

**Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
4000 West Broad Street- Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

**July 12, 2011
9:00am**

Call to order and welcome, reading of the Mission Statement and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Clarke.

1. Recognition of Employees and Others
2. Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items
3. Approval of June 7, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes
4. Committee Reports:

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee - The committee has not met since the June Board Meeting. The next committee meeting is to be announced.

Wildlife and Boat Committee - Mr. Reed will report on the activities of the June 29, 2011 meeting. The Board will hear the following reports:

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The next meeting date is to be announced.

Education, Planning and Outreach Committee - Mr. Hazel will report on the activities of the July 7, 2011 meeting. The next meeting is to be announced.

5. Closed Session
6. Director's Report
7. Chairman's Remarks
8. Additional Business/Comments
9. Next Meeting - August 16, 2011
10. Adjournment

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Director's Office

PRESENTER: DGIF Senior Staff

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Mr. Duncan

SUBJECT:

Recognition of Employees and Others

BACKGROUND:

BOARD ACTION:

No Action Required.

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SUBJECT:

Minutes of Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The draft minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting are enclosed with your briefing materials. Please review the draft minutes for desired amendments and/or corrections and notify the recording secretary of your changes prior to the July 12, 2011 meeting so that the corrections can be made and distributed to you prior to your vote to approve the minutes. This also allows us to have the corrected minutes available for the Chairman's signature.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A motion is needed to approve the minutes of the June, 2011 meeting.

**Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
Meeting Minutes
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Present: Mr. James W. Hazel, Chairman, Mr. Ward Burton, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard, Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Mr. John W. Montgomery, Jr., Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Mr. F. Scott Reed, Jr., Mr. Charles S. Yates, Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III; **Absent:** Mr. Randy Kozuch; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Tom Gelozin, Mr. Larry Hart and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts and Mr. Lee Walker; **Legal Counsel:** Mr. Ryan Brown

[\(Listen: Welcome and Call to Order\)](#)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The Chairman noted for the record that a quorum was present for today's meeting. The mission statement was read into the record by Mr. John W. Montgomery, Jr. and the Fellows of the Leadership Development Program lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman proceeded with the agenda and called on the Director for Recognition of Employees and others.

Recognition of Employees and Others: [\(Listen\)](#) The Director called on Colonel Watts to introduce the Agency's new K-9 unit and provide a brief background on their training and accomplishments thus far. Members of the newly formed unit are:

- K-9 Officer Megan Vick and her partner Jake from Portsmouth, Va.
- K-9 Officer Richard Howald and his partner Scout from Appomattox, Va.
- K-9 Officer Wayne Billhimer and his partner Justice from Rockingham, Va.

Through the efforts of DGIF employee Tom Wilcox and Ms. Jenny West, Director of the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, the Wildlife Foundation has agreed to accept and manage monetary donations made to the Department's K-9 program. Information on how to donate will be provided on both the Foundation's and Department's websites. In addition, Mr. Lee Walker, Director of Agency Outreach Division, has arranged for the printing of trading cards with a picture of each canine unit on the front and a brief introduction of each officer and his or her dog on the back along with information on how to donate to the program. These cards will be handed out at all public events attended by the canine units.

We have already had two businesses from Central Virginia step to the plate and provide generously to the K-9 program. Good sturdy, high quality vehicle kennels were among the first pieces of equipment we needed to purchase. Through the efforts of Officer Howald, BMG Metals of Lynchburg donated all materials needed for permanent kennels and Moore's Machine Shop, owned by Steve and Todd McCormick in Appomattox donated their time and labor to manufacture the kennels.

Colonel Watts presented Ms. Jenny West, Director of the Virginia Wildlife Foundation, a personal donation to honor the new K-9 Unit.

The Director called on Mr. David Whitehurst to recognize members of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources for their accomplishments.

- Dr. Megan Kirchgessner, new wildlife veterinarian, was introduced.
- Mr. Ron Louque's artwork for the 2011-2012 Virginia Duck Stamp was previewed. The stamp goes on sale July 1, 2011 and Mr. Louque will be recognized by the Agency during the July Board Meeting. ([View Presentation](#))
- Mr. Alan Boynton was recognized as the Agency's 2010 Terrestrial Wildlife Biologist of the Year.
- Mr. Thomas "T" Moss was recognized for receiving the 2010 Wildlife Manager of the Year by the National Wild Turkey Federation, State Chapter.
- Mr. Marvin Gautier was recognized for receiving the 2011 Joe Kurz Excellence in Wildlife Management Award at the NWTF's National Convention and Sport Show in Nashville in February.

The Chairman and Director congratulated everyone on their accomplishments. The Chairman and Director also welcomed Dr. Kirchgessner to the Agency.

Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for public comments on non-agenda items and called attention to the need to limit individual comment to 3 minutes and comments supporting a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman reminded everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium and to state their name and residence so all comments could be made a part of the record.

All persons requesting to make public comment on agenda items are requested to complete the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Board Meeting Comment Form. This form requests the following information: Date; Topic of Discussion; Name and address; Telephone number; Whether or not you are representing a group and, if so, the name of the group represented; Are your comments for or against the proposals; other.

- Mr. J. D. Fugate, Duffield, Virginia, who represented the Scott County Farmer's Alliance, spoke on the topic of Elk.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Fugate for his attendance at today's meeting.

Approval of May 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for a motion to approve the May 3, 2011 meeting minutes: **Mr. Yates made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes of the meeting be approved as presented. Motion Seconded by Ms. Pollard. The Chairman called for any discussion. Mr. Reed requested the minutes be amended to reflect that he did not participate in the Closed Session when matters of the new headquarters were discussed as indicated in the minutes. The Chairman instructed the Board Secretary to make the noted correction to the minutes. The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Board with the correction. (Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Yates, Clarke, Hazel)**

Election of the 2011-2012 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman: ([Listen](#)) During the May 3 Board Meeting, the Board approved the nominations for the 2011-2012 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. **The Chairman called on Mr. Montgomery,**

Nominations Committee Chairman, to present a motion for the election of Chairman. Mr. Montgomery made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries elect Mr. Brent Clarke as Chairman for 2011-2012. Motion Seconded by Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke, and Hazel.

The Chairman called on Mr. Montgomery, Nominations Committee Chairman, to present a motion for the election of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Montgomery made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries elect Mr. F. Scott Reed as Vice-Chairman for 2011-2012. Motion Seconded by Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman and Director congratulated Mr. Clarke and Mr. Reed.

Committee Reports: ([Listen: Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Report](#)) The Chairman called on Mr. Brent Clarke, Chairman of the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee to report on the activities of the May 17, 2011 meeting. Mr. Clarke stated the Committee would have presentations for review and consideration for Board Action today. Mr. Clarke called on Mr. Koch to present clarifying amendments to the recently passed license fee increases and facility use fee to update the price for combined freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses and to add flexibility to the use fee ([View Presentation](#)). Following Mr. Koch's presentation, a discussion was held by the Board, Director and Mr. Koch.

The Chairman called on Mr. Clarke for a motion to approve the clarifying amendment as presented by staff. Mr. Clarke made the following motion for **4VAC15-20-66** to add flexibility: **Mr. Chairman: I move the Board adopt the Staff's recommendation on the regulation amendments for a use fee at certain department-owned facilities. Motion Seconded by Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.**

The Chairman called on Mr. Clarke for a motion to approve **4VAC15-20-65** to clarify combined fishing license fees. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: **Mr. Chairman: I move the Board adopt the Staff's recommendations on the hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees. Motion Seconded by Mr. Colgate. The Chairman called for discussion. Mr. Koch stated the motion should have included the Fox Pen Training Preserve license as well. Mr. Clarke amended his motion to include the Fox Pen Training Preserve license. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.**

The Chairman and Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Koch for his presentation.

The Committee Chairman called on Mr. Tom Gelozin to present the staff's recommendations for the Agency's FY2012 Budget (Operating and Capital) ([View Presentation](#)). Mr. Gelozin presented the FY2012 Agency Budget Recommendations. Mr. Gelozin outlined the Operating and Capital Budget for FY2012. **Following a discussion, the Chairman called for a motion to approve the FY2012 Budget as presented by staff. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the FY 2012 operating and capital budget as proposed by staff and with any amendments as agreed to by the Board. Motion Seconded by: Mr. Colgate. The Chairman called for discussion. Mr. Turner noted for the record that the Budget had not been amended as presented. Mr. Clarke restated his motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the FY 2012 operating and capital budget as**

proposed by staff. Motion Seconded by Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke, Hazel.

The Chairman and the Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Gelozin for his presentation.

Mr. Clarke stated the remaining action from the Committee was the approval of the Finance, Audit and Compliance Charter Changes ([View Presentation](#)). The changes had been distributed to the Board for their review.

The Chairman called for discussion on the proposed changes. **Hearing none, the Chairman called on Mr. Clarke for a motion. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the amendments to our Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Charter as proposed by staff and approved by the FAC Committee. Motion Seconded by Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.**

Mr. Clarke announced the next meeting would be held on August 9, 2011 beginning at 10:00am.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Clarke and Staff for their presentations.

The Chairman called for a 15 minute break.

Following, the break, the Chairman continued with the Committee reports.

[\(Listen: Wildlife and Boat Committee Report\)](#)

The Chairman called on Mr. Scott Reed, Chairman of the **Wildlife and Boat Committee**. Mr. Reed stated the Committee had not met since the May 3 Board Meeting. Mr. Reed called on Mr. David Whitehurst, Director of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources, to present staff's recommendations to a regulation amendment for the Hunting Regulation Amendments Use of Tracking dogs - Staff Recommendations ([View Presentation](#)). Following Mr. Whitehurst's presentation, a discussion was held by the Board, Director and Staff.

The Chairman called for a motion on bear. Mr. Reed made the following motion:

Bear

4VAC 15-50-70 Game. Bear: Bow and arrow hunting

4VAC 15-50-71 Game. Bear: Muzzleloading gun hunting

4VAC 15-50-110 Game. Bear: Use of dogs in hunting bear

Mr. Chairman,

I move the Board propose the amendments for the listed regulation sections on bear as presented by staff. Motion Seconded by: Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion on deer. Mr. Reed made the following motion:

DEER

4VAC 15-90-23 Game. Deer: Youth deer hunting day

4VAC 15-90-70 Game. Deer: Bow and arrow hunting

4VAC 15-90-80 Game. Deer: Muzzleloading gun hunting
4VAC 15-90-260 Game. Deer: Hunting with dogs prohibited in certain
counties or areas.

Mr. Chairman,

I move the Board propose the amendments for the listed regulation sections on deer as presented by staff. Motion Seconded by: Mr. Colgate Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

Mr. Reed announced the next committee meeting would be held on June 27, 2011 beginning a 10:00.

The Chairman and Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Whitehurst for his presentation.

[\(Listen: Education, Planning and Outreach Committee\)](#)

The Chairman called on Mr. Ward Burton, Chairman of the **Education, Planning and Outreach Committee**, to report on the activities of the June 7, 2011 meeting. Mr. Burton called on Mr. Koch to present the Agency Strategic Plan ([View Presentation](#)). Following Mr. Koch's presentation, a discussion was held by the Board, Committee, Director and Mr. Koch.

The Chairman called on Mr. Burton for a motion. Mr. Burton made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' Strategic Plan as presented by staff. Motion seconded by: Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman and Committee Chairman thanked Mr. Koch for his presentation.

Closed Session: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called on Ms. Caruso for a motion to move into a Closed Session. Ms. Caruso made the following motion:

Closed Session Motion
June 7, 2011

Mr. Chairman,

I hereby move that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointee, or employees of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

The performance of the Director.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Yates. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

[\(Listen: Closed Session Certification\)](#)

The Chairman called on Ms. Caruso to read the Closed Session Certification. Ms. Caruso read the following Certification of Closed Session:

*Certification of Closed Meeting
June 7, 2011*

WHEREAS, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

The Chairman called on the Board Secretary to conduct a recorded voice roll call vote.

*Mr. Colgate - Aye
Ms. Pollard - Aye
Mr. Montgomery - Aye
Mr. Reed - Aye
Mr. Burton - Aye
Mr. Hazel - Aye
Mr. Clarke - Aye
Mr. Yates - Aye
Ms. Caruso - Aye
Mr. Turner - Aye*

Legislative Issues for 2012: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) The Chairman led the discussion on possible Legislative Issues for 2012. The Chairman introduced Ms. Sara Benghauser, Special Assistant for Policy, Secretary of Natural Resources and Mr. Andrew Lamar, Special Assistant for Policy, Governor's Office. Ms Benghauser and Mr. Lamar are in attendance today to answer questions from the Board on the Legislative Process.

Following the introductions, the Chairman called on Mr. Koch to give a presentation on the Agency's role in submitting potential legislation to the General Assembly. Mr. Koch also noted that a list of ideas presented by staff had been included in the Board packages and online for the public for review.

A discussion was held by Mr. Lamar, the Board, Director and Mr. Koch. The Chairman thanked Mr. Koch for his presentation.

As a follow-up from the March Board Workshop, Mr. Ryan Brown, Assistant Attorney General, informed the Board of trespass laws. The Chairman thanked Mr. Brown for the information.

Mr. Montgomery departed at 2:00pm.

The Chairman called for any additional questions or suggestions from the Board regarding potential legislative issues for 2012. *Mr. Reed presented a draft Resolution on Sunday Hunting.

Mr. Reed distributed copies of the draft resolution to the Board, Director, Ms. Benghauser and Mr. Lamar for review and read it into the record:

Virginia Board of Game and Inland Fisheries: Official Position Regarding Hunting on Sunday in Virginia

RICHMOND – The Board of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (the “Board”) declares its support for the repeal of the statutory prohibition on Sunday Hunting in Virginia.

Board Supports Lifting Statutory Prohibition on Sunday Hunting

WHEREAS, the right of the people to “hunt, fish, and harvest game” is protected by Article XI, Section 4 of the Constitution of Virginia, subject only to regulations and restrictions prescribed by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Virginia’s Sunday laws can be traced back to the early British colonies in Virginia; then continued in the early 20th century ostensibly as a means of protecting Virginia wildlife populations from over hunting, and

WHEREAS, modern science confirms the Virginia ban on Sunday hunting serves no biological purpose and is counterproductive to matters of game management; and

WHEREAS, those states that have removed prohibitions on Sunday hunting have not experienced any discernible impact on the desirable health or vibrancy of game populations; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting will provide the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (the “Department”) and its biologists with a new tool to manage wildlife populations by encouraging increased and concentrated hunting in areas of overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has experienced a substantial decline in hunting participation by both in-state and out-of-state hunters over the past several decades, with license sales falling in both absolute and relative numbers; and

WHEREAS, youth participation is necessary to maintain a hunting tradition in Virginia, we can effectively double the number of hunting days for youth during the school year by opening Sunday, and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting is an effective means of recruiting new hunters and increasing the value of the licenses for existing hunters of all ages by providing additional opportunity for adults and youth to spend time in the field; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting is expected to generate a substantial increase in out-of-state licenses sales and resultant revenues for the Department due to an additional weekend hunting day; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting will provide a substantial economic benefit to the Commonwealth’s tourism industry, particularly in rural areas and businesses, by increasing the money spent locally by resident and non-resident hunters alike on hunting equipment, gas, food, lodging and other incidental items; and

WHEREAS, the Department is funded almost entirely by the constituents it serves, a large number of whom are hunters; and

WHEREAS, hunting license sales and their associated federal matching funds are the largest single revenue source available to the Department for carrying out its mission, including acquisition of public lands and private easements for wildlife management, hunting access and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Sunday hunting will help ensure that future generations have the opportunity to participate in a sport that is an important part of the Commonwealth’s heritage; and

****WHEREAS**, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries recognizes that this facet of game management is entirely within the purview of the General Assembly; and

****WHEREAS**, if the General Assembly lifts the ban on Sunday Hunting, it is recognized that this action will affect a much broader stakeholder group than just hunters, and the Board will engage these groups in dialogue before passing any new regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, do hereby urge the General Assembly to **REPEAL** the **PROHIBITION ON SUNDAY HUNTING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**. # # #

Following a discussion on the resolution, the Chairman called for a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Reed mad the following motion, Mr. Chairman I hereby move the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries adopt the Resolution to Repeal the Prohibition on Sunday Hunting in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the changes indicated by Ms. Caruso. Motion Seconded by Mr. Yates. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Reed, Yates Clarke and Hazel. Opposed: Mr. Turner.

** Mr. Reed's original copy is on file for review.**

*** Final Language following the discussion period of the motion by Mr. Reed.***

Director's Report: ([Listen](#)) The Director reported on the following items:

- Meeting with Department of Forestry
- SEAWFA Meeting in Williamsburg
- Spring Gobbler Harvest
- Repairs to Lake Gordon
- NSSF Grant
- *Living off the Land* Exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, Virginia
- Kill Permit Stakeholder Process
- Blue Catfish Issues
- Lyme Disease Task Force
- Grant for White Nose Bat Syndrome
- State Record Blue Catfish at Bass Pro Shop

The Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman reported on the following items:

- Mattaponi Wildlife Management Area Dedication
- Quarterly Meeting with the Secretary of Natural Resources
- Fishing trip with Lt. Governor Bolling on the Rose River

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting.

Additional Business/Comment: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for additional business/comments from the Board and Director. Hearing none, the Chairman moved forward with the agenda.

Next Meeting Date: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman announced the next meeting date of July 12, 2011 beginning at 9:00am.

Adjournment: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called on Mr. Yates for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Yates made the following motion, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the meeting be adjourned.**
Motion Seconded: Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Yates, Clarke, Hazel.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Drewery, Board Secretary
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Director's Office

PRESENTER: Mr. Clarke/Mr. Duncan

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Mr. Duncan

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DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Bureau of Wildlife Resources

PRESENTER: Bob Duncan

DATE SUBMITTED: July 1, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: David Whitehurst

SUBJECT: Federal Frameworks and Staff recommendations for Webless Migratory Game Bird (dove, rail, snipe, woodcock), September Canada Goose, September Teal, and falconry seasons.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides the framework for all migratory game bird seasons within which the Department selects certain season options. The Federal frameworks for webless migratory game bird seasons and the September Canada goose and September teal seasons were set at the Service Regulation Committee (SRC) meeting held on June 22 and 23, 2011. The season frameworks are similar to last year with the one exception being that the woodcock season length has been increased from 30 days to 45 days.

Wildlife Division staff held a public input meeting on June 27, 2011 to receive public comment on the webless migratory game bird, September Canada goose and September teal seasons. Ten individuals from the public attended the meeting. In addition comments were also received via email and by phone.

Another change from last year in addition to the woodcock season length is the staff's recommendation to provide a 5 day September Teal season west of I-95. Information on the staff's concerns of the recommended expansion of the teal season boundary is provided as well.

Staff will give a presentation on their recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to adopt the Webless Migratory Gamebird (dove, rail, snipe, woodcock), September Canada Goose, September Teal, and falconry seasons and bag limits as recommended by staff.

Item #4-A

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

2011-2012

Webless Migratory Gamebirds, Falconry
September Canada Goose and September Teal Seasons

SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT FRAMEWORKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Prepared by
Bureau of Wildlife Resources
June 2011

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

2011-2012

WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAMEBIRDS, FALCONRY,
SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE AND SEPTEMBER TEAL
FEDERAL FRAMEWORKS, SEASONS AND BAG LIMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

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DOVE

Mourning Dove Background Information and Population Status

- Population trends – Survey of dove call-counts and doves observed:
 - 1-yr (2010-2011): Doves Heard: No change in Eastern Management Unit (EMU).
Doves Seen: No change in EMU
 - 10-yr (2002-2011): Doves Heard: Increase in EMU.
Doves Seen: Increase in EMU.
 - Long-term (1966-2011): Doves heard: Decrease in EMU.
Doves seen: Increase in EMU.
- Dove Banding Study – Pilot study initiated in 2003 is now an annual program banding over 500 doves annually in VA. Data provides estimates of movements, survival and harvest rates that are used in developing hunting regulations.
- Harvest rates and Survival rates from Banding Study indicate stable population.

Recent Seasons

<u>Year</u>	<u>Season Dates (all 70 days)</u>			<u>Hunters</u>	<u>Harvest</u>
2010-2011	Sept. 4 – Oct. 11	Oct. 20 – Nov. 6	Dec. 27 – Jan. 8	23,200	299,000**
2009-2010	Sept. 5 - 26	Oct. 7 – Nov. 7	Dec. 25 – Jan. 9	20,900	305,500
2008-2009	Sept. 1 - 27	Oct. 4 – Oct. 31	Dec. 27 – Jan. 10	17,300	333,600
2007-2008	Sept. 1 – 29	Oct. 5 – Oct 27	Dec. 26 – Jan. 12	26,500	418,100
2006-2007	Sept. 2 – 23	Oct. 7 – Nov. 4	Dec. 28 – Jan. 15	20,400	304,200
2005-2006	Sept. 3 – 24	Oct. 8 – Nov. 5	Dec. 27 – Jan. 14	26,500	424,400
2004-2005	Sept. 4 – 25	Oct. 9 – Nov. 6	Dec. 28 – Jan. 15	22,700	347,700
2003-2004	Sept. 1 – 27	Oct. 8 – Nov. 8	Dec. 31 – Jan. 10	21,200	255,400
2002-2003	Sept. 2- 28	Oct. 9 – Nov. 9	Jan. 1 – Jan. 11	29,399	412,000
2001-2002	Sept. 1 - 29	Oct 13 – Nov. 10	Dec. 29 – Jan. 9	26,548	418,000
2000-2001	Sept. 2 – 30	Oct 7 – Nov. 4	Dec. 30 – Jan. 10	24,425	423,100
1999-2000	Sept. 4 – 25	Oct. 2 – Nov. 6	Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	27,922	343,200
1998-1999	Sept. 5 - 26	Oct. 3 – Nov. 3	Dec. 25 – Jan. 9		
1997-1998	Sept. 1 – 27	Oct. 4 – Nov. 1	Dec. 24 – Jan. 6		
1996-1997	Sept. 2 - 28	Oct. 4 - Nov. 2	Dec. 23 - Jan. 4		
1995-1996	Sept. 2 - 30	Oct. 2 - Oct. 31	Dec. 23 - Jan. 2		
1994-1995	Sept. 3 - 30	Oct. 1 - Oct. 29	Dec. 26 - Jan. 7		
1993-1994	Sept. 4 - 30	Oct. 1 - Oct. 30	Dec. 27 - Jan. 8		
1992-1993	Sept. 5 - Nov. 4		Dec. 14 - Dec. 22		
1991-1992	Sept. 2 - 28	Oct. 14- Nov. 9	Dec. 20 - Jan. 4		
1990-1991	Sept. 1 – Nov. 3		Dec. 24 – Dec. 29		

**Preliminary estimates from USFWS

* Hunter and Harvest estimates are available from HIP for the period 1999 – 2010.

RAILS

Rail Background Information and Population Status

- **Harvest** – Predominantly clapper rails (85%), some sora (14%), small number of Virginia and King rails taken. Clappers are mostly local VA birds, some are migrants from NJ, NY, and other salt marsh areas.
- **Nesting** - Clapper rails start nesting in early May and continue throughout June, with re-nesting in July/August. Late nesting rails may have broods that do not reach flight stage until late August or early September. This occurs in years when 1st nests are flooded by spring storms/tides and re-nests contribute significantly to production. Therefore, we generally wait until the second week of September to open the rail hunting season. The key to setting the season is to bracket the greatest number of high tides possible. The season dates may change from year to year because of the tide schedule.
- **2011 Production** Weather thus far this year (April to June) has been average for rail production. There have been some coastal storms with minor to moderate tidal flooding that have resulted in the some rail nest losses. Rails generally have a strong re-nesting effort, and if production from these re-nests in July and August is adequate we should expect an average year for rail production.

Past Seasons

<u>Year</u>	<u>Season Dates (all 70 days)</u>	
2010	Sept. 8 – Oct. 2	Oct. 4 – Nov. 17
2009	Sept. 8 – Oct. 3	Oct. 5 – Nov. 17
2008	Sept. 10 – Nov. 18	
2007	Sept. 10 – Nov. 17	
2006	Sept. 8 – Nov. 16	
2005	Sept. 12 – Nov. 19	
2004	Sept. 13 – Nov. 20	
2003	Sept. 10 – Nov. 18	
2002	Sept. 9 - Nov. 16	
2001	Sept. 11 – Nov. 19	
2000	Sept. 13 – Oct. 2	Oct. 11 – Nov. 29
1999	Sept. 10 – Oct. 12	Oct. 22 – Nov. 27
1998	Sept. 9 – Oct. 24	Nov. 2 – Nov. 25
1997	Sept. 15 - 27	Oct. 8 - Dec. 3
1996	Sept. 16 – Oct. 17	Oct. 24 - Nov. 30
1995	Sept. 11 – Oct. 14	Oct. 21 – Nov.25
1994	Sept. 12 – Nov. 20	
1993	Sept. 11 – Nov. 19	

RAILS: (Clapper, King, Sora and Virginia)

**FEDERAL
FRAMEWORK**

OUTSIDE DATES: September 1, 2011 - January 30, 2012

SEASON LENGTH: 70 days, straight or 2 segments.

BAG LIMIT: Clapper/King - 15 daily, 30 in possession
Sora/Virginia - 25 daily, 25 in possession

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset daily

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SEASON DATES: September 10 – October 1 (22 days)
October 3 - November 19 (48 days)

BAG LIMIT: Clapper/King 15 - counted together daily, 30 in possession
Sora/Virginia 25 - counted together daily, 25 in possession

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

NOTES: - This recommendation provides 20 days of 3-foot or greater lunar tides.
- **Non-Toxic shot is required for Rail and Snipe hunting in Virginia.**

WOODCOCK

Woodcock Background Information and Population Status

- Season expanded from 30 to 45-day framework. We generally split the season into two segments to provide some opportunity for western hunters (early) and eastern hunters (late).
- Singing-ground survey:
 - 1 year trend (2010-2011): no change in Eastern Region.
 - 10 year trend (2002-2011): no significant trend.
 - Long-term (1966-2011): 1.0 % decline per year.
- Long-term decline in woodcock population. Recent research in the Northeast indicates hunting has little effect on population trend, but habitat is limiting.

Recent Seasons (bag limit has been 3 birds)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Season Dates</u>		<u>Days</u>
2010-2011	Oct. 30 - Nov. 13	Dec. 27 – Jan. 10	30
2009-2010	Nov. 7 – 21	Dec. 26 – Jan. 9	30
2008-2009	Nov. 8 – 22	Dec. 20 – Jan. 3	30
2007-2008	Oct. 27 – Nov. 10	Dec. 22 – Jan. 5	30
2006-2007	Nov. 4 – 18	Dec. 23 – Jan. 6	30
2005-2006	Nov. 12 – 26	Dec.17 – Dec.31	30
2004-2005	Oct. 30 – Nov. 13	Dec.18 – Jan. 1	30
2003-2004	Nov. 1 – 15	Dec. 20 – Jan. 3	30
2002-2003	Nov. 2 – 16	Dec. 21 - Jan. 4	30
2001-2002	Nov. 3 - 17	Dec. 22 - Jan. 5	30
2000-2001	Nov. 4 - 18	Dec. 23 - Jan. 6	30
1999-2000	Oct. 30 - Nov. 13	Dec. 18 - Jan. 1	30
1998-1999	Oct. 31 - Nov. 14	Dec. 19 - Jan. 2	30
1997-1998	Nov. 1 - Nov. 15	Dec. 20 - Jan. 3	30
1996-1997	Oct. 28 - Nov. 23	Dec. 18 - Jan. 4	45
1996-1997	Oct. 28 - Nov. 23	Dec. 18 - Jan. 4	45
1995-1996	Oct. 30 - Nov. 25	Dec. 20 - Jan. 6	45
1994-1995	Oct. 31 - Nov. 26	Dec. 21 - Jan. 7	45
1993-1994	Oct. 25 - Nov. 20	Dec. 22 - Jan. 8	45
1992-1993	Nov. 2 - Nov. 28	Dec. 16 - Jan. 2	45
1991-1992	Nov. 4 - Nov. 30	Dec. 18 - Jan. 4	45
1990-1991	Nov. 5 - Dec. 1	Dec. 19 - Jan. 5	45

WOODCOCK

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

OUTSIDE DATES: October 1, 2011 - January 31, 2012

SEASON LENGTH: **45 days**, straight or 2 segments.

BAG LIMIT: 3 daily, 6 in possession.

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until
sunset daily.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SEASON DATES: October 29 – November 12 (15 days)
December 16 – January 14 (30 days)

BAG LIMIT: 3 daily, 6 in possession

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

SNIPE

Snipe Background Information

- Season generally set to overlap duck season. There are relatively few snipe hunters in VA and most snipe are taken opportunistically by other bird hunters.

Recent Seasons

<u>Year</u>	<u>Season Dates (all 107 days)</u>	
2010-2011	Oct. 7 – Oct. 11	Oct. 22 – Jan. 31
2009-2010	Oct. 8 – Oct. 12	Oct. 21 – Jan. 30
2008-2009	Oct. 9 – Oct. 13	Oct. 22 – Jan.31
2007-2008	Oct 4 – Oct. 8	Oct. 22 – Jan 31
2006-2007	Oct 4 – Oct. 9	Oct. 23 – Jan 31
2005-2006	Oct 5 – Oct.10	Oct. 24 – Jan 31
2004-2005	Oct 7 – Oct 11	Oct. 22 – Jan 31
2003-2004	Oct. 8 – Oct 11	Oct. 21 – Jan 31
2002-2003	Oct 9 – Oct 12	Oct. 21 - Jan 31
2001-2002	Oct. 10 - Oct. 13	Oct. 22 - Jan. 3
2000-2001	Oct. 11 - Oct. 14	Oct. 21 - Jan. 3
1999-2000	Oct. 6 - Oct. 9	Oct. 21 - Jan. 3
1998-1999	Oct. 7 - Oct. 10	Oct. 20 - Jan. 30
1997-1998	Oct. 8 - Oct. 11	Oct. 21 - Jan. 31
1996-1997	Oct. 9 - Oct. 12	Oct. 21 - Jan. 31
1995-1996	Oct. 11 - Oct. 14	Oct. 21 - Jan. 31

COMMON SNIPE

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

OUTSIDE DATES: September 1, 2011 - January 31, 2012
SEASON LENGTH: 107 days, straight or 2 segments
BAG LIMIT: 8 daily, 16 possession
SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SEASON DATES: October 6 - October 10 (5 days)
October 22 - January 31 (102 days)
BAG LIMIT: 8 daily, 16 in possession
SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset

CANADA GOOSE

RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE SEASON FACT SHEET

- The resident Canada goose population increased significantly during the 1980's and 1990's, peaking in the late 1990's at around 265,000 geese in Virginia. This population has declined by about 4.8% annually since 1999, and the current population estimate is 147,313 (+/-29%) in the state. There are still over 1 million resident geese in the Atlantic Flyway.
- A September season was initiated in 1993 to help manage the population and to provide recreational opportunities for waterfowl hunters. Resident goose seasons are designed to occur prior to the arrival of migrant geese, or in areas where fewer migrant geese are present. The first migrant geese generally arrive in Virginia around September 25 each year.
- Special resident goose season are effective in managing populations in areas where hunting is allowed. Where hunting is not feasible other options are necessary to mitigate conflicts (Public Health and Safety, Agricultural, Nest and Egg, and Airport Depredation Orders). The bag limit was increased from 5 to 10 per day in 2008 and special measures (extended shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset) have been used since 2007.

Year	Population Estimate *	September Harvest
2010	147,313 +/- 29%	Not available until July
2009	145,019 +/- 29%	16,800
2008	157,560 +/- 29%	17,500
2007	154,030 +/- 27%	13,600
2006	136,700 +/- 27%	11,100
2005	129,486 +/- 26%	10,100
2004	143,741 +/- 25%	17,000
2003	186,753 +/- 23%	14,800
2002	218,719 +/- 24%	14,300
2001	218,384 +/- 27%	11,800
2000	227,164 +/- 32%	10,800
1999	261,554 +/- 34%	11,400
1998	264,867 +/- 35%	12,200
1997	249,612 +/- 34%	10,500
1996	181,813 +/- 36%	10,000
1995	151,043 +/- 39%	5,500
1994	129,409 +/- 36%	3,464
1993	115,835 +/- 46%	2,316

* Population estimate is based on a 3-year running average.

CANADA GOOSE

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

OUTSIDE DATES: September 1 – September 25, 2011

BAG LIMIT: 15 daily, 30 in possession

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset (except as provided for in special hunting options *)

* SPECIAL HUNTING OPTIONS: Allows the use of electronic calls, unplugged shotguns and extended shooting hours (1/2 hr after sunset) when **no other** waterfowl seasons are open.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SEASON DATES: September 1 – September 24 (21 days)

BAG LIMIT: 10 daily, 20 in possession

HUNT AREA: Statewide

SHOOTING
HOURS:

East of I-95

September 1 – 17: ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr **after** sunset.

September 19 – 24: ½ hr before sunrise **to** sunset.

West of I-95

September 1 – 24: ½ hr before sunrise to ½ hr **after** sunset.

NOTE: Staff is not recommending the options of using electronic calls or unplugged shotguns for hunting geese in the September season.

SEPTEMBER TEAL

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON FACT SHEET

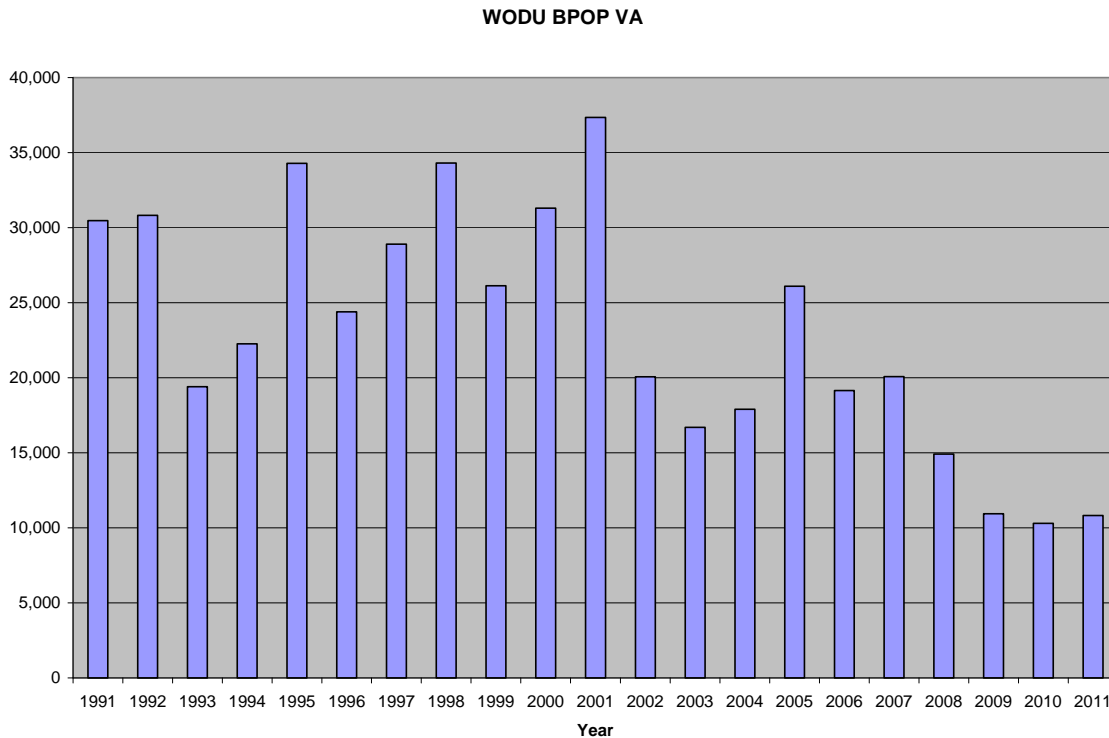
- Special seasons were initiated in late 1960's to provide harvest opportunities on blue-winged and green-winged teal. These seasons were discontinued in the 1980's due to drought and a decline in teal numbers.
- Habitat conditions and teal populations improved in the late 1990's and special teal seasons were reinstated in 1999. As long as teal populations are above 3.3 million (on the May survey), a 9-day teal season can be allowed. If the Blue-winged teal breeding population exceeds 4.7 million, a 16-day season can be offered. Virginia has held a special September teal season since 1999 (see dates listed below).
- Blue-winged teal are one of the earliest of the migratory waterfowl. Many pass through Virginia from late August through September, prior to the opening of the regular duck season.
- Green-winged teal are also early migrants and many arrive in September and October. Some Green-wings remain in the state throughout the winter depending on weather conditions.
- The season has only been offered east of I-95 because there are greater numbers of teal in the coastal plain. However, even in the coastal plain, the harvest during this season has been relatively small.
- There have been requests to expand the September teal season to the western part of the state. Listed below are some concerns with expanding the September Teal season to other portions of the state.

September Teal Season expansion Issues

- 1.) Virginia shoots a relatively small number of teal east of 95 during this season (average harvest is ~450 per year). The highest concentrations of teal are east of I-95, so we would expect the teal harvest west of I-95 to be quite low. Wood ducks are taken during this season. Approximately 6% of the wings received in the parts collection survey from this season are from non-target species (wood ducks and some mallards). And these are from hunters that are voluntarily sending in wings from a season where only teal are supposed to be taken. There are likely many more non-target birds being shot that are not reported.
- 2.) The area west of I-95 is a very large area – over 3 times as big as the area that is currently open. There are some scattered teal in places but there's a lot of area where there are very few teal. Opening the season in such a large area would subject a lot of wood ducks to potential harvest. Even if we only expand to the Blue Ridge or some other boundary, teal numbers and concentrations are small.

3.) We increased the bag limit on wood ducks to 3 in 2008. The harvest thus far has been within predicted kill limits on a flyway basis, but the wood duck harvest has increased by about 14% and we are putting more harvest pressure on this population in Virginia. Expanding the teal season will result in killing more wood ducks.

4.) Our breeding wood duck population in Virginia (as indexed from our breeding waterfowl survey) has been declining – see graph below. This is also the case for a couple other states and this decline is raising some concerns.



5.) If we expand the teal season we would have to reduce/eliminate the extended shooting hours for Resident goose hunting west of I-95 when the two seasons occur concurrently. We have many more resident geese than we have September teal and the extended shooting hours are quite popular among the goose hunters. This resident goose season is an important management tool in helping control resident goose numbers.

6.) In most states that offer a teal season, these seasons are in restricted zones, even more restrictive than VA. Some even restrict shooting hours in attempts to reduce non-target (wood duck) take.

Delaware – Is a small coastal state to begin with and they only allow teal hunting in a narrow 5-mile zone (East of Route 13 and Route 1) along their coast. This is much more restrictive than VA.

Maryland - teal season restricted to coastal area and includes only those counties on the Eastern Shore and those counties adjacent to the Bay on the Western Shore. Again, this is much more restrictive than Virginia.

Also, teal can only be shot from Sunrise (not a half hour before sunrise) to sunset. This is to try to reduce misidentification and non-target kill.

North Carolina - teal season restricted to only that area east of Highway 17 – strictly coastal and significantly more restrictive than in VA.

South Carolina – Like Maryland, teal season shooting hours are restricted to Sunrise to sunset.

Georgia – No zone restriction. Southern states like GA and SC get more teal (especially blue-wings) than VA due to their migration route from the prairies.

7.) Goose season versus Teal season participation (Data from hunter surveys)

September Goose Participation (this is a statewide season)

35% of waterfowlers participate (19% have hunted ½ hr after sunset – over half of all participants).

Participation in September teal season (currently only open east of I-95)

2009-2010 Survey – 10% of waterfowlers participate

2004 Survey – 10% of waterfowlers participate

2000 Survey – 10% - participation is low (as is harvest) and has not changed much in 10 years.

Harvest

September Goose (statewide) ~ 14,350 per year

September Teal ~ 450 per year during the past 5 years

SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

OUTSIDE DATES: September 1 – September 30, 2011

SEASON LENGTH: Up to 9 days if BPOP > 3.3 million
Up to 16 days if BPOP > 4.7 million

BAG LIMIT: 4 daily, 8 in possession (Blue-winged
and Green-winged teal only)

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

SEASON DATES: September 19 – September 30 (11 days)
HUNT AREA: East of I – 95

September 26 – September 30 (5 days)
HUNT AREA: West of I-95

BAG LIMIT: 4 daily, 8 in possession (any combination of
Blue-winged and Green-winged teal)

SHOOTING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset

FALCONRY

FALCONRY

FEDERAL FRAMEWORK

OUTSIDE DATES: September 1, 2011 - March 10, 2012

SEASON LENGTH: Not more than 107 days on any species
(Firearms and Falconry combined).

BAG LIMIT: 3 daily, 6 possession.

HAWKING HOURS: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

NOTE: Actual dates cannot be determined until firearm seasons for the species are set by the Board. No combination of falconry and firearms hunting can exceed 107 days for any species. Staff requests permission to calculate permissible dates for each species within the allowable federal framework. If staff recommendations for dove, rail, woodcock, and snipe were not changed significantly, the recommended falconry seasons would be:

SEASON DATES:

Dove	September 3 – November 5 December 20 - January 14	(64 days) (43 days)
Rail	September 10 – December 25	(107 days)
Woodcock	October 17 – January 31	(107 days)
Snipe	October 6 - October 10 October 22 - January 31	(5 days) (102 days)
Goose	September 1 - September 24	(21 days)
Teal	September 19 - September 30 (statewide)	(11 days)

NOTE: In states where Sunday hunting is prohibited, Federal rule closes Sundays to all take of waterfowl, including by falconry.

**COMPARISON OF 2010-2011 AND RECOMMENDED 2011-2012
WEBLESS MIGRATORY BIRD AND CANADA GOOSE AND TEAL SEASONS**

2010-2011 SEASONS	RECOMMENDED 2011-2012 SEASONS
<p><u>DOVE</u> Sept. 4 – Oct. 12 Oct. 20 – Nov. 6 Dec. 27 – Jan. 8</p> <p><u>RAIL</u> Sept. 8 – Oct. 2 Oct. 4 – Nov. 17</p> <p><u>WOODCOCK</u> Oct. 30 – Nov. 13 Dec. 27 – Jan. 10</p> <p><u>SNIPE</u> Oct. 7 - Oct. 11 Oct. 22 – Jan. 31</p> <p><u>CANADA GOOSE</u> Sept. 1 – Sept. 25</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER TEAL</u> Sept. 20 – Sept. 30</p>	<p><u>DOVE</u> Sept. 3 – Oct. 10 Oct. 25 – Nov. 5 Dec. 26 – Jan. 14</p> <p><u>RAIL</u> Sept. 10 – Oct. 1 Oct. 3 – Nov. 19</p> <p><u>WOODCOCK</u> Oct. 29 – Nov. 12 Dec. 16 – Jan. 14</p> <p><u>SNIPE</u> Oct. 6 - Oct. 10 Oct. 22 – Jan. 31</p> <p><u>CANADA GOOSE</u> Sept. 1 – Sept. 24</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER TEAL</u> Sept. 19 – Sept. 30 (east of I-95) Sept. 26 – Sept. 30 (west of I-95)</p>

Calendar 2011-2012

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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December 2011

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January 2012

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November 2011

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February 2012

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DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Bureau of Wildlife Resources

PRESENTER: Bob Duncan

DATE SUBMITTED: June 29, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: David Whitehurst

SUBJECT: Wildlife Regulations: Final Staff Recommendation on the Use of Tracking dogs

BACKGROUND:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession.

During the June 7, 2011 Board of Game and Inland Fisheries meeting, the Board proposed regulation amendments to bear and deer hunting regulations affected by the legalization of tracking dogs. A public comment period on these regulation proposals was held from June 10, 2011 – June 24, 2011. Staff will present a summary of the public comments received along with the final staff recommendations for these proposals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the wildlife regulation proposed amendments as presented

**DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND
FISHERIES**

BUREAU OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES



**HUNTING REGULATION PROPOSALS
FOR THE 2011 AND 2012 HUNTING SEASONS
RESULTING FROM THE 2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SESSION**

July 2011

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4 VAC 15-50-70
Game: Bear: Bow and arrow hunting

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead bears during the archery bear season.

Proposed language of amendment:

4 VAC 15-50-70. Bow and arrow hunting.

A. It shall be lawful to hunt bear during the special archery season with bow and arrow from the first Saturday in October through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive.

B. It shall be unlawful to carry firearms while hunting with bow and arrow during the special archery seasons, except that a muzzleloading gun, as defined in 4VAC15-50-71, may be in the possession of a properly licensed muzzleloading gun hunter when and where the early special archery bear season overlaps the early special muzzleloading bear season.

C. Arrows used for hunting big game must have a minimum width head of 7/8 of an inch and the bow used for such hunting must be capable of casting a broadhead arrow a minimum of 125 yards.

D. It shall be unlawful to use dogs when hunting with bow and arrow from the second Saturday in October through the Saturday prior to the second Monday in November, both dates inclusive, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

E. It shall be lawful for persons with permanent physical disabilities, who are in full compliance with the requirements of 4VAC15-40-20 B, to hunt bear subject to the provisions of subsections A through D of this section. For the purpose of the application of subsections A through D to this subsection the phrase "bow and arrow" includes crossbow.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current hunting regulation allowing for archery hunting of bears in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-50-71
Game: Bear: Muzzleloading gun hunting.

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead bears during the muzzleloading bear season.

Proposed language of amendment:

4 VAC 15-50-71. Muzzleloading gun hunting.

A. It shall be lawful to hunt bear during the special muzzleloading season with muzzleloading guns from the Saturday prior to the second Monday in November through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive, except in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

B. It shall be unlawful to hunt bear with dogs during any special season for hunting with muzzleloading guns, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

C. A muzzleloading gun, for the purpose of this section, means a single shot weapon, excluding muzzleloading pistols, .45 caliber or larger, firing a single projectile or sabot (with a .38 caliber or larger projectile) of the same caliber loaded from the muzzle of the weapon and propelled by at least 50 grains of black powder (or black powder equivalent or smokeless powder).

D. It shall be unlawful to have in immediate possession any firearm other than a muzzleloading gun while hunting with a muzzleloading gun in a special muzzleloading season.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current hunting regulation allowing for muzzleloading hunting of bears in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-50-110
Game: Bear: Use of dogs in hunting bear

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead bear while hunting bears in Virginia.

Proposed language of amendment:

4 VAC 15-50-110. Use of dogs in hunting bear.

A. It shall be unlawful to use dogs for the hunting of bear during the open season for hunting deer in the counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and in the counties of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, and Nelson (west of Route 151); and within the boundaries of the national forests, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

B. It shall be unlawful to use dogs for the hunting of bear during the first 12 hunting days of the open season for hunting deer in the counties of Greene and Madison, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

C. It shall be unlawful to use dogs for the hunting of bear in the counties of Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Carroll (east of the New River), Fairfax, Floyd, Franklin, Grayson (east of the New River), Henry, Loudoun, Montgomery (south of Interstate 81), Patrick, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Pulaski (south of Interstate 81), Roanoke (south of Interstate 81), Wythe (southeast of the New River or that part bounded by Route 21 on the west, Interstate 81 on the north, the county line on the east, the New River on the southeast and Cripple Creek on the south); in the city of Lynchburg; and on Amelia, Chester F. Phelps, G. Richard Thompson, and Pettigrew wildlife management areas, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current hunting regulation prohibiting the use of dogs in hunting bear in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-90-23
Game: Deer: Youth deer hunting day.

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead deer during the youth deer hunting day.

Proposed language of amendment:

4 VAC 15-90-23. Youth deer hunting day.

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3 It shall be lawful for deer hunters 15 years of age and under when in compliance with all
4 applicable laws and license requirements, to hunt deer on the last Saturday in September when
5 accompanied and directly supervised by an adult who has a valid Virginia hunting license on his
6 person or is exempt from purchasing a hunting license. Deer of either-sex may be taken on this
7 special youth deer hunting day. Adult hunters accompanying youth deer hunters on this day may
8 not carry or discharge weapons. Blaze orange is required for all persons hunting any species or
9 any person accompanying a hunter on this day unless otherwise exempted by state law. Deer
10 hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current youth deer hunting day regulation in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-90-70
Game: Deer: Bow and arrow hunting.

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead deer during the deer archery seasons.

Proposed language of amendment:

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4 VAC 15-90-70. Bow and arrow hunting.

A. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the early special archery season with bow and arrow from the first Saturday in October through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive.

B. In addition to the season provided in subsection A of this section, it shall be lawful to hunt deer during the late special archery season with bow and arrow from the Monday following the close of the general firearms season on deer through the first Saturday in January, both dates inclusive, in all cities, towns, and counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except Clarke County and on non-national forest lands in Frederick County) and in the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151), Patrick and on the Chester F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area and on national forest lands in Frederick County and from December 1 through the first Saturday in January, both dates inclusive, in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line) and Virginia Beach.

C. Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the special archery seasons as provided in subsections A and B of this section (except on PALS (Public Access Lands) in Dickenson County where it shall be unlawful to take antlerless deer during the special archery seasons provided for in subsections A and B of this section).

D. It shall be unlawful to carry firearms while hunting with bow and arrow during the special archery seasons except that a muzzleloading gun, as defined in 4VAC 15-90-80, may be in the possession of a properly licensed muzzleloading gun hunter when and where a special archery deer season overlaps a special muzzleloading deer season.

E. Arrows used for hunting big game must have a minimum width head of 7/8 of an inch, and the bow used for such hunting must be capable of casting a broadhead arrow a minimum of 125 yards.

F. It shall be unlawful to use dogs when hunting with bow and arrow during any special archery season, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

G. For the purpose of the application of subsections A through I to this section, the phrase "bow and arrow" includes crossbows.

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39 H. It shall be lawful to hunt antlerless deer during the special urban archery season with bow and
40 arrow from the first Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in
41 October, both dates inclusive, and from the Monday following the first Saturday in January
42 through the last Saturday in March, both dates inclusive, within the incorporated limits of any
43 city or town in the Commonwealth and counties with a human population density of 300 persons
44 per square mile or more (except on national forest and department-owned lands), provided that
45 its governing body submits by certified letter to the Department prior to April 1 its intent to
46 participate in the special urban archery season. Any city, town, or county no longer participating
47 in this season shall submit by certified letter to the Department prior to April 1 notice of its intent
48 not to participate in the special urban archery season.

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50 I. It shall be lawful to hunt antlerless deer during the special antlerless archery season with bow
51 and arrow from the first Saturday in September through the Friday prior to the first Saturday in
52 October, both dates inclusive, in Loudoun and Prince William counties, except on department-
53 owned lands.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current archery deer hunting regulation in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-90-80
Game. Deer: General: Muzzleloading gun hunting.

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead deer during the muzzleloading deer seasons.

Proposed language of amendment:

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2 **4 VAC 15-90-80. Muzzleloading gun hunting.**
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4 A. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the early special muzzleloading season with
5 muzzleloading guns from the Saturday prior to the first Monday in November through the Friday
6 prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive, in all cities, towns, and counties
7 where deer hunting with a rifle or muzzleloading gun is permitted, except in the cities of
8 Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp Line) and Virginia Beach.
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10 B. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the late special muzzleloading season with
11 muzzleloading guns starting 18 consecutive hunting days immediately prior to and inclusive of
12 the first Saturday in January, in all cities, towns, and counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains
13 (except Clarke County and on non-national forest lands in Frederick County), and east of the
14 Blue Ridge Mountains in the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west
15 of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry,
16 Nelson (west of Route 151), Patrick and on national forest lands in Frederick County and in the
17 cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line), and Virginia Beach.
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19 C. Deer of either sex may be taken during the entire early special muzzleloading season east of
20 the Blue Ridge Mountains unless otherwise noted below:
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22 - Deer of either sex may be taken on the second Saturday only of the early special muzzleloading
23 season on state forest lands, state park lands (except Occoneechee State Park), department-
24 owned lands and Philpott Reservoir.
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26 - Antlered bucks only—no either sex deer hunting days during the early special muzzleloading
27 season on national forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties.
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29 D. Deer of either sex may be taken on the second Saturday only during the early special
30 muzzleloading season west of the Blue Ridge Mountains unless otherwise noted below:
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32 - Deer of either sex may be taken during the entire early special muzzleloading season in Clarke
33 and Floyd counties and on private lands in Carroll, Frederick, Grayson, Montgomery, Roanoke,
34 and Warren counties.
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36 - Antlered bucks only—no either sex deer hunting days during the early special muzzleloading
37 season in Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, and Wise counties

38 and on national forest lands in Alleghany, Botetourt, Frederick, Grayson, Page, Rockingham,
39 Scott, Shenandoah, Warren, and on national forest and department-owned lands in Augusta,
40 Bath, Highland, and Rockbridge counties and on Grayson Highlands State Park and on private
41 lands west of Routes 613 and 731 in Rockingham County.

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43 E. Deer of either sex may be taken during the last six days of the late special muzzleloading
44 season unless otherwise listed below:

45 - Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the entire late special muzzleloading season
46 in the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29 except
47 on national forest lands), Bedford (except on national forest lands), Campbell (west of Norfolk
48 Southern Railroad), Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151, except on national forest
49 lands), and Patrick and on private lands in Carroll, Grayson, Montgomery, Roanoke, and Warren
50 counties and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line), and Virginia
51 Beach.

52 - Deer of either sex may be taken the last day only during the late special muzzleloading season
53 in Dickenson (north of Route 83), Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, and Wise
54 counties and on national forest lands in Alleghany, Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Frederick,
55 Grayson, Nelson, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, and on national forest
56 and department-owned lands in Augusta, Bath, Highland, and Rockbridge counties and on
57 private lands west of Routes 613 and 731 in Rockingham County and Grayson Highlands State
58 Park.

59 - Antlered bucks only—no either-sex deer hunting days during the late special muzzleloading
60 season in Buchanan and Dickenson (south of Route 83).

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62 F. Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the special muzzleloading seasons within
63 the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth that allows deer hunting except
64 in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise.

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66 G. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with dogs during any special season for hunting with
67 muzzleloading guns, except that tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

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69 H. A muzzleloading gun, for the purpose of this section, means a single shot weapon, excluding
70 muzzleloading pistols .45 caliber or larger, firing a single projectile or sabot (with a .38 caliber
71 or larger projectile) of the same caliber loaded from the muzzle of the weapon and propelled by
72 at least 50 grains of black powder (or black powder equivalent or smokeless powder).

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74 I. It shall be unlawful to have in immediate possession any firearm other than a muzzleloading
75 gun while hunting with a muzzleloading gun in a special muzzleloading season.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current muzzleloader deer hunting regulation in line with the Code of Virginia.

4 VAC 15-90-260

Game: Deer: Hunting with dogs prohibited in certain counties or areas

Summary:

The proposal is to make it lawful to use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or dead deer during the deer archery season(s), muzzleloading deer season(s), and the general firearms deer season(s) in certain counties or areas of Virginia.

Proposed language of amendment:

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- 2 **4 VAC 15-90-260. Hunting with dogs prohibited in certain counties and areas.**
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- 4 A. Generally. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with dogs in the counties of Amherst (west of U.S.
- 5 Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad, and in the City of
- 6 Lynchburg), Fairfax, Franklin, Henry, Loudoun, Nelson (west of Route 151), Northampton,
- 7 Patrick and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad); and on the Amelia, Chester F.
- 8 Phelps, G. Richard Thompson and Pettigrew Wildlife Management Areas, except that tracking
- 9 dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.
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- 11 B. Special provision for Greene and Madison counties. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with
- 12 dogs during the first 12 hunting days in the counties of Greene and Madison, except that deer
- 13 tracking dogs as defined in §29.1-516.1 may be used.

Staff Final Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Rationale:

During the 2011 General Assembly session, a bill was passed (HB 1889) making it legal to use tracking dogs that are maintained and controlled on a lead to find and retrieve wounded or dead bear and deer in Virginia. This legislation allows for such retrieval anywhere in Virginia during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunting season for these species provided that those who are involved in the retrieval effort have permission to hunt on or to access the land being searched and do not have any weapons in their possession. This proposal will bring the Department's current regulation prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting deer in line with the Code of Virginia.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Board of Game and Inland Fisheries **PRESENTER:** Mr. Clarke

DATE SUBMITTED: July 6, 2011 **SUBMITTED BY:** B. Drewery

SUBJECT:

Request for Closed Meeting

BACKGROUND:

A closed session may be held for personnel, land and/or perhaps legal matters during the lunch break.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board action may be necessary if closed session topics require an action of the Board. If so, an appropriate motion will be prepared by staff for the Board's consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Director's Office

PRESENTER: Mr. Duncan

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: DGIF Staff

SUBJECT:

Director's Report

BACKGROUND:

Discussions will be held on topics of interest to the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If Board action is required on discussion topics, an appropriate motion will be provided.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Board of Game and Inland Fisheries

PRESENTER: Mr. Clarke

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: B. Drewery

SUBJECT:

Chairman's Remarks

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Board of Game and Inland Fisheries **PRESENTER:** Mr. Clarke

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011 **SUBMITTED BY:** B. Drewery

SUBJECT:

Additional Business/Comments

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chairman will call for any additional business/comments from the Board and Director.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Director's Office

PRESENTER: Mr. Clarke

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: B. Drewery

SUBJECT:

Next Meeting Date – August 16, 2011

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chairman will announce the next meeting date of August 15, 2011 beginning at 9:00am.

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES
BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 12, 2011

DIVISION: Director's Office

PRESENTER: Mr. Clarke

DATE SUBMITTED: July 5, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: B. Drewery

SUBJECT:

Adjournment

BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chairman will call for a motion to adjourn.