Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Public Scoping Period for the

**2019-2020 Terrestrial Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment Process**

Please offer your ideas on changes to hunting, trapping, or other wildlife regulations that you would like to see for the 2019-2020 seasons. We are interested in understanding the values and concerns behind your recommended changes to our hunting, trapping, and wildlife laws. This information will help the Department determine the best course of action to address potential regulation changes.

**Your Name:**

**Your Organization (if applicable):**

**Terrestrial Wildlife Regulation Change Desired;** (please recommend only one regulation change per form)

1. Which species will your regulation recommendation affect?

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| **Species** | **** |  | **Species** | **** |  | **Species** | **** |  | **Species** | **** |
| Deer |   |  | Red Fox |   |  | Otter |   |  | Ducks |   |
| Turkey |   |  | Gray Fox |   |  | Mink |   |  | Geese |   |
| Bear |   |  | Coyote |   |  | Groundhog |   |  | Nongame |   |
| Rabbit |   |  | Raccoon |   |  | Dove |   |  | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |
| Gray Squirrel |   |  | Bobcat |   |  | Woodcock |   |  | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |
| Fox Squirrel |   |  | Beaver |   |  | Ruffed Grouse |   |  | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |
| Quail |   |  | Muskrat |   |  | Crow |   |  | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |

1. What does your regulation recommendation change? (✓ all that apply)

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| Hunting Season |   |
| Trapping Season |   |
| Bag Limit |   |
| Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |

1. Does the regulation change apply to a specific location? (Examples - public lands, Alleghany County, statewide, etc.)

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| Statewide |   |
| County(s): (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |
| Other location(s): (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   |

**Describe your specific recommendation change:** (Example: I want 7 more doe days in X county)

**What is the primary concern or issue you want your recommendation to correct?** (Examples - there are too many deer in X county, or I want more opportunities to kill a doe when I don’t have to work)

**Potential Implications of this Regulation Change**

Regulation changes have biological, sociological, administrative, and economic implications. The Department must assess these impacts in order to make the best possible decision about regulation changes. To help the Department more thoroughly understand and assess your regulation change, please provide your thoughts on how your recommendation could impact:

1. Wildlife populations. (Please consider and describe how your recommendation might impact all species, including those species you checked on page 1 of this comment form.)
2. Your recreational experience.
3. The recreational experience of other hunters (including hunters of other species).
4. The recreational experience of other outdoor users (e.g., hikers, campers).
5. The experience and perceptions of farmers, residents, motorists, and other citizens.
6. Other.

Completed forms can be emailed to RegComments@dgif.virginia.gov or mailed to Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Regulatory Coordinator, P.O. Box 90778, Henrico, Virginia 23228-0778

**“Thank You” for providing your input!**