

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board of Wildlife Resources
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4VAC15-40-320 (New)
VAC Chapter title(s)	Game: In General
Action title	Reasonable efforts for deer and bear hunting with dogs
Date this document prepared	March 22, 2024
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Exempt 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)	<p>Direct Costs: This proposal 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 is not anticipated to have any direct benefits.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any indirect benefits.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None anticipated	(b) Indeterminate
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Indeterminate	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>This proposal, along with proposed 4VAC15-40-310, would promote the future of a very large segment of deer and bear hunters in the Commonwealth – those that pursue deer and bear with hounds and do so in a manner that minimizes private landowner conflict. Such hunters contribute to the economy in the form of hunting supplies, food, gas, and other expenditures within their local communities, as well as revenue generation for the Department in the form of hunting licenses sold. It is of note that hunting is a large contributor to the Virginia overall economy, with past surveys indicating that annual expenditures by hunters in the Commonwealth exceed \$877 million.</p>	
(5) Information Sources	<p>2023-2024 DWR Hound Hunter-Private Landowner Stakeholder Advisory Committee Final Report (2024); 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)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: Increasing hunting hound conflicts with private landowners through time is leading to more calls to DWR Dispatch, requiring more Conservation Police Officer man hours to investigate landowner issues when unwanted hunting hounds are present on their property.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Increasing hunting hound conflict through time is further dividing the hunting community, leading to more staff time and resources at DWR in attempting to address the issue with a lack of any further regulatory authorities to address the problem.</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)	Direct Costs: N/A Indirect Costs: N/A Direct Benefits: N/A Indirect Benefits: N/A	
(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 direct impact on families.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: This proposal is not anticipated to have any indirect impact on families.</p>	
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	<p>Direct Benefits: This proposal will serve to help the Department mitigate and minimize hunting hound conflicts with families that are suffering repeated issues with hunting hounds and hound hunters on their property, thus improving their overall day-to-day quality of life and enjoyment of their property. Private property owners that currently suffer impacts from hunting hounds will spend less time, resources, and money to deal with the negative consequences of having unwanted hunting hounds on their property.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any indirect 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: This proposal is not anticipated to have any cost impact upon small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: This proposal is not anticipated to have any cost impact upon small businesses.</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
4VAC15-40-320 (New)	0 (section does not currently exist)	4	0	4

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases
N/A		0	0	0

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
N/A		

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			