



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA


Department of Wildlife Resources

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ryan J. Brown
Executive Director
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FROM: Kelci A. Block
Assistant Attorney General 

DATE: August 27, 2025

RE: Proposed Regulation Amendments – August 2025

At its August 21, 2025 meeting, the Board of Wildlife Resources proposed the following regulation sections for repeal or amendment:

- 4VAC15-20-100. Prohibited use of vehicles on department-owned lands.
- 4VAC15-20-110. Refusal to surrender licenses, permits, stamps, or records to department representatives. (Repeal)
- 4VAC15-20-155. Camping on Wildlife Management Areas and other department-owned or department-managed lands.
- 4VAC15-20-160. Nuisance species designated.
- 4VAC15-20-210. Definitions; nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species.
- 4VAC15-30-10. Possession, importation, sale, etc., of wild animals. (Repeal)
- 4VAC15-30-40. Importation requirements, possession, and sale of nonnative (exotic) animals.
- 4VAC15-35-80. Permit procedures.
- 4VAC15-40-200. Restricted use of above ground body-gripping traps in excess of five inches.
- 4VAC15-40-260. Sunday hunting on controlled shooting areas.
- 4VAC15-40-280. Department-owned, controlled, or managed lands; annual permit for hunting on lands managed by the department.
- 4VAC15-90-280. Sale of cervid parts and cervid mounts.
- 4VAC15-200-60. Disposal of wild rabbit parts.
- 4VAC15-240-70. Bag limit.
- 4VAC15-275-10. Application.
- 4VAC15-275-20. Definitions.
- 4VAC15-275-30. Provisions for compliance and minimum standards for hunter education course competency.
- 4VAC15-275-40. Hunter education course provider requirements.

4VAC15-275-60. Hunter education course certificates.
4VAC15-275-70. Recordkeeping and student records. (Repeal)
4VAC15-275-80. Instructor certification.
4VAC15-275-90. Virginia Hunter Education Card. (Repeal)
4VAC15-275-100. Fees. (Repeal)
4VAC15-290-80. Stuffing or mounting birds and animals - records; inspections.
4VAC15-290-140. Possession and display of a harvest information program authorization to hunt migratory game birds.
4VAC15-320-25. Creel and length limits.
4VAC15-330-180. Bills of sale for trout creeled in commercially operated fishing ponds.
4VAC15-330-190. Trout artificially raised for sale.
4VAC15-340-20. Haul seines to take fish for personal use.
4VAC15-340-40. Dip nets; generally.
4VAC15-360-20. Taking minnows and chubs for sale.

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 all proposals 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