C	C	C	410	0	410
Putnam	943	807	78	551	12	2391
Wayne	737	53	21	291	9	1111
Dist. V Subtotal	**6373**	**3159**	**519**	**4865**	**103**	**14916**
Calhoun	698	653	63	295	7	1716
Doddridge	659	627	38	241	3	1568
Gilmer	800	694	76	311	7	1888
Jackson	1380	1183	141	675	14	3393
Pleasants	280	164	21	117	6	588
Ritchie	1065	1123	77	514	11	2790
Roane	1176	1073	84	478	11	2822
Tyler	566	542	38	258	5	1409
Wirt	669	721	82	341	8	1821
Wood	1001	1057	102	708	17	2885
Dist. VI Subtotal	**8294**	**7837**	**722**	**3938**	**89**	**20791**
State Total	**44599**	**32751**	**4234**	**26613**	**659**	**108856**

WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERED BUCK GUN HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Barbour	886	1281	1098	984	958
Brooke	251	286	268	175	188
Hancock	200	208	209	157	139
Harrison	930	1418	1138	1017	888
Marion	702	1190	765	735	678
Marshall	707	818	727	624	637
Monongalia	689	1023	827	825	750
Ohio	232	290	270	180	197
Preston	1526	2046	1774	1947	1607
Taylor	453	732	581	485	491
Tucker	494	783	730	817	754
Wetzel	891	1144	899	823	676
Dist. I Subtotal	**7961**	**11219**	**9286**	**8769**	**7963**
Berkeley	522	908	737	753	757
Grant	783	1304	954	1194	1219
Hampshire	1094	1947	1197	1386	1471
Hardy	920	1709	1076	1198	1212
Jefferson	385	499	422	419	463
Mineral	835	1335	922	1011	1048
Morgan	412	678	437	503	622
Pendleton	861	1297	1088	1018	1275
Dist. II Subtotal	**5812**	**9677**	**6833**	**7482**	**8067**
Braxton	921	1660	1102	1233	1017
Clay	329	618	390	481	438
Lewis	1166	1875	1246	1216	1001
Nicholas	871	1274	1044	987	1060
Pocahontas	831	1008	921	1040	994
Randolph	1291	1659	1617	1633	1685
Upshur	1009	1704	1399	1025	1155
Webster	632	1080	941	777	937
Dist. III Subtotal	**7050**	**10878**	**8660**	**8392**	**8287**
Fayette	725	1214	889	927	998
Greenbrier	1372	1816	1447	1628	1481
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	402	843	636	593	617
Monroe	1004	1462	1099	1295	1193
Raleigh	506	895	648	592	624
Summers	657	999	657	809	701
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	**4666**	**7229**	**5376**	**5844**	**5614**
Boone	519	868	573	658	672
Cabell	421	641	677	404	644
Kanawha	730	1547	1058	1046	1214
Lincoln	720	1312	846	569	958
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	1002	1488	1267	867	1206
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	565	1114	992	624	943
Wayne	528	963	815	448	737
Dist. V Subtotal	**4485**	**7933**	**6228**	**4616**	**6374**
Calhoun	504	1063	705	740	698
Doddridge	615	1376	946	947	659
Gilmer	669	1435	791	875	800
Jackson	1107	1870	1487	1096	1380
Pleasants	273	492	334	317	280
Ritchie	1123	2024	1422	1338	1065
Roane	927	1846	1178	1186	1176
Tyler	566	1064	855	817	566
Wirt	681	1152	777	734	669
Wood	1011	1556	1193	974	1001
Dist. VI Subtotal	**7476**	**13878**	**9688**	**9024**	**8294**
State Total	**37450**	**60814**	**46071**	**44127**	**44599**

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASON HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	*2015	2016	2017	**2018
Barbour	416	623	535	534	536
Brooke	303	278	262	155	171
Hancock	373	344	353	282	267
Harrison	502	702	559	634	526
Marion	413	640	482	509	433
Marshall	307	353	336	300	290
Monongalia	584	781	678	694	592
Ohio	250	272	286	202	217
Preston	999	1415	1265	1469	1333
Taylor	265	346	279	361	284
Tucker	312	420	400	482	465
Wetzel	248	357	288	311	251
Dist. I Subtotal	**4972**	**6531**	**5723**	**5933**	**5365**
Berkeley	397	554	534	559	645
Grant	300	423	323	363	365
Hampshire	275	457	349	381	355
Hardy	231	404	268	321	296
Jefferson	363	374	402	408	445
Mineral	275	394	327	381	353
Morgan	163	253	214	242	251
Pendleton	279	391	296	316	370
Dist. II Subtotal	**2283**	**3250**	**2713**	**2971**	**3080**
Braxton	380	593	516	539	451
Clay	194	339	223	243	250
Lewis	372	712	544	538	485
Nicholas	630	799	726	635	634
Pocahontas	288	318	264	324	244
Randolph	779	921	928	883	914
Upshur	472	906	747	694	681
Webster	420	626	537	511	540
Dist. III Subtotal	**3535**	**5214**	**4485**	**4367**	**4199**
Fayette	666	801	701	765	694
Greenbrier	556	739	525	722	615
McDowell	447	673	456	574	628
Mercer	419	817	653	625	567
Monroe	460	632	483	542	505
Raleigh	640	1032	729	789	806
Summers	341	563	362	450	377
Wyoming	686	1039	867	824	974
Dist. IV Subtotal	**4215**	**6296**	**4776**	**5291**	**5166**
Boone	433	486	354	377	398
Cabell	288	365	416	208	376
Kanawha	771	1069	894	894	1045
Lincoln	418	643	421	258	415
Logan	608	924	574	507	769
Mason	628	786	690	535	610
Mingo	284	579	386	277	410
Putnam	437	599	579	397	551
Wayne	304	451	402	179	291
Dist. V Subtotal	**4171**	**5902**	**4716**	**3632**	**4865**
Calhoun	213	433	295	283	295
Doddridge	210	390	264	328	241
Gilmer	174	448	257	334	311
Jackson	495	759	692	515	675
Pleasants	92	163	137	162	117
Ritchie	404	713	536	501	514
Roane	356	707	455	489	478
Tyler	256	366	281	328	258
Wirt	267	459	341	334	341
Wood	638	909	853	738	708
Dist. VI Subtotal	**3105**	**5347**	**4111**	**4012**	**3938**
State Total	**22281**	**32540**	**26524**	**26206**	**26613**

***Implementation of statewide deer crossbow season**

****Does not include deer harvested in Mountaineer Heritage Season**

WEST VIRGINIA ANTLERLESS HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Barbour	1074	911	806	873	875
Brooke	411	346	392	236	159
Hancock	354	210	168	163	100
Harrison	1255	1228	1045	1014	842
Marion	943	984	826	809	543
Marshall	940	554	514	437	371
Monongalia	866	968	673	673	677
Ohio	366	361	230	152	141
Preston	1818	1437	1635	1703	1799
Taylor	620	486	514	533	473
Tucker	397	47	200	332	413
Wetzel	934	957	866	723	516
Dist. I Subtotal	**9978**	**8489**	**7869**	**7648**	**6909**
Berkeley	752	813	675	730	706
Grant	559	592	467	599	647
Hampshire	1054	1240	908	959	1068
Hardy	825	967	659	717	774
Jefferson	488	442	428	450	411
Mineral	880	899	761	706	729
Morgan	531	551	433	490	562
Pendleton	597	547	497	424	574
Dist. II Subtotal	**5686**	**6051**	**4828**	**5075**	**5471**
Braxton	1266	1193	909	1083	848
Clay	127	184	182	109	305
Lewis	1414	1753	1377	1258	1160
Nicholas	454	606	509	436	862
Pocahontas	355	238	216	249	213
Randolph	1094	533	850	849	850
Upshur	1359	1271	1605	1300	1289
Webster	138	174	314	562	331
Dist. III Subtotal	**6207**	**5952**	**5962**	**5846**	**5858**
Fayette	294	392	283	286	441
Greenbrier	856	821	739	773	801
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	253	337	414	547	423
Monroe	1194	1220	819	998	1099
Raleigh	219	291	215	226	229
Summers	917	689	603	682	524
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	**3733**	**3750**	**3073**	**3512**	**3517**
Boone	203	93	157	172	182
Cabell	491	419	422	290	380
Kanawha	484	558	412	478	525
Lincoln	739	872	567	338	290
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	1425	1593	1370	1052	922
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	800	1048	885	612	807
Wayne	288	38	269	134	53
Dist. V Subtotal	**4430**	**4621**	**4082**	**3076**	**3159**
Calhoun	594	802	630	557	653
Doddridge	731	914	750	731	627
Gilmer	779	1017	688	727	694
Jackson	1304	1521	1317	1122	1183
Pleasants	254	260	268	298	164
Ritchie	1303	1622	1309	1290	1123
Roane	1244	1514	1123	1101	1073
Tyler	742	901	815	781	542
Wirt	919	1002	860	733	721
Wood	1529	1436	1218	1087	1057
Dist. VI Subtotal	**9399**	**10989**	**8978**	**8427**	**7837**
State Total	**39433**	**39852**	**34792**	**33584**	**32751**

WEST VIRGINIA MUZZLELOADER SEASON HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	*2018
Barbour	159	116	133	119	98
Brooke	30	18	38	13	21
Hancock	42	23	34	18	16
Harrison	183	128	113	126	113
Marion	106	124	113	82	60
Marshall	108	76	73	64	58
Monongalia	92	117	91	82	70
Ohio	37	44	46	34	32
Preston	267	182	217	203	177
Taylor	84	75	70	59	65
Tucker	88	16	73	73	71
Wetzel	91	88	90	71	41
Dist. I Subtotal	**1287**	**1007**	**1091**	**944**	**822**
Berkeley	83	74	67	64	57
Grant	115	112	81	75	93
Hampshire	122	127	88	89	111
Hardy	109	80	63	74	81
Jefferson	56	48	54	46	60
Mineral	91	75	80	43	45
Morgan	52	70	44	38	44
Pendleton	98	67	70	48	59
Dist. II Subtotal	**726**	**653**	**547**	**477**	**550**
Braxton	197	189	157	127	123
Clay	26	25	43	34	53
Lewis	198	165	168	146	105
Nicholas	259	265	232	162	168
Pocahontas	120	77	56	57	65
Randolph	304	202	243	194	185
Upshur	145	155	185	163	132
Webster	33	28	139	74	137
Dist. III Subtotal	**1282**	**1106**	**1223**	**957**	**968**
Fayette	166	183	124	124	151
Greenbrier	128	108	135	130	151
McDowell	C	C	C	C	C
Mercer	36	114	86	62	105
Monroe	131	105	70	107	76
Raleigh	85	83	70	70	96
Summers	112	88	62	78	74
Wyoming	C	C	C	C	C
Dist. IV Subtotal	**658**	**681**	**547**	**571**	**653**
Boone	132	39	72	74	109
Cabell	60	45	60	32	43
Kanawha	57	88	78	64	76
Lincoln	86	159	106	46	64
Logan	C	C	C	C	C
Mason	157	150	153	108	128
Mingo	C	C	C	C	C
Putnam	89	90	119	63	78
Wayne	55	31	62	30	21
Dist. V Subtotal	**636**	**602**	**650**	**417**	**519**
Calhoun	79	71	69	66	63
Doddridge	77	104	70	95	38
Gilmer	111	126	93	87	76
Jackson	155	183	158	138	141
Pleasants	30	34	27	20	21
Ritchie	96	167	102	109	77
Roane	100	129	105	90	84
Tyler	94	75	82	63	38
Wirt	87	86	92	91	82
Wood	125	154	141	118	102
Dist. VI Subtotal	**954**	**1129**	**939**	**877**	**722**
State Total	**5543**	**5178**	**4997**	**4243**	**4234**

***Does not include deer harvested with muzzleloader during the Mountainerr Heritage Season**

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEER HERITAGE SEASON HARVEST: 2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Barbour	NS	NS	NS	NS	11
Brooke	NS	NS	NS	NS	3
Hancock	NS	NS	NS	NS	3
Harrison	NS	NS	NS	NS	21
Marion	NS	NS	NS	NS	12
Marshall	NS	NS	NS	NS	8
Monongalia	NS	NS	NS	NS	17
Ohio	NS	NS	NS	NS	7
Preston	NS	NS	NS	NS	36
Taylor	NS	NS	NS	NS	14
Tucker	NS	NS	NS	NS	13
Wetzel	NS	NS	NS	NS	3
Dist. I Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**148**
Berkeley	NS	NS	NS	NS	7
Grant	NS	NS	NS	NS	8
Hampshire	NS	NS	NS	NS	10
Hardy	NS	NS	NS	NS	6
Jefferson	NS	NS	NS	NS	6
Mineral	NS	NS	NS	NS	5
Morgan	NS	NS	NS	NS	4
Pendleton	NS	NS	NS	NS	4
Dist. II Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**50**
Braxton	NS	NS	NS	NS	20
Clay	NS	NS	NS	NS	11
Lewis	NS	NS	NS	NS	20
Nicholas	NS	NS	NS	NS	32
Pocahontas	NS	NS	NS	NS	5
Randolph	NS	NS	NS	NS	20
Upshur	NS	NS	NS	NS	39
Webster	NS	NS	NS	NS	21
Dist. III Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**168**
Fayette	NS	NS	NS	NS	14
Greenbrier	NS	NS	NS	NS	27
McDowell	NS	NS	NS	NS	0
Mercer	NS	NS	NS	NS	13
Monroe	NS	NS	NS	NS	17
Raleigh	NS	NS	NS	NS	19
Summers	NS	NS	NS	NS	9
Wyoming	NS	NS	NS	NS	2
Dist. IV Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**101**
Boone	NS	NS	NS	NS	19
Cabell	NS	NS	NS	NS	7
Kanawha	NS	NS	NS	NS	27
Lincoln	NS	NS	NS	NS	12
Logan	NS	NS	NS	NS	3
Mason	NS	NS	NS	NS	14
Mingo	NS	NS	NS	NS	0
Putnam	NS	NS	NS	NS	12
Wayne	NS	NS	NS	NS	9
Dist. V Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**103**
Calhoun	NS	NS	NS	NS	7
Doddridge	NS	NS	NS	NS	3
Gilmer	NS	NS	NS	NS	7
Jackson	NS	NS	NS	NS	14
Pleasants	NS	NS	NS	NS	6
Ritchie	NS	NS	NS	NS	11
Roane	NS	NS	NS	NS	11
Tyler	NS	NS	NS	NS	5
Wirt	NS	NS	NS	NS	8
Wood	NS	NS	NS	NS	17
Dist. VI Subtotal	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**89**
State Total	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**NS**	**659**

NS - NO SEASON

WEST VIRGINIA SPRING WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Barbour	178	127	165	204	250
Brooke	84	67	78	100	174
Hancock	110	89	98	106	87
Harrison	264	247	286	328	440
Marion	149	170	192	257	330
Marshall	220	174	207	256	417
Monongalia	174	199	197	267	346
Ohio	91	109	111	113	145
Preston	344	333	371	475	555
Taylor	87	72	101	135	189
Tucker	88	82	90	97	89
Wetzel	203	168	196	244	396
Dist. I Subtotal	**1992**	**1837**	**2092**	**2582**	**3418**
Berkeley	112	124	115	147	162
Grant	129	131	161	145	160
Hampshire	138	156	170	184	166
Hardy	135	116	132	132	151
Jefferson	57	82	79	115	115
Mineral	96	118	134	133	148
Morgan	62	64	54	64	65
Pendleton	95	94	88	112	112
Dist. II Subtotal	**824**	**885**	**933**	**1032**	**1079**
Braxton	175	194	197	209	307
Clay	68	83	101	120	142
Lewis	180	194	211	249	289
Nicholas	164	213	330	311	287
Pocahontas	130	145	144	142	113
Randolph	186	225	250	247	207
Upshur	229	231	228	302	335
Webster	113	114	156	151	129
Dist. III Subtotal	**1245**	**1399**	**1617**	**1731**	**1809**
Fayette	244	239	292	278	247
Greenbrier	245	242	308	269	225
McDowell	215	218	200	177	132
Mercer	170	161	176	192	150
Monroe	212	181	184	192	183
Raleigh	214	231	283	280	213
Summers	209	199	219	209	170
Wyoming	255	257	320	262	197
Dist. IV Subtotal	**1764**	**1728**	**1982**	**1859**	**1517**
Boone	159	138	157	157	125
Cabell	80	110	114	176	125
Kanawha	231	227	285	320	308
Lincoln	178	169	215	229	158
Logan	181	172	181	165	157
Mason	293	314	378	448	469
Mingo	93	91	131	143	106
Putnam	150	181	210	268	235
Wayne	103	108	139	186	129
Dist. V Subtotal	**1468**	**1510**	**1810**	**2092**	**1812**
Calhoun	135	128	145	164	190
Doddridge	126	118	137	160	216
Gilmer	147	124	132	143	170
Jackson	293	264	302	408	460
Pleasants	73	71	80	88	122
Ritchie	245	218	216	264	327
Roane	232	210	231	256	280
Tyler	136	144	182	181	250
Wirt	177	153	174	205	230
Wood	271	248	328	380	407
Dist. VI Subtotal	**1835**	**1678**	**1927**	**2249**	**2652**
State Total	**9128**	**9037**	**10361**	**11545**	**12287**

WEST VIRGINIA FALL WILD TURKEY HARVEST, 2014-2018

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Barbour	18	C	29	21	22
Brooke	2	6	15	9	7
Hancock	5	8	6	2	6
Harrison	20	28	41	15	18
Marion	6	19	38	12	20
Marshall	22	9	50	17	24
Monongalia	15	25	30	20	23
Ohio	3	6	21	5	8
Preston	53	71	105	55	54
Taylor	5	2	23	21	10
Tucker	25	13	14	6	26
Wetzel	18	C	40	17	14
Dist. I Subtotal	**192**	**187**	**412**	**200**	**232**
Berkeley	19	30	21	20	12
Grant	17	38	57	29	47
Hampshire	15	35	30	18	22
Hardy	18	31	27	19	21
Jefferson	C	C	8	4	4
Mineral	16	25	22	14	30
Morgan	15	15	9	6	13
Pendleton	31	25	35	24	19
Dist II Subtotal	**131**	**199**	**209**	**134**	**168**
Braxton	C	C	43	5	8
Clay	C	C	12	4	3
Lewis	C	25	21	10	14
Nicholas	88	63	140	36	68
Pocahontas	54	62	49	34	41
Randolph	83	114	116	38	76
Upshur	C	59	92	32	58
Webster	50	48	91	14	51
Dist. III Subtotal	**275**	**371**	**564**	**173**	**319**
Fayette	C	C	38	14	18
Greenbrier	81	81	74	64	65
McDowell	C	C	30	14	16
Mercer	2	C	27	17	17
Monroe	52	61	61	51	53
Raleigh	C	C	47	18	24
Summers	41	26	29	22	10
Wyoming	35	41	62	12	27
Dist. IV Subtotal	**211**	**209**	**368**	**212**	**230**
Boone	C	C	21	5	9
Cabell	C	C	12	5	8
Kanawha	C	C	38	17	10
Lincoln	C	C	26	7	12
Logan	C	C	25	5	9
Mason	33	43	64	28	45
Mingo	C	C	8	1	8
Putnam	C	19	27	14	14
Wayne	C	C	17	0	2
Dist. V Subtotal	**33**	**62**	**238**	**82**	**117**
Calhoun	C	C	19	7	12
Doddridge	C	C	12	5	7
Gilmer	C	C	10	9	1
Jackson	37	24	48	34	29
Pleasants	3	6	7	8	13
Ritchie	12	C	21	8	12
Roane	C	C	26	17	15
Tyler	8	15	18	2	6
Wirt	23	17	30	23	17
Wood	31	47	84	34	37
Dist. VI Subtotal	**114**	**109**	**275**	**147**	**149**
Unknown	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**
State Total	**956**	**1140**	**2066**	**948**	**1215**

WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST, 1979-2018

Year	Total Kill
1979	3
1980	10
1981	33
1982	72
1983	54
1984	81
1985	58
1986	35
1987	74
1988	34
1989	116
1990	86
1991	59
1992	130
1993	82
1994	86
1995	158
1996	139
1997	141
1998	58
1999	96
2000	46
2001	43
2002	38
2003	5
2004	7
2005	12
2006	14
2007	22
2008	14
2009	35
2010	16
2011	37
2012	62
2013	49
2014	51
2015	99
2016	46
2017	91
*2018/19	137
Total	**2429**

2018/19 WEST VIRGINIA WILD BOAR HARVEST

County	Bow	Crossbow	Rifle	Total
Boone	10	12	26	48
Logan	42	10	37	89
Total	**52**	**22**	**63**	**137**

WEST VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST, 2018

County	Archery/Crossbow	Sept./Oct.	Buck Gun	December	Mountaineer	Total
Barbour	15	2	14	8	0	39
Brooke	0	C	0	0	0	0
Hancock	0	C	1	0	0	1
Harrison	6	C	1	0	0	7
Marion	1	C	0	0	0	1
Marshall	0	C	0	0	0	0
Monongalia	3	C	4	1	0	8
Ohio	0	C	0	0	0	0
Preston	28	7	17	36	1	89
Taylor	8	C	3	0	0	11
Tucker	19	28	4	48	0	99
Wetzel	1	C	6	0	0	7
Dist. I Subtotal	**81**	**37**	**50**	**93**	**1**	**262**
Berkeley	0	0	3	0	0	3
Grant	10	11	21	43	0	85
Hampshire	10	1	29	4	0	44
Hardy	10	23	23	57	0	113
Jefferson	4	1	2	0	0	7
Mineral	14	5	5	11	0	35
Morgan	4	0	1	1	0	6
Pendleton	13	50	17	59	0	139
Dist. II Subtotal	**65**	**91**	**101**	**175**	**0**	**432**
Braxton	16	6	26	9	0	57
Clay	7	6	17	34	0	64
Lewis	10	0	6	3	0	19
Nicholas	33	40	28	74	0	175
Pocahontas	9	36	18	112	0	175
Randolph	26	55	16	72	0	169
Upshur	10	6	4	9	0	29
Webster	31	51	24	50	0	156
Dist. III Subtotal	**142**	**200**	**139**	**363**	**0**	**844**
Fayette	34	15	40	17	0	106
Greenbrier	17	29	31	62	0	139
McDowell	54	30	7	14	0	105
Mercer	25	1	4	2	0	32
Monroe	21	13	26	15	0	75
Raleigh	27	20	23	5	0	75
Summers	20	1	10	2	0	33
Wyoming	49	27	6	16	0	98
Dist. IV Subtotal	**247**	**136**	**147**	**133**	**0**	**663**
Boone	29	30	37	26	0	122
Cabell	0	C	0	0	0	0
Kanawha	18	19	41	41	0	119
Lincoln	3	C	1	1	0	5
Logan	20	38	1	28	0	87
Mason	1	C	0	0	0	1
Mingo	18	14	0	6	0	38
Putnam	0	C	0	0	0	0
Wayne	1	C	0	0	0	1
Dist. V Subtotal	**90**	**101**	**80**	**102**	**0**	**373**
Calhoun	2	C	1	0	0	3
Doddridge	0	C	0	0	0	0
Gilmer	5	C	8	0	0	13
Jackson	0	C	0	0	0	0
Pleasants	0	C	0	0	0	0
Ritchie	0	C	4	0	0	4
Roane	3	C	2	0	0	5
Tyler	0	C	2	0	0	2
Wirt	1	C	3	0	0	4
Wood	1	C	0	0	0	1
Dist. VI Subtotal	**12**	**0**	**20**	**0**	**0**	**32**
State Total	**637**	**565**	**537**	**866**	**1**	**2606**

WEST VIRGINIA BLACK BEAR HARVEST, 2018			
County	**Archery/Crossbow**	**Gun**	**Total**
Barbour	15	24	39
Brooke	0	0	0
Hancock	0	1	1
Harrison	6	1	7
Marion	1	0	1
Marshall	0	0	0
Monongalia	3	5	8
Ohio	0	0	0
Preston	28	61	89
Taylor	8	3	11
Tucker	19	80	99
Wetzel	1	6	7
Dist. I Subtotal	**81**	**181**	**262**
Berkeley	0	3	3
Grant	10	75	85
Hampshire	10	34	44
Hardy	10	103	113
Jefferson	4	3	7
Mineral	14	21	35
Morgan	4	2	6
Pendleton	13	126	139
Dist. II Subtotal	**65**	**367**	**432**
Braxton	16	41	57
Clay	7	57	64
Lewis	10	9	19
Nicholas	33	142	175
Pocahontas	9	166	175
Randolph	26	143	169
Upshur	10	19	29
Webster	31	125	156
Dist. III Subtotal	**142**	**702**	**844**
Fayette	34	72	106
Greenbrier	17	122	139
McDowell	54	51	105
Mercer	25	7	32
Monroe	21	54	75
Raleigh	27	48	75
Summers	20	13	33
Wyoming	49	49	98
Dist. IV Subtotal	**247**	**416**	**663**
Boone	29	93	122
Cabell	0	0	0
Kanawha	18	101	119
Lincoln	3	2	5
Logan	20	67	87
Mason	1	0	1
Mingo	18	20	38
Putnam	0	0	0
Wayne	1	0	1
Dist. V Subtotal	**90**	**283**	**373**
Calhoun	2	1	3
Doddridge	0	0	0
Gilmer	5	8	13
Jackson	0	0	0
Pleasants	0	0	0
Ritchie	0	4	4
Roane	3	2	5
Tyler	0	2	2
Wirt	1	3	4
Wood	1	0	1
Dist. VI Subtotal	**12**	**20**	**32**
State Total	**637**	**1969**	**2606**

Attachment D

RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE
2019-2020 BIG GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS
AND THE
2020-2021 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Presented to the
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2019-2020 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2019 Black Bear Seasons be open as shown on the attached table.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2019 Antlerless Deer Season be open as shown on the attached tables.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend the Youth Spring Wild Turkey Season to two days by adding the following Sunday to the existing season framework. In addition, remove the shot size restriction and make regulations consistent with the Statewide Spring Turkey Season.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend the October segment of the Youth/Class Q and XS Antlerless Deer Season to two days by adding the following Sunday to the existing season framework.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend the September Youth Squirrel Season to two days by adding the following Sunday to the existing season framework.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

6. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to make the Little Kanawha Wildlife Management Area (8,255 acres) in Wirt and Calhoun counties an older-age deer management area.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

7. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to open public lands to the proposed 4-day October Antlerless Deer and Bear Seasons.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

8. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow the use of side-lock percussion and flintlock muzzleloading pistols during the Mountaineer Heritage Season (scopes and in-line pistols are prohibited). Caliber requirements would be the same as the traditional muzzleloader season.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

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

Favor _____ Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2020-2021 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to make it illegal to bait or feed any wildlife on public lands all year. (Currently it is prohibited during the period from September 1 to December 31 and during the spring turkey seasons).

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend coyote night season with use of artificial light to first day of January through the last day in August (currently ends last day of July).

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

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

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SEEKS YOUR OPINION ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTION

1. The Director of the Division of Natural Resources seeks your opinion as to whether you favor reducing the annual antlered deer bag limit from three (3) to two (2) antlered bucks per year.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

Proposed 2019 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

Bow Season – 55 counties: Sept. 28 – Dec. 31

Gun Seasons: Refer to Table Below

7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Oct. 5 – Oct. 11 12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 – Dec. 7 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 – Dec. 31	16-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Aug. 31 - Sept. 15 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	7-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31	12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 – Dec. 7 4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec.9 - Dec. 31	4-Day Gun Without Dogs October 24 – 27 No Permit Required **Public and Private** Portions of Counties Open for Antlerless Deer Gun Hunting	2-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 25 – Dec. 7 No Permit Needed Entire County Open	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 9 - Dec. 31
Boone Fayette Kanawha Raleigh	Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming	Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S. of Elk River) Grant Greenbrier Hardy Mineral (W. of New Creek) Monroe (E. of Rt. 219) Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Upshur (E. of Rt. 20) Webster	Berkeley 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** Mercer **Monongalia** Monroe Morgan Nicholas Preston Raleigh **Roane** Summers **Taylor** **Upshur**	Barbour Braxton Clay Grant Greenbrier Hardy Mineral Monroe Nicholas Pendleton Pocahontas Preston Randolph Tucker Upshur Webster	Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Braxton (W. of I-79) Clay (N. of Elk River) Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Upshur (W. of Rt. 20)

Tab 2

Summary of Proposed Changes to Bear Seasons for 2019

More Liberal Seasons without hounds

Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Lincoln, Monongalia, Roane, Taylor, Upshur – added to the October 24 – 27 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.

October 24 – 27 concurrent antlerless deer/bear season – public land added if public land is opened for antlerless deer season.

PROPOSED 2019 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS (PRIVATE LAND)

Counties or Parts Thereof **Closed** to Antlerless (Class N/NN) Hunting	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Resident and Non-resident (Must Apply) **(Season Bag Limit: 1)** Oct. 24-27; Nov. 25-Dec. 7; Dec. 12-15; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN **(Season Bag Limit: 1)** Oct. 24-27; Nov. 25-Dec. 7; Dec. 12-15; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN **(Season Bag Limit: 3)** Oct. 24-27; Nov. 25-Dec. 7; Dec. 12-15; Dec. 28-31	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN. *(*see special regulation requirement below)* **(Season Bag Limit: 3)** Oct. 24-27; Nov. 25-Dec. 7; Dec. 12-15; Dec. 28-31
Clay *(south portion)* Fayette *(west portion)* Kanawha *(south portion)* Raleigh *(west portion)* Wayne *(south portion)* Logan McDowell Mingo Wyoming	Boone *(400)* Greenbrier *(north portion - 200)* Lincoln *(south portion -200)* Mineral *(west portion - 200)* Nicholas *(400)* Pocahontas *(300)* Raleigh *(east portion - 250)* Wayne *(north portion - 300)* Webster *(300)*	Braxton Brooke Clay *(north portion)* Fayette *(east portion)* Hancock Lincoln *(north portion)* Marshall Mercer Ohio Pleasants Randolph Summers Tucker Wetzel	Barbour Cabell Doddridge Gilmer Grant Harrison Jackson Kanawha *(north portion)* Lewis Marion Mason Monongalia Pendleton Putnam Ritchie Roane Taylor Tyler Upshur Wirt	Berkeley Calhoun Greenbrier *(south portion)* Hampshire Hardy Jefferson Mineral *(east portion)* Monroe Morgan Preston Wood

*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 2020 Mountaineer Heritage Season.

PROPOSED 2019 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS

Season Dates: Oct. 24-27, Nov. 25-Dec. 7, Dec. 12-15, and Dec 28-31, 2019

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

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

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

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

Summary of Proposed Changes to 2019 Antlerless Deer Season County Regulations

(Comparison of 2018 and 2019 Proposed Antlerless Deer Seasons)

More Liberal 2019 Antlerless Season:

Counties or portions of counties which were closed in 2018 and are proposed for limited permits in 2019: Wayne (north-300)

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

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 1 unlimited: Lincoln (north)

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed increase in bag limit to 3 unlimited: Marion, Mason

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

More Restrictive 2019 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: Doddridge, Ritchie, Tyler

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1:

Counties or portions of counties with a proposed reduction in bag limit to 1 (limited permits): Nicholas (400)

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

Proposed Same 2019 Antlerless Season:

Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay (north), Fayette (east & west), Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier (north & south), Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha (north & south), Lewis, Lincoln (south), Marshall, Mercer, Mineral (east & west), Monongalia, Monroe, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh (east & west), Randolph, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur, Wayne (south), Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood

Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2019-2020 Big Game Hunting Seasons		
Species	**Opening & Closing Dates**	**Comments/Changes**
Mountaineer Heritage Season Deer and Bear (Primitive Weapons)	Jan. 9, 2020 - Jan. 12, 2020	Percussion side lock and flintlock rifles **and pistols**, long and recurve bows only
Bear (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 28, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019	
Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Aug. 31, 2019 - Sept. 15, 2019 Sept. 21, 2019 - Sept. 27, 2019 Oct. 5, 2019 - Oct. 11, 2019 Oct. 24, 2019 - Oct. 27, 2019 Nov. 25, 2019 - Dec. 7, 2019 Dec. 9, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019	See Attached Bear Tables for Selected Counties
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 26, 2019 - Nov. 2, 2019 Feb. 7, 2020 - Feb. 9, 2020	split season
Boar (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 28, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019 Feb. 7, 2020 - Feb. 9, 2020	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow - Special Urban)	Sept. 7, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019 Jan. 13, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2020	split season
Deer (Archery & Crossbow)	Sept. 28, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019	
Deer (Bucks Only)	Nov. 25, 2019 - Dec. 7, 2019	
Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 24, 2019 - Oct. 27, 2019 Nov. 25, 2019 - Dec. 7, 2019 Dec. 12, 2019 - Dec. 15, 2019 Dec. 28, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019	See Attached Deer Tables For Selected Counties
Deer (Youth/Q/XS Season - Antlerless)	Oct. 19, 2019 - **Oct. 20, 2019** Dec. 26, 2019 - Dec. 27, 2019	**Proposal is to add Sunday to October season**
Deer (Muzzleloader)	Dec. 16, 2019 - Dec. 22, 2019	
Turkey (Fall) - (4 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2019 - Oct. 19, 2019 Oct. 28, 2019 - Nov. 16, 2019	
Turkey (Fall) - (2 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2019 - Oct. 19, 2019 Oct. 28, 2019 - Nov. 2, 2019	Fall counties determined after 2019 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Fall) - (1 week counties)	Oct. 12, 2019 - Oct. 19, 2019	Fall counties determined after 2019 spring gobbler season
Turkey (Spring Youth Season)	April 18, 2020 – **April 19, 2020**	**Proposal is to add Sunday to youth season, bag limit 1 bird per day**
Turkey (Spring 2020)	April 20, 2020 - May 16, 2020	

Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the 2020-2021 Hunting and Trapping Seasons		
Species	**Opening & Closing Dates**	**Comments/Changes**
Squirrel	Sept. 12, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Squirrel (Youth)	**Sept. 5 - 6, 2020**	**Add a Sunday to Youth Squirrel Season**
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 17, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 17, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Quail (Tomblin WMA closed)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Jan. 2, 2021	
Rabbit	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Jan. 2, 2021 Nov. 14, 2020 - Dec. 5, 2020	
Fox (Hunting &Trapping) (Hunting at night with artificial light)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021 Jan. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 1, 2020 - Nov. 21, 2020 Jan. 1, 2021 - Mar. 6, 2021	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/ Woodchuck/English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting) Coyote (Hunting at night with artificial light) Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Continuous Open Season Jan. 1, 2021 – **Aug. 31, 2021** Nov. 7, 2020 - Feb. 28, 2021	**Proposal to extend the Coyote (Hunting at night with light) Season through the end of August. Currently it closes the end of August.**
Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	

Attachment E

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020 FISHING REGULATIONS

Presented to the
West Virginia Natural Resources Commission

Prepared by: West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Section
Fish Management
February 24th, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2020 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to extend the 20"-30" slot limit with a 2-fish daily creel for Walleye, only one of which can be over 30", on 1) Elk River upstream of Sutton Dam, including Sutton Lake and all tributaries and 2) Gauley River and all tributaries (upstream of Summersville Lake) beginning at the mouth of Persinger Creek.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the Walleye regulation (20"-30" slot, 2-fish limit) be extended into the tributaries of the following rivers: Bluestone, Coal, Elk, Greenbrier, Gauley, Kanawha (upstream of Winfield Lock and Dam), and New rivers.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to reduce the daily creel limit for all Esocid species (Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Tiger Musky, and all Pickerel) to a 1-fish daily creel limit with a possession limit of 2 fish on all State waters.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish the minimum size limit for Tiger Musky at 30" minimum size.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to add Bluestone, Beech Fork, and R. D. Bailey Lakes 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 and move East Lynn Lake to the Statewide regulation.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

6. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a 6-fish daily creel in aggregate for Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye on the Ohio River. Only 2 of the 6 fish can be Walleye and must be a minimum of 18" in length.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

7. The Division of Natural Resources proposes the possession limit on the following streams to be zero (0) for all fish species other than game fish. Furthermore, no fish may be used as bait on the following waters:

   a. *Confluence of the East and West Forks of the Greenbrier River upstream including all tributaries.*

   b. *Gauley River upstream of the Route 55/20 Bridge (Curtin, WV) which includes the Cherry, Williams, Cranberry, and Upper Gauley rivers and all tributaries of each river.*

   c. *Camp Creek and Manns Creek including all tributaries of each stream. Note: Glade Creek in Babcock State Park is included in the Manns Creek drainage.*

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

8. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to make illegal the possession of any darter species within the State of West Virginia.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

9. All other fishing regulations for 2020 would be the same as those in 2019.

   Favor _____ Oppose _____

Attachment F

Jeff Jones, President
WV NWTF Board of Directors
1227 Beaver Run Rd.
Burlington, WV 26710

NWTF
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22 February 2019

WV Natural Resources Commission
324 4th Avenue
South Charleston, WV 25303

Honorable Commissioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to express the support of the WV National Wild Turkey Federation Board of Directors regarding the revision of regulations pertaining to the size of shot deemed legal for use during turkey season. The use of "heavier than lead" materials, such as Tungsten Super Shot (TSS), in shotgun ammunition has enhanced the effectiveness of smaller shot sizes. This is possible because the smaller pellets, being denser than lead, weigh the same as a larger size lead pellet, giving similar downrange energy and effectiveness. Additionally, the smaller shot size allows for more shot to be loaded in a particular shell, increasing pattern densities and increasing the chances of a clean, ethical harvest. We are particularly in favor of these changes because of the benefits to our youth hunters. The application of the aforementioned benefits in smaller gauge shotguns with less recoil will make the youth turkey hunting experience more enjoyable and more memorable for numerous youth across the state. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this issue.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Jones
President
WV NWTF Board of Directors

SAVE THE HABITAT. SAVE THE HUNT.
NWTF

Attachment G

TROUT UNLIMITED
ERNIE NESTER CHAPTER

February 24, 2019

Mr. Stephen McDaniel
Director
Division of Natural Resources
State of West Virginia
324 Fourth Avenue
South Charleston, West Virginia 25303

RE: Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited Contribution for Limestone Sand

Director McDaniel,

On behalf of the more than 450 members of the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I am pleased to present the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WV DNR) with a check for $6,000 for limestone sand treatment of streams, including the Middle Fork of the Williams River at the annual Bucket Brigade event.

Today's donation will bring our total contributions to the WV DNR for limestone sand to over $100,000 since we began supporting this important program. We appreciate your commitment and all that you, the WV DNR Commissioners, John Rebinski, and other staff have done to improve headwater streams in the limestone sand program across our state.

We look forward to continuing our strong relationship with you and the WV DNR as we work toward cold, clean, fishable waters in West Virginia.

Thank you,

Roman D. Stauffer
President
Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Neanderthals used to be portrayed as unintelligent and technologically deficient, a species that went extinct because of its inferiority to humans. But researchers now generally agree that Neanderthals were adept predators, innovative builders and symbolic thinkers. So how were early humans actually different from Neanderthals? It's getting increasingly difficult to tell. But the capability to kill at a distance – such as with a bow and arrow – has long been thought of thought of as one important threshold in our human success story.

The earliest weapons we know of, likely made by Neanderthals, are simple wooden spears, and have been discovered at sites dating from 400,000 years ago. Recent research confirming that Neanderthals did use such spears to hunt definitively rejected outdated ideas that Neanderthals were only scavengers.

But exactly how they used the spears remains unclear. Early spears could have been used as contact weapons for thrusting into prey. But they could also have be thrown by hand as javelin or used for self-defence or as probes for locating frozen carcasses. Our experiment, published in Scientific Reports, is the first to study the ballistics and accuracy of such early spears when thrown by hand – shedding light on how these spears were actually used.

We worked with a group of six club-level javelin athletes from the UK who threw replicas of a spear from the 300,000-year-old Neanderthal site of Schöningen in Germany at targets set at different

distances. We recorded when they hit and missed the target, and filmed release and impacts with high-speed video cameras. This allowed us to evaluate accuracy and capture aspects of flight and impact that have never been scientifically analysed.

Distance and impact

The results show that Neanderthals designed weapons that were capable of impacting a target with significant speed and energy from distances of up to 20 metres. This is surprising – archaeologists have typically viewed hand-thrown spears as close-distance weapons, limited to ten metres at most. This is an extremely close hunting distance and would severely limit the strategies that hunters could use. It would also make it extremely dangerous to hunt larger prey with aggressive behaviours, such as bison.

Athlete throws replica Neanderthal javelin. Credit: Scientific Reports.

Given how far these spears could reach, we propose that the hunting strategies of Neanderthals were more varied than generally assumed – enabling them to approach animals or even herds of animals. Accuracy was best at five metres, and reduced for each distance up to 20 metres. The athletes were unable to hit the target at 25 metres, which may indicate a distance limit for these spears.

Another assumption about these early spears when thrown by hand is that they would have been slow-moving, low-energy weapons. This would not only limit their killing power, but also alert prey to approaching projectiles. In contrast, complex projectiles, such as spearthrowers and bow and arrows, which were innovations of our own species, are often characterised as superior – having a long reach, high speed and high energy.

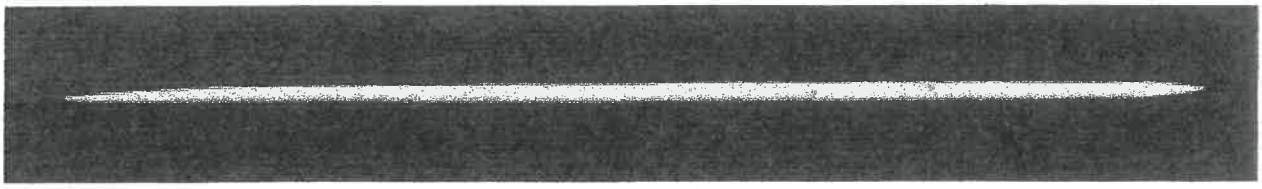
These differences in hunting technologies are sometimes used to help explain the extinction of Neanderthals and success of our own species. However, our study found that the speed of impact of these spears when thrown by skilled throwers actually overlaps with those of spear throwers. Because these spears are relatively heavy, their kinetic energy and momentum at impact turns out to be superior to complex projectiles. This means that hand-thrown spears have certain advantages, something that helps explain why they continue to be used by hunter gatherer groups today.

By looking at the ethnographic record, we can also understand how people have used differently designed throwing spears to hunt a wide variety of prey using different strategies. For example, Aboriginal Tasmanians threw very long and thin wooden spears to hunt kangaroo from as far as 30 to 50 metres. Tiwi hunters from the Melville Islands, on the other hand, threw heavy spears, weighing over 2kg, to hunt a variety of land and sea animals. This suggests that thrown spears are versatile, and can be designed to match different types of prey in different environments.

Neanderthal javelin design

Many of the prevailing theories of these early weapons are based on unskilled throwers using spear replicas. By collaborating with a group of javelin athletes we were able to understand much more about how these spears behave in flight and at impact when thrown by those who are technically proficient in throwing. Working with the javelin athletes brought several interesting aspects of these weapons to light.

The balance and weight of the replicas is actually similar to a modern-day men's javelin. The athletes noted that the stiffness of the replicas was similar to those of high-rated distance javelins that elite throwers use. Stiffer javelins limit vibration in flight. This makes them more aerodynamic, but they require more power to throw.



Spear replica. Author provided

Rather than being a limitation of the spears, this may mean that Neanderthals, with their robust physiques, would throw such spears with great power. A technique the javelin athletes used in the experiment was to "spin" the javelin around the long axis upon release, which stabilised the spear in flight. We will probably never know whether Neanderthals did use this technique, but damage to the weapons from such spinning is certainly something to look for.

Javelin athletes are physically fit, highly skilled at throwing with power, and know many techniques for optimising flight distances. However, unlike hunter gatherers, they are not trained to hit a target.

Spear hunters train throughout childhood to learn to hit prey with a throwing spear. For this reason, we can expect that if Neanderthals threw regularly, they would likely have hit a target with greater accuracy than results seen in our experiment.

Tools, technological innovation and weaponry are considered as evidence of why our species has been so successful. Our study certainly adds to the growing literature suggesting that Neanderthals weren't far behind – and we should certainly rethink their hunting abilities.

Video Hunting Neanderthals