

Office of Regulatory Management  
Economic Review Form

<b>Agency name</b>	DWR
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	4VAC15-50
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Game: Bear
<b>Action title</b>	2025 Amendments to Wildlife Regulations
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	3/26/2025
<b>Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)</b>	Proposed

### Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

**Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None Indirect Costs: None Direct Benefits: None Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Maximizing hunter opportunity for black bears across the Commonwealth while taking into consideration impacts of sarcoptic mange disease; clarification of firearms possession while hunting as to not impede on an individual's 2 <sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.	
(5) Information Sources		

**Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None Indirect Costs: None Direct Benefits: None Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	

(5) Information Sources	
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**Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None Indirect Costs: None Direct Benefits: None Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	
(5) Information Sources		

**Impact on Local Partners**

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 2: Impact on Local Partners**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None Indirect Costs: None Direct Benefits: None Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits

	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Maximizing hunter opportunity for black bears across the Commonwealth while taking into consideration impacts of sarcoptic mange disease; clarification of firearms possession while hunting as to not impede on an individual's 2 <sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.	
(4) Assistance		
(5) Information Sources		

**Impacts on Families**

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 3: Impact on Families**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None Indirect Costs: None Direct Benefits: None Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Maximizing hunter opportunity for black bears across the Commonwealth while taking into consideration impacts of sarcoptic mange disease; clarification of firearms possession while hunting as to not impede on an individual's 2 <sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.	
(4) Information Sources		

**Impacts on Small Businesses**

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

**Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses**

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	Direct Costs: None  Indirect Costs: None  Direct Benefits: None  Indirect Benefits: None	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Maximizing hunter opportunity for black bears across the Commonwealth while taking into consideration impacts of sarcoptic mange disease; clarification of firearms possession while hunting as to not impede on an individual's 2 <sup>nd</sup> amendment rights.	
(4) Alternatives		
(5) Information Sources		

**Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements**

**Table 5: Regulatory Reduction**

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

*Change in Regulatory Requirements*

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Authority of Change	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Total Net Change in Requirements
11, 70, 71, 120	(M/A):				
	(D/A):				
	(M/R):				
	(D/R): 29.1-103, 29.1-501, 29.1-502	5	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total of Changes in Requirements:</b>					(M/A):
					(D/A):
					(M/R):
					(D/R): 0

**Key:**

*Please use the following coding if change is mandatory or discretionary and whether it affects externally regulated parties or only the agency itself:*

**(M/A):** Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting the agency itself

**(D/A):** Discretionary requirements affecting agency itself

**(M/R):** Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting external parties, including other agencies

**(D/R):** Discretionary requirements affecting external parties, including other agencies

*Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)*

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases

*Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)*

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden
*this chapter is relatively non-mandate driven so that is why no changes to		

mandates (seasons, bags, etc).		

*Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)*

<b>Title of Guidance Document</b>	<b>Original Word Count</b>	<b>New Word Count</b>	<b>Net Change in Word Count</b>

\*If the agency is modifying a guidance document that has regulatory requirements, it should report any change in requirements in the appropriate chart(s).