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TO: Hunters, Anglers, Trappers, Landowners, Farm Groups and Others Interested in Making Recommendations for Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Regulations.

Meetings to solicit your comments concerning the 2011-2012 deer, turkey, bear, and boar hunting regulations as well as 2012-2013 hunting and trapping regulations and the 2012 fishing season are scheduled for March 14 and 15, 2011.

The Division of Natural Resources is recommending most season dates, bag limits and creel limits similar to the 2010-2011 seasons (see recommended changes attached).

In order for us to obtain your recommendations and accurately record them, it is necessary for you to complete and return the attached form prior to April 8, 2011 to the Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section, P.O. Box 67, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, Attn: Mr. Steve Wilson.

Your continued interest in the state's natural resources programs is appreciated.

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Please feel free to comment or provide recommendations on hunting and fishing regulations or on any phase of our wildlife and law enforcement programs. Please use space provided on the following page. **Returning the attached tables is not necessary.**

Please complete the following section. Be sure only one form is submitted per individual or organization. Unsigned questionnaires will not be counted.

PLEASE PRINT

Individual, Group, or
Organization Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number of Members _____ Telephone _____

Signed _____ Date _____ County _____

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE
BY APRIL 8, 2011**

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Attn: Steve Wilson

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2011-2012 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2011 antlerless deer season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the 2011 black bear season be open as shown on the attached tables.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to move the last week of the 4-week fall turkey season in the traditional counties to the first full week of the following January. The January segment of the fall turkey season would be shotgun only with shot size no larger than #4.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other big game hunting regulations for the 2011-2012 hunting season be open as shown on attached tables.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
2012-2013 HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS**

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow the hunting of approved wildlife species at night with a pistol, revolver or rifle of up to a .22 caliber centerfire and shotguns using shot shells of # 2 shot or smaller.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to allow the use of any artificial lights for hunting at night for raccoon, skunk, opossum, coyote and fox.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that the yearly bag limit of antlered deer (bucks) be no more than two (2).

Favor _____

Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to shorten the length of the antlerless deer season where biologically feasible and consistent with deer management objectives.

Favor _____

Oppose _____

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes that all other hunting and trapping regulations for the 2012-2013 seasons would be the same as those in 2011-2012 (see attached table).

Favor _____

Oppose _____

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2012 FISHING REGULATIONS

1. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a 12-inch minimum size limit regulation on all black bass (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass) on the section of the Ohio River from the mouth of Mill Creek, Hancock County downstream to the mouth of Big Sandy River, Wayne County. This regulation will apply to all waters that are included in the Ohio River reciprocal agreement with the State of Ohio. The daily creel limit will remain at 6 fish with a possession limit of 12 fish.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

2. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to increase the minimum size limit from 24 inches to 28 inches for walleye on Moncove Lake, Monroe County.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

3. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to increase the minimum size limit from 24 inches to 28 inches for walleye on Charles Fork Lake, Roane County.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

4. The Division of Natural Resources proposes a 28-inch minimum size limit and 2 fish per day bag limit for walleye on New Creek Lake, Grant County.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

5. The Division of Natural Resources proposes to establish a No Boating regulation at Indian Rock Lake in Nicholas County.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

6. All other fishing regulations for 2012 would be the same as those in 2011.

Favor _____ Oppose _____

PROPOSED 2011 ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON HUNTING REGULATIONS

Counties or Parts Thereof Closed to Antlerless (Class N/NN) Hunting	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Limited Licenses for Resident Only (Must Apply)	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N and Nonresident Class NN, one (1) Additional Class N/NN	Counties or Parts Thereof Open to Unlimited Resident Class N, Nonresident Class NN, three (3) Additional Class N/NN
	(Season Bag Limit: 1) Nov. 21-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private Land Only) Nov. 23-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private and Public Land)	(Season Bag Limit: 1) Nov. 21-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private Land Only) Nov. 23-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private and Public Land)	(Season Bag Limit: 2) Nov. 21-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private Land Only) Nov. 23-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private and Public Land)	(Season Bag Limit: 4) Nov. 21-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private Land Only) Nov. 23-Dec.10 and Dec. 28-31 (Private and Public Land)
Boone Clay Fayette Greenbrier (<i>N of Rt. 60, N of I-64, N & W of Rt. 9, W of Rt. 219 at Renick, N of Rt. 11, E of Greenbrier R., N of I-64, E of Rt. 60/14</i>) Kanawha (<i>S of Elk R. & E of Corridor G</i>) Lincoln Mercer Nicholas Pendleton (<i>public land only</i>) Pocahontas (<i>public land only</i>) Raleigh Randolph (<i>public land only</i>) Summers Wayne (<i>S of Rt. 37</i>) Webster	Barbour Braxton Cabell Grant Greenbrier (<i>S of Rt. 60, S of I-64, S & E of Rt. 9, E of Rt. 219 at Renick, S of Rt. 11, W of Greenbrier R., S of I-64, W of Rt. 60/14</i>) Pendleton (<i>private land only</i>) Pocahontas (<i>private land only</i>) Randolph (<i>private land only</i>) Tucker	Calhoun Gilmer Monroe Morgan Pleasants Preston Putnam Ritchie Roane Upshur Wayne (<i>N of Rt. 37</i>) Wetzel	Brooke Doddridge Hancock Hardy (<i>S of Corridor H and portion of old Rt. 55</i>) Harrison Jackson Kanawha (<i>N of Elk R. & W of Corridor G</i>) Lewis Marion Mineral Taylor Tyler Wirt	Berkeley Hampshire* Hardy* (<i>N of Corridor H and portion of old Rt. 55</i>) Jefferson Marshall Mason Monongalia Ohio Wood

*Hampshire County and that portion of Hardy County which lies north of Corridor H and Old WV Route 55 from Wardensville to Virginia state line, will have an early antlerless deer season (October 28-29, 2011) in addition to listed dates.

Note: Counties not listed in the table are closed to firearms antlerless hunting. Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties and Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson Nat. Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting.

PROPOSED 2011 ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR WMAs

Opening Date November 23
Opening Date December 28

Closing Date December 10
Closing Date December 31

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO LIMITED LICENSES
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG LIMIT 1**

Bluestone WMA (Summers/Monroe Co.)	Stonecoal WMA (Lewis/Upshur Co.)
Elk River WMA (Braxton Co.)	Stonewall Jackson WMA (Lewis Co.)

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON –
BAG LIMIT 1**

Bear Rocks WMA (Ohio Co.)	Dunkard Fork WMA (Marshall Co.)	Burnsville WMA (Braxton Co.)	Frozen Camp WMA (Jackson Co.)
Burches Run WMA (Marshall Co.)	Hillcrest WMA (Hancock Co.)	Beury Mountain WMA (Fayette Co.)	Hughes River WMA (Ritchie/Wirt Co.)
Castlemans Run Lake WMA (Brooke/Ohio Co.)	Little Indian Creek WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Meadow River WMA (Greenbrier Co.)	Ritchie Mines WMA (Ritchie Co.)
Cecil H. Underwood WMA (Marshall/Wetzel Co.)	Pedlar WMA (Monongalia Co.)	Chief Cornstalk WMA (Mason Co.)	Sand Hill WMA (Wood/Ritchie Co.)
Center Branch WMA (Harrison Co.)	Pleasant Creek WMA (Barbour/Taylor Co.)	Green Bottom WMA (Cabell Co.)	The Jug WMA (Tyler Co.)
Cross Creek WMA (Brooke Co.)	Pruntytown State Farm WMA (Taylor Co.)	Mill Creek WMA (Cabell Co.)	Woodrum Lake WMA (Jackson Co.)
Dents Run WMA (Marion Co.)	Snake Hill WMA (Monongalia/Preston Co.)	Conaway Run WMA (Tyler Co.)	

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OPEN TO UNLIMITED LICENSES
FOR RESIDENT CLASS N AND NONRESIDENT CLASS NN ANTLERLESS SEASON – BAG
LIMIT 2**

Beech Fork WMA (Wayne Co.)	McClintic WMA (Mason Co.)
Coopers Rock State Forest (Monongalia/Preston Co.)	

Wallback WMA in Roane, Clay and Kanawha counties and Potts Creek WMA (Jefferson Nat. Forest) in Monroe County will be closed to antlerless deer hunting. All other WMAs and public lands will have the same regulations as private land in the respective county where the WMAs or other public lands are located.

Proposed 2011 Black Bear Seasons

Statewide bag limit 2 - provided at least one bear comes from Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Logan, McDowell, Raleigh or Wyoming Counties
Bow Season Statewide: October 15 – November 19

Gun Seasons: (see table below)

6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 26 – Oct. 1	6-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 26 – Oct. 1	3-Day Gun With or Without Dogs Sept. 26 – Sept. 28	6-Week Gun Without Dogs Nov. 21 – Dec. 31	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 5 – Dec. 31	4-Week Gun Without Dogs Dec. 5 – Dec. 31	
12-Day Gun Without Dogs Nov. 21 – Dec. 3	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 5 – Dec. 31	4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 5 – Dec. 31				
4-Week Gun With or Without Dogs Dec. 5 – Dec. 31						
Boone Fayette Kanawha Nicholas (private land) Raleigh	Greenbrier Logan McDowell Nicholas (public land) Preston Webster Wyoming	Barbour (E. of Rt. 92) Braxton (E. of I-79) Clay (S. of Elk River) Grant Hardy Pendleton Pocahontas Randolph Tucker	Monongalia Morgan	Mineral (W. of New Creek) Mingo Upshur (E. of Rt. 20) Monroe (E. of Rt. 219)	Barbour (W. of Rt. 92) Berkeley Braxton (W. of I-79) Brooke Cabell Calhoun Clay (N. of Elk River) Doddridge Gilmer Hampshire* Hancock Harrison Jackson Jefferson Lewis Lincoln Marion Marshall	Mason Mercer Mineral (E. of New Creek) Monroe (W. of Rt. 219) Ohio Pleasants Putnam Ritchie Roane Summers Taylor Tyler Upshur (W. of Rt. 20) Wayne Weitzel Wirt Wood

* Special limited permit dog only hunt on Nathaniel Mt. and Short Mt. WMAs - Dec 5-31.

**West Virginia
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the
2011-2012 Big Game Hunting Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Boar (Gun)	Oct. 22, 2011 - Oct. 29, 2011	
Boar (Archery)	Oct. 15, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011	
Deer (Archery) Deer (Archery-Antlerless) {Selected Counties} Deer (Bucks Only) Deer (Antlerless) {Hampshire & Hardy (Portion north of Corridor H and Old Rt. 55 from Wardensville to VA Stateline) Counties} Deer (Antlerless) {Selected Counties} Deer Youth/Class Q Season (Antlerless) Deer (Muzzleloader) Deer (Muzzleloader-Antlerless) {Selected Counties}	Oct. 15, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011 Sept. 12, 2011 - Sept. 17, 2011 Nov. 21, 2011 - Dec. 03, 2011 Oct. 28, 2011 - Oct. 29, 2011 Nov. 21, 2011 - Dec. 03, 2011 Dec. 05, 2011 - Dec. 10, 2011 Dec. 28, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011 Oct. 29, 2011 - Oct. 29, 2011 Dec. 26, 2011 - Dec. 27, 2011 Dec. 12, 2011 - Dec. 17, 2011 Sept. 19, 2011 - Sept. 24, 2011	See Attached Deer Tables for Selected Counties
Bear (Archery) Bear (Gun) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties}	Oct. 15, 2011 - Nov. 19, 2011 Sept. 26, 2011 - Oct. 01, 2011 Sept. 26, 2011 - Sept. 28, 2011 Dec. 05, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011 Nov. 21, 2011 - Dec. 03, 2011 Nov. 21, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2011	See Bear Table
Turkey (Fall)(Split season) {Selected Counties} {Selected Counties} Turkey (Spring Youth Hunt) Turkey (Spring 2012)	Oct. 22, 2011 - Nov. 12, 2011 Jan. 02, 2012 - Jan. 07, 2012 Oct. 22, 2011 - Oct. 29, 2011 Oct. 22, 2011 - Nov. 05, 2011 Apr. 21, 2012 - Apr. 21, 2012 Apr. 23, 2012 - May 19, 2012	(Shotguns only – 2 nd split) Fall Counties Determined After 2011 Spring Gobbler Season

**West Virginia
Proposed Opening and Closing Dates for the
2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

Species	Opening & Closing Dates	Changes
Squirrel	Sept. 08, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013	
Small Game Youth Season	Oct. 06, 2012	
Raccoon (Hunting)	Oct. 13, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Raccoon (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 13, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Quail	Nov. 03, 2012 - Jan. 05, 2013	
Rabbit	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Snowshoe Hare	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Ring-necked Pheasant (Statewide) (Hillcrest WMA)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Jan. 05, 2013 Nov. 10, 2012 - Dec. 01, 2012	
Fox (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Bobcat (Hunting & Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Mink/Muskrat (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Fisher (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013	
Beaver (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Mar. 31, 2013	
Otter (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Crow (Hunting)	Oct. 01, 2012 - Nov. 17, 2012 Jan. 01, 2013 - Mar. 02, 2013	
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel/Woodchuck/ English Sparrow/European Starling/Pigeon (Hunting)	Continuous Open Season	
Coyote (Hunting at Night with Light) Fox (Hunting at Night with Light)	Jan. 01, 2013 - July 31, 2013 Jan. 01, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2013	Add fox to night hunting
Skunk/Opossum/Coyote/Weasel (Trapping)	Nov. 03, 2012 - Feb. 28, 2013	
Mountain Lion, Elk, Song & Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Owls, Falcons & Eagles	No Open Season	