

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board of Wildlife Resources
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4 VAC 15-230
VAC Chapter title(s)	Game: Squirrel
Action title	Fox Squirrel Open Season
Date this document prepared	June 7, 2023
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Exempt Final

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)

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>Direct Costs: Adding Henry County to the list of counties open for hunting fox squirrels is not anticipated to have any direct costs.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any indirect costs.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: This proposal will provide additional hunting opportunity, which may positively impact the Department’s hunting license sales. The likely value of this direct benefit is indeterminate/projected to be nominal, as it is expected that many hunters who participate in this opportunity will already have hunting licenses for other purposes.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal should promote interest in hunting, which can have indirect benefits to local economies through expenditures by hunters associated with their participation in hunting in that locality. The likely value of these indirect benefits is indeterminate, as it is not known how many hunters will participate in this opportunity, though it is projected to be a relatively small number of hunters.</p>	
<p>(2) Present Monetized Values</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Costs</p>	<p>Direct & Indirect Benefits</p>
	<p>(a) None</p>	<p>(b) Indeterminate</p>
<p>(3) Net Monetized Benefit</p>	<p>Indeterminate</p>	
<p>(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)</p>	<p>This proposal would afford additional hunting opportunity to those hunting in Henry County. While this opportunity would represent a very small proposal in comparison to overall hunting opportunities in Virginia, it is of note that hunting is a large contributor to the Virginia economy, with past surveys indicating that annual expenditures by hunters in the Commonwealth exceed \$877 million.</p>	
<p>(5) Information Sources</p>	<p>2011 National Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife-Based Recreation</p>	

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

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>Direct Costs: There is no direct cost associated with the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There is no indirect cost associated with the status quo.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits associated with the status quo.</p>	
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	Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits associated with the status quo.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	None	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no alternatives to be reasonably considered other than the proposal or the status quo (fox squirrel hunting is either open or closed in each of Virginia’s localities).</p> <p>Indirect Costs: N/A</p> <p>Direct Benefits: N/A</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: N/A</p>	
(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	N/A	

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)	<p>Direct Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on local partners.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on local partners.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on local partners.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on local partners.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	
(4) Assistance	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

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)	<p>Direct Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on families.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on families.</p>	
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	<p>Direct Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on families.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any impact on families.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	
(4) Information Sources	N/A	

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)	<p>Direct Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any cost impact upon small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any cost impact upon small businesses.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Direct benefits associated with this proposal include expenditures by hunters in the affected locality and other places associated with their participation in hunting. The value of these benefits is indeterminate, as it is not known how many hunters will participate in this opportunity.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Indirect benefits associated with this proposal are indeterminate, but as above, would be associated with participation in hunting in the affected locality.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) Indeterminate

(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A
(4) Alternatives	N/A
(5) Information Sources	N/A

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	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Net Change
4VAC15-230-60	0 (section opens hunting season in enumerated localities)	0	0	0

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

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

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
4VAC15-230-60	Opening fox squirrel hunting in Henry County	This proposal would provide additional hunting opportunity in Henry County, which would increase available hunting counties by 2.5% (regulatory relaxation).

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

Title of Guidance Document	Original Length	New Length	Net Change in Length
N/A			