

Travis Voyles Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Wildlife Resources

Ryan J. Brown Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ryan J. Brown

Executive Director

Department of Wildlife Resources

FROM:

Assistant Attorney General Relia Bella

DATE: March 21, 2024

RE: Proposed Regulation Amendments – March 2024

At its March 20, 2024 meeting, the Board of Wildlife Resources proposed the following regulation sections:

4VAC15-40-310 (New). Game: In General: Tracking collars for bear and deer hunting with

4VAC15-40-320 (New). Game: In General: Reasonable efforts for deer and bear hunting with dogs.

I have reviewed the text of these proposed regulatory actions, and it is my opinion that the Board of Wildlife Resources has authority to promulgate these proposed regulations under §§29.1-103, 29.1-501, and 29.1-502. It is further my opinion that the regulations are exempt from the provisions of the Virginia Administrative Process Act pursuant to §2.2-4002(A)(3) of the Code of Virginia.

The foregoing conclusion is my own. It does not constitute an opinion, formal or informal, of the Attorney General. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cc: Aaron Proctor, DWR Policy Manager