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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No.

SUBJECT: Approval to proceed with public informational meetings on: (1) a proposed Zone T deer season in farmland deer management units, and (2) a proposed emergency rule for a special deer herd control hunt in forest deer management units - WM-15-00(E).

FOR: FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: TOM HAUGE

SUMMARY:

The Department requests Natural Resources Board approval to conduct informational meetings on the proposed Zone T and special forest deer herd control hunt affecting 97 deer management units in Wisconsin. The season structure includes a 9-day either-sex gun hunt, a 1-day antlerless-only youth hunt on October 26, a 3-day antlerless-only gun hunt October 27-29, 2-day either-sex gun hunt on December 2-3, free antlerless tags, and 16 additional archery season days (4-early, 12-late). The final proposals will be brought to the April Natural Resources Board meeting for approval.

The proposed deer management units are significantly over goal and the regular season structure is unlikely to reduce the deer herd to within 20% of goal. Key related issues include the amount of deer-caused damage, the acceptability of the proposed season structure, acceptance of the deer population estimates, and conflicts with user groups that may be affected by Zone T and Special Season structure.

RECOMMENDATION: Board approval to: Proceed with public informational meetings on the (1) farmland Zone T proposal and (2) emergency rule forest unit special herd control hunt

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:

Thomas M. Hauge
Bureau Director, Thomas M. Hauge

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Date

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Secretary, George E. Meyer

2/21/00
Date

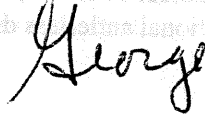
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DATE: February 9, 2000

FILE REF: 1020

TO: Natural Resources Board Members

FROM: George E. Meyer



SUBJECT: Increasing antlerless deer harvests during the 2000 hunting seasons for deer herd control. The proposed season framework for Zone T farmland deer management units and a special deer herd control hunt (WM-15-00(E)) for forest deer management units.

Rule Proposal

The Department recommends 60 farmland deer management units (Figure 1) be included in Zone T season this fall to increase antlerless deer harvest. I also recommend a special deer herd control hunt by emergency rule in 37 forest deer management units (Figure 1). All these units are recommended for herd control action because they are significantly above the population goals established for their unit and the herds are not likely to be brought to within 20% of their over-winter density goals under the regular deer seasons structure (Table 1). With your approval, I will direct Department wildlife staff to proceed with a local review meeting process to inform the public of prior seasons results, the current herd status, and the hunt proposal for 2000. These meetings will be held during February 23 to March 10 across the state. The recommendations would then be brought back to the board for adoption at the April Board Meeting.

Proposed season and tagging structure for the 2000 Zone T and Forest Special Season units:

1. 9-day either-sex gun season November 18-26, 2000
2. Free antlerless permits/tags as follows: (available after August 15)
 - a. generic free tags can be used by licensed hunters in any Zone T or Forest Special Season unit during all deer seasons (Archery, Early antlerless-only, Nine-day gun, and Muzzleloader)
 - b. free tags issued at any ALIS license vendor
 - c. free tags would be issued at a rate of 3 per license for a maximum of six per hunter (3 for an archery license, 3 for a gun deer license)
 - d. no hunter's choice permits would be issued for these units
3. Additional antlerless-only bonus permits available for purchase
4. Antlerless-only gun hunt on October 27-29, archery hunting during this period would be antlerless-only. All hunters except waterfowl hunters would be required to wear blaze orange clothing.
5. Antlerless-only youth gun hunt on October 26. Participation is limited to youths ages 12-17. An adult (age 18 or older) must accompany all youth participants. The adult may not possess a firearm. Archery hunting during this period would be antlerless-only. All hunters except waterfowl hunters would be required to wear blaze orange clothing.
6. Either-sex gun hunt December 2-3.

7. Early archery season would be extended 4 days, through November 16. The late archery season would begin on the Monday immediately following the 9-day gun season and continue through January 7th. This would add 16 days to the total archery season.
8. Muzzleloader season November 27 through December 3: allow harvest of one deer of either sex per unused gun deer license harvest tag and additional antlerless deer under the authority of free antlerless permits.

Lost bonus permit revenue for 2000 will be offset by 1999 revenues, and hopefully reduced Wildlife Damage Claims program needs in 2001 as a result of reduced deer populations.

Background

Zone T Proposal for Farmland Deer Management Units: Special deer seasons were implemented in nineteen deer management units (DMU's) in 1996, ten in 1997, one in 1998, and eight in 1999. More than 30 DMU's were designated as "watch units" in 1999 for special Zone T seasons in 2000.

Sec. NR 10.117, Wis. Ad. Code gives the department flexibility to adjust the deer season and bag limits to reduce herds in eligible farmland deer management units. Eligible units include those units where it is unlikely deer densities will be brought within 20% of established population goals under a regular deer season structure. NR 10.117 requires public informational meetings in affected deer management units, consultation with the Conservation Congress and approval by the Natural Resources Board.

The special seasons structure held in 38 DMU's over the last four years have been effective. Deer herds were significantly reduced in most cases. Either-sex regulations, free antlerless tags, and the October antlerless gun season were critical to the success of these special seasons in past years.

Emergency Order for Forest Special Season: The northern and central forest deer herds are also well above population goals established in administrative code. These populations have been increasing from the early 1970's through 2000. The northern forest herd has not been below goal overall since 1980. It appears that winter weather control of the northern herd has lessened; just two falls after two of the worst winters we've had, buck harvests (indicative of population level) in 1998 were among the highest ever in many units. This winter's northern deer population is estimated at 433,000 compared to an established goal of 270,000. This is up from the estimated 420,000 deer in the north during the winter of 1998-1999, despite a state record total deer harvest in 1999. The northern forest antlerless harvest of 80,700 deer in 1999 approached the all-time high in this region of 85,221 antlerless deer (1991). A harvest of over 195,000 antlerless deer would be necessary to bring the region to goal in one year. Similarly, the central forest units cannot be decreased to within 20% of population goals with the existing seasons.

The Northern Forest accounted for \$246,379 of the almost \$1,181,000 in appraised deer damage losses in the state. The average deer damage per acre of appraised land in the northern forest is approximately \$877, compared to the average of \$98 per appraised acre in the farmland deer management units. The central forest units proposed for inclusion in this special season had an average of \$183.00 in appraised deer damage per acre.

The Department's authority to establish Zone T hunts is restricted to farmland deer management units. Consequently, an emergency rule is needed to establish a special deer herd control hunt in the forest deer management units. For more information on the status of the northern forest deer herd, please see Appendix 1.

Figure 1. Map of Deer Management Units (shaded) Proposed for Special Herd Control Seasons in 2000.

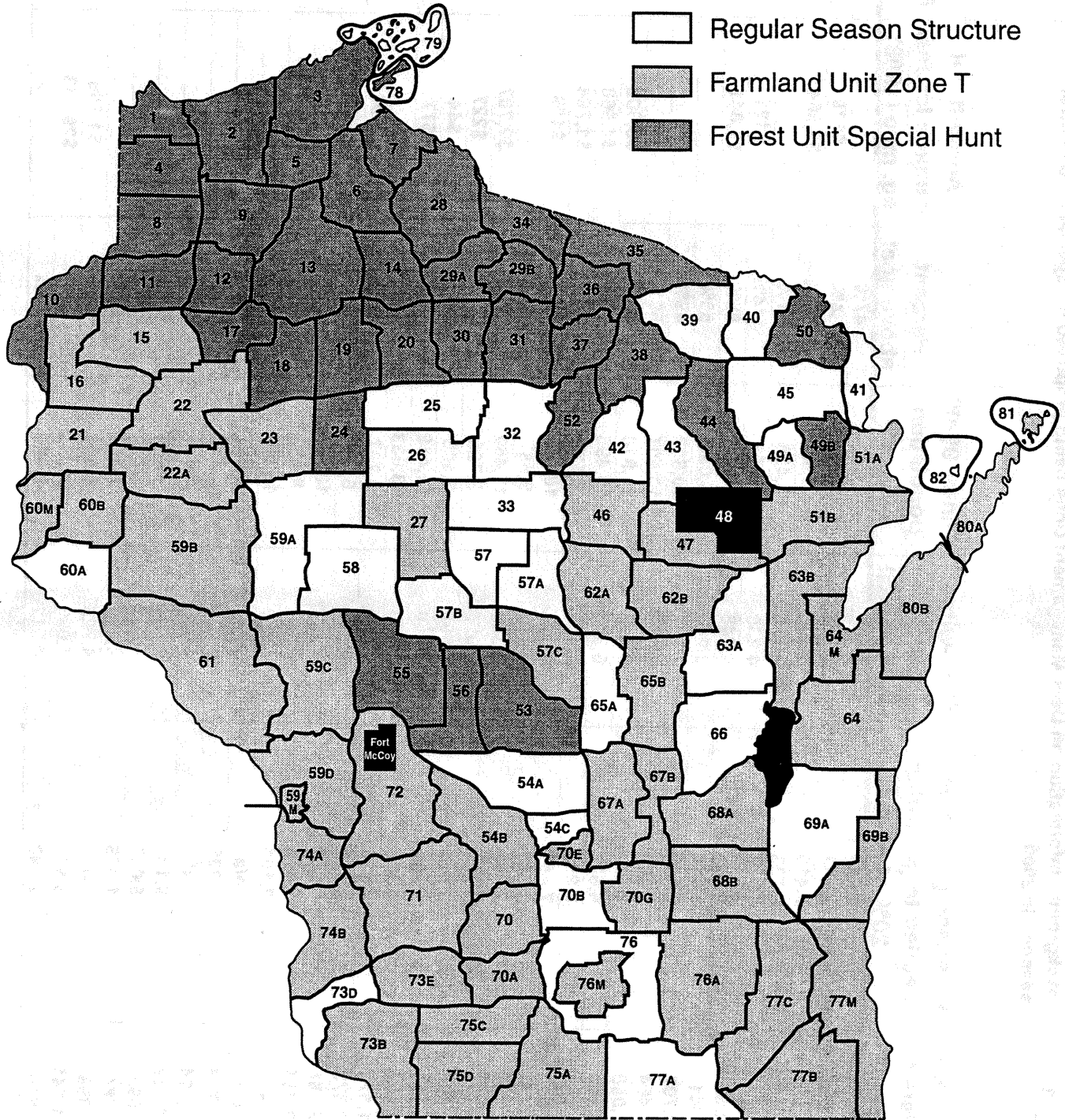


TABLE 1.

Background information on Deer Management Units being proposed for special herd control seasons in 2000.

DMU	Hist. max. antlerless harvest	Antlerless gun harvest needed to get within 20% of goal	Over-winter population when at goal	Winter 99-00 population estimate	Percent above goal	Agricultural damage losses/ sq. mile (1998)	Deer range (mi sq.)
1	862	1,659	4,120	6,047	47%		206
2	3,772	7,483	9,648	17,743	84%	\$135	536
3	1,165	7,419	5,600	13,033	133%	\$3,564	560
4	1,019	2,733	3,370	6,438	91%	\$121	337
5	1,417	4,760	4,230	9,051	114%	\$1,041	235
6	969	4,245	4,848	9,590	98%		404
7	341	1,714	3,240	5,068	56%		178
8	4,707	3,618	7,280	10,812	49%		364
9	4,464	4,781	8,660	13,507	56%		433
10	2,080	3,817	8,075	11,910	47%	\$3,602	323
11	3,180	4,625	6,340	10,495	66%	\$4,668	317
12	1,353	3,993	4,624	8,577	85%	\$1,764	272
13	2,523	7,451	10,755	18,750	74%	\$109	661
14	1,132	4,597	4,662	9,587	106%		333
15	6,423	4,171	9,350	12,462	33%	\$2,787	374
16	3,471	3,583	7,025	9,725	38%	\$227	281
17	1,580	3,211	3,690	6,408	74%	\$44	246
18	3,195	3,962	7,360	11,438	55%	\$77	368
19	2,574	4,389	7,860	13,033	66%		393
20	1,573	2,914	6,336	9,737	54%	\$192	352
21	2,373	2,455	4,900	6,679	36%	\$23	196
22	2,457	5,260	6,120	10,485	71%	\$31	306
22A	3,215	3,374	6,440	8,460	31%	\$19	322
23	3,679	8,105	7,800	15,087	93%	\$24	390
23A	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
24	1,798	2,338	4,900	7,116	45%		245
27	1,624	3,203	4,320	6,828	58%		216
28	1,126	6,103	6,765	13,592	101%		615
29A	592	5,006	2,570	7,768	202%		257
29B	284	1,375	2,020	3,366	67%		202
30	896	579	4,725	5,861	24%	\$1,666	315
31	1,741	3,587	7,638	11,772	54%	\$29,433	402
34	810	2,283	4,012	6,605	65%		236

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DMU							
35	2,583	8,409	7,440	16,427	121%	\$261	372
36	2,373	8,163	5,825	13,949	139%	\$457	233
37	2,224	4,725	5,375	10,227	90%		215
38	2,080	5,018	7,300	12,738	74%	\$645	365
44	2,045	3,479	6,675	10,255	54%		445
46	2,859	3,054	7,925	10,478	32%		317
47	2,329	5,448	6,650	10,501	58%		266
49B	2,952	2,535	4,875	6,655	37%	\$238	195
50	3,129	3,200	6,720	9,816	46%	\$1,174	336
51A	2,942	5,393	4,750	8,338	76%	\$178	190
51B	3,977	9,136	10,775	17,435	62%	\$9	431
52	1,678	4,663	6,220	11,214	80%	\$1,395	311
53	3,893	6,054	13,170	18,723	42%	\$639	439
54B	4,039	8,916	7,875	13,899	76%	\$82	315
55	4,658	13,410	15,000	27,278	82%	\$33	600
56	2,511	9,053	9,840	18,571	89%	\$63	328
57C	3,037	3,204	6,360	8,933	40%	\$167	212
59B	5,759	6,425	8,715	12,560	44%	\$9	581
59C	8,199	11,270	12,325	18,328	49%	\$84	493
59D	4,031	8,461	7,720	12,558	63%	\$76	386
59M	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO
60B	METRO	1,056	1,660	2,389	44%		83
60M	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO
61	10,920	18,703	11,670	22,897	96%	\$8	778
61A	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a
62A	6,019	7,758	11,032	17,348	57%	\$604	394
62B	5,799	7,388	10,620	15,613	47%	\$6	354
63B	3,901	5,674	6,300	11,207	78%	\$55	252
64	3,869	4,854	6,560	10,204	56%	\$22	328
64M	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO
65B	5,067	5,876	9,660	13,640	41%	\$80	322
67A	8,244	9,983	11,690	18,527	58%	\$940	334
67B	3,426	4,186	6,545	9,185	40%	\$857	187
68A	2,133	4,320	3,150	6,408	103%	\$50	105
68B	1,504	2,118	3,180	4,628	46%	\$53	106
69B	1,831	2,575	2,370	4,299	81%	\$1	158
70	4,963	8,202	7,110	12,927	82%	\$111	237
70A	4,095	12,072	5,100	13,371	162%	\$118	204

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		needed to get within 20% of goal	population					
DMU								
70C	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
70D	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
70E	1,421	2,169	2,415	4,011	4,011	66%	\$723	69
70F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
70G	2,149	3,643	3,600	6,084	6,084	69%	\$41	120
71	8,264	17,175	10,780	21,158	21,158	96%	\$49	539
72	5,963	12,414	8,920	18,257	18,257	105%	\$12	446
72A	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
73B	2,090	2,705	4,080	6,013	6,013	47%	\$10	204
73E				11,629				
74A	2,299	3,974	2,220	4,902	4,902	121%	\$9	148
74B	3,146	6,813	5,595	9,244	9,244	65%	\$5	373
75A	2,584	4,449	3,885	6,727	6,727	73%		259
75B	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
75C				5,065				
75D				3,299				
76A	3,091	3,401	5,420	7,392	7,392	36%	\$5	271
76M	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO
77B	1,216	2,750	1,270	3,552	3,552	180%		127
77C	2,219	5,522	2,750	6,768	6,768	146%		275
77M	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO	METRO
78	165	291	550	840	840	53%		22
80A	915	1,040	2,430	3,319	3,319	37%	\$20	162
80B	2,593	5,834	5,200	8,804	8,804	69%		260
80C	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			n/a
81	354	692	315	840	840	167%		21

Appendix 1.

Northern Deer Herd Issues

Issue

The northern deer herd is well above population goals established in administrative code. There has been interest in understanding the nature of this situation and exploring what we can do to correct it.

Background

Long-term status: The northern deer herd has fluctuated over the years, but there has been an increasing trend from the early 1970's to late 1990's. The northern forest herd has not been below goal overall since 1980. Biologists have speculated that winter feeding has increased over-winter carrying capacity. It appears that we cannot depend on winter weather to control the northern herd; just 2 falls after 2 of the worst winters we've had, buck harvests (indicative of population level) in 1998 were among the highest ever in many units. Northern forest hunting pressure has fluctuated around 10 hunters per square mile over the last decade, but it has been slightly higher, around 13 hunters per square mile, the past couple years. Therefore, the growing deer herd cannot be explained by reduced hunting pressure as that did not occur.

Current status: This winter's northern deer population stands at 433,000 (pre-Tribal harvest data inclusion) compared to a goal of 270,000. The explanation for this includes much higher deer survival during the last bad winter and subsequent reproduction higher than expected, together with the extremely mild winters of 1997-98 and 1998-99, followed by what is shaping up to be a very mild winter this year. Quotas in 1998 were conservative, because biologists did not expect the herd to grow as fast as it did and because they did not believe hunters could accept high quotas shortly after the 2 bad winters. The fall 1998 population appeared to be higher than estimated based on the high buck harvest in 1998. Even after increasing the buck recovery rate component of our model to reflect good hunting conditions in 1998, our 1999 northern herd was estimated to be 56% above over-winter goals established in code. Having deer populations well above goals creates problems for the forest industry, agriculture, motorists, and the flora and fauna impacted by deer feeding habits.

Predicted 2000 harvest effects on 2000-2001 over-winter population status: The predicted pre-hunt northern deer herd population for 2000 will be higher than the estimate of 566,000 deer in 1999, incorporating expected survival and reproductive rates. The total antlerless harvest needed during the gun season to bring the northern herd down to goals is over 195,000 compared to the maximum historic harvest of 85,221 in 1991. In 1999, when there were a record number of antlerless permits available, the total northern forest antlerless harvest was 80,700 deer.

It would take at least 2-3 years to reduce deer populations to goal levels in some northern units with a traditional season. Some unit populations cannot be brought down to goals with current hunting regulations and current hunter demand. Insufficient hunter demand resulted in many unit harvest quotas not being attained in 1999.

The 2000 recommendation will be that non-special season units limit the number of antlerless permits available at 1.5 times the maximum number ever issued, because a higher number would be meaningless and would only serve to upset hunters.

Basic problem: The herd has not recently been brought down to goal levels by the adverse effects of winter weather. If hunters fail to harvest enough deer to bring the herd down to goals, the herd will remain above goals in the north as in the south. Hunter demand is not sufficient under the normal season framework, permit system, and license/permit price situation to harvest enough deer to hold the population in check, particularly if the herd grows above goal levels. Insufficient demand is a consequence of the number of hunters, the number of deer that hunters wish to consume, season length limitations on opportunities, and the cost of bonus antlerless deer tags. Perhaps, the greatest complicating factor is the interest by many hunters in having deer populations higher than those established in administrative code, even though hunters participated in the public process that established goals. Extensive deer feeding, and perhaps baiting, in the north may be exacerbating the problem by making deer movements more nocturnal and concentrating deer on private lands where they are less vulnerable to hunting.

Authority for season or permit changes for 2000: The Department does not have authority to change season frameworks (including extensions), issue free permits, make licenses good for either sex, or any other method for increasing deer harvests under the current administrative code. The "Zone T" option only exists for farmland deer units in the southern 2/3 of the state. Only an emergency rule could be used to make these changes for the 2000 hunting season in the north and the central forest deer management units.

Other Issues--Deer 2000: The Deer 2000 process was commissioned by the Natural Resources Board to solve issues such as the high northern deer herd population. The mission was to gather broad public input on issues and then recommendations to solve these issues, with the season framework being specifically listed as an issue that Deer 2000 would provide solutions for. It is not the Department's intention to "move ahead" of recommendations that will come from the Deer 2000 study committees on the topic of herd control in the north. These recommendations are on a timeline which will make implementation for the 2000 seasons impossible, and it is the opinion of the Department that we must address this issue in 2000.

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
 2048 N(R10/94)

Subject
 Modifying 2000 Deer Seasons in 57 Farmland Deer Management Units with a 4-day Early Season, and issuing free antlerless deer permits

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

- Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected:
 Towns Villages Cities
 Counties WTCS Districts
 School Districts Others

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY OF BILL/RULE -

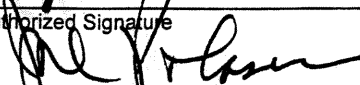
This rule establishes deer management units designated as Zone T in the farmland area of the state. The units included in Zone T are 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 54C, 57B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 60B, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B, 73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 77B, 77C, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81. Zone T designation includes a four-day deer herd control hunt, free antlerless permits, and either-sex regular gun and muzzleloader seasons.

FISCAL IMPACT -

One financial impact of this rule is the loss of revenue from the \$3.00 application fee for hunter's choice and bonus permits, which will not be collected for Zone T deer management units. The reduction in revenue from permit application fees is estimated to be \$416,445 (138,815 permits at \$3 each = \$416,445). Another impact will be the loss of revenue from bonus sales in these units. The reduction in revenue from lost bonus permit sales is estimated to be \$2,784,504 (13,923 non-resident bonus permits at \$20 each = \$278,460, and 208,837 resident permits at \$12 each = \$2,506,044). These fees will not be collected because of the issuance of special free antlerless permits for these units. Additional financial impact will come from printing cost associated with these permits, averaging \$.10 per permit. Bonus antlerless permits will be available for sale in the Zone T units after a hunter has received his/her allotted number of free permits. We expect this option to be used very rarely, and so have estimated the loss of revenue to include all bonus sales in 1999. (continued on page 2)

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Revenue from bonus permit sales are earmarked by the legislature to fund the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP). High bonus permit sales in 98-99 will likely result in adequate WDACP funding in 2000. However, it is difficult to forecast impacts on the WDACP in 2001. Significant Zone T harvest in 2000 will reduce damage in 2001.

Agency	Prepared By	Phone No.	Authorized Signature	Phone No.	Date
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FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The primary impact of this proposal on law enforcement operations will stem from the early 4 day firearm season. We assume that the early firearm season will bring with it a typical firearm deer season opening of complaints from landowners, hunters and other enforcement agencies, accidents and the need for an active enforcement presence. This season will impact no less than 120 wardens that work in management units open during the early firearm season. This period is not usually a major opening. Therefore the opening will conflict with work schedules in approximately 25% of the wardens affected. To provide satisfactory coverage to the affected areas, an additional 1,200 hours of enforcement will be required (120 wardens X 25% X 4 days X 10 hours per day). An additional 900 hours of special conservation warden time will be expended during this period. The cost for the additional coverage above what is normally present during this 4 day period will include: \$23,400 in permanent salary and fringe, \$9,000 in special warden LTE costs, and \$6,480 in travel expenses. No estimate was made of costs associated with spill-over enforcement problems in adjacent management units during the 4 day early season.

Estimated loss (based on 1999 sales): Hunter's Choice/Bonus application fee: $138,815 \times \$3.00 = \$416,445.00$

Bonus deer permits: Residents: $208,837 \times \$12 = \$2,506,044.00$
Non-residents: $13,923 \times \$20 = \$278,460.00$
Total = $\$2,784,504.00$

Increased Printing cost: $1,505,250 \times \$0.10 - 22,760 \times \$0.10 = \$128,249.00$ (new permits-1999 permits)

Law Enforcement cost: = $\$38,880.00$

TOTAL FISCAL IMPACTS:

REDUCED REVENUE: \$3,200,949.00

INCREASED COSTS: \$167,129.00

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. Amendment No.

Subject: Changing 2000 Deer Seasons in 57 Farmland Deer Management Units with a 4-day Early Season, and issuing free antlerless deer permits

I. **One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):**

II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$32,400	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		\$157,005	(\$22,276)
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$189,405	(\$22,276)
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		\$189,405	(\$22,276)
III. State Revenues:		Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>			
GPR Taxes			
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			(\$3,200,949)
TOTAL State Revenues			(\$3,200,949)

NET ANNUALIZED IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$167,129	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	(\$3,200,949)	\$0

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ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Subject

Modifying 2000 Deer Seasons in 38 Forest Deer Management Units with a 4-day Early Season, and issuing free antlerless deer permits

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 - Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Government Units Affected:

- Towns Villages Cities
- Counties WTCS Districts
- School Districts Others _____

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.370 (3)(mu) + (5)(Fq)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY OF BILL/RULE -

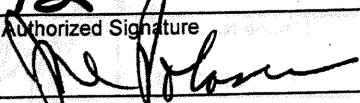
This rule establishes deer management units designated as having an emergency special season in the northern and central forest areas of the state. The units proposed for emergency special season are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58 and 78. This designation includes a four-day deer herd control hunt, free antlerless permits, and either-sex regular gun and muzzleloader seasons.

FISCAL IMPACT -

One financial impact of this rule is the loss of revenue from the \$3.00 application fee for hunter's choice and bonus permits, which will not be collected for special season northern forest deer management units. The reduction in revenue from permit application fees is estimated to be \$303,564.00 (101,188 permits at \$3 each = \$303,564). Another impact will be the loss of revenue from bonus sales in these units. The reduction in revenue from lost bonus permit sales is estimated to be \$1,726,260 (8,631 non-resident bonus permits at \$20 each = \$172,620, and 129,470 resident permits at \$12 each = 1,553,640). These fees will not be collected because of the issuance of special free antlerless permits for these units. Additional financial impact will come from the printing cost associated with these permits, averaging \$.10 per permit. Bonus antlerless permits will be available for sale in the emergency special season units after a hunter has received his/her allotted number of free permits. We expect this option to be used very rarely, and so have estimated the loss of revenue to include all bonus sales in 1999. (continued on page 2)

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Revenue from bonus permit sales are earmarked by the legislature to fund the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program (WDACP). High bonus permit sales in 98-99 will likely result in adequate WDACP funding in 2000. However, it is difficult to forecast impacts on the WDACP in 2001. Significant Zone T harvest in 2000 will reduce damage in 2001.

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FISCAL ESTIMATE

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The primary impact of this proposal on law enforcement operations will stem from the early 4 day firearm season. We assume that the early firearm season will bring with it a typical firearm deer season opening of complaints from landowners, hunters and other enforcement agencies, accidents and the need for an active enforcement presence. This season will impact no less than 80 wardens that work in management units open during the early firearm season. This period is not usually a major opening. Therefore the opening will conflict with work schedules in approximately 25% of the wardens affected. To provide satisfactory coverage to the affected areas, an additional 800 hours of enforcement will be required (80 wardens X 25% X 4 days X 10 hours per day). An additional 600 hours of special conservation warden time will be expended during this period. The cost for the additional coverage above what is normally present during this 4 day period will include: \$15,609 in permanent salary and fringe, \$6,000 in special warden LTE costs, and \$4,320 in travel expenses. No estimate was made of costs associated with spill-over enforcement problems in adjacent management units during the 4 day early season.

Estimated loss (based on 1999 sales):	Hunter's Choice/Bonus application fee:	101,188 x \$3.00 = \$303,564.00
	Bonus deer permits:	Residents: 208,837 x \$12 = \$1,553,640.00
		Non-residents: 13,923 x \$20 = \$172,620.00
		Total = \$1,726,260
	Increased Printing cost:	1,059,250 x \$0.10 - 138,101 x \$0.10 = \$92,115.00 new permits-1999 permits)
	Law Enforcement cost:	= \$25,929.00
TOTAL FISCAL IMPACTS:		
REDUCED REVENUE:		\$2,029,824.00
INCREASED COSTS:		\$118,044.00

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. WM-15-00(E)	Amendment No.
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Subject
Modifying 2000 Deer Seasons in 38 Forest Deer Management Units with a 4-day Early Season, and issuing free antlerless deer permits

I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes (FTE Position Changes)	\$21,609	
State Operations - Other Costs	\$110,245	(\$13,810)
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$131,854	(\$13,810)
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	\$131,854	(\$13,810)
III. State Revenues: Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
GPR Taxes		
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		(\$2,029,824)
TOTAL State Revenues		(\$2,029,824)

NET ANNUALIZED IMPACT

	STATE	LOCAL
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$118,044	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	(\$2,029,824)	\$0

Agency DNR	Prepared By Joe Polasek	Phone No. (608) 266-2794	14 Authorized Signature 	Phone No. (608) 266-2794	Date 02/03/2000
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BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the matter of a Secretary's Order pertaining to modification of 2000 deer hunting regulations in select farmland deer management units.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. It is unlikely the deer population in deer management units 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60B, 60M, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B, 73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 76M, 77B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81 will be reduced to within 20% of the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.104, Wis. Adm. Code, under the current deer hunting rules. In making this determination, the department compared the deer harvest required to reduce the deer population to goal to the deer harvest likely to occur under the existing season structure based on data from past seasons.
2. Upon review of available deer damage or over-winter loss data, it is likely that a failure to reduce the deer population to the overwinter population goals in these units will result in increased deer damage to agricultural and forest lands, or a waste of the resource.
3. The department has held public informational meetings in the affected deer management units to seek public comment on the need to modify the deer hunting rules and consulted with the conservation congress, according to ss. 15.348, Stats.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. According to s. NR 10.117, Wis. Adm. Code, the department may, upon making the above findings, modify the deer seasons, deer registration and permit issuance procedures.

ORDER

1. Notwithstanding all other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, the bag limit during the deer firearm season beginning November 18, 2000 and ending on November 26, 2000, and on December 2 to 3, 2000, and the muzzleloader deer season beginning November 27, 2000 and ending on December 3, 2000 is one deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits in deer management units 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60B, 60M, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B, 73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 76M, 77B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81, including the Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia State Trails, and Hartman Creek, Interstate, Mirror Lake, Rock Island, Kinnickinnic, Willow River and Newport State Parks. Special deer hunting permits for antlerless deer issued under s. NR 10.104 Wis. Adm. Code and s. 29.177, Stats., shall be issued free of charge. Hunters may receive up to 3 special permits with their license for the archery season and another 3 special permits with their license for the gun deer season, or up to 6 special permits with their conservation patron license. Additional bonus antlerless permits may be purchased pursuant to s. 29.181, Stats.

2. Notwithstanding all other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, a deer herd control youth hunt allowing the use of bows and guns is established on October 26, 2000 with a bag limit of one antlerless deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits in deer management units 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60B, 60M, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B, 73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 76M, 77B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81, except for the areas described in Chs. 11 and 15, Wis. Adm. Code. Included with the above deer management units holding this deer population control youth hunt are the Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia State Trails, and Hartman Creek, Interstate, Mirror Lake, Rock Island, Kinnickinnic, Willow River and Newport State Parks. Only persons 12 years of age or older but under 18 years of age may hunt when accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. An adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and may not carry a firearm when accompanying a youth hunter. Accompany means to be in the immediate presence of the hunter. Sec. NR 10.06(8)(b), Wis. Adm. Code gun deer hunting hours apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters. Permitted firearm types are prescribed in s. NR 10.01(3)(e), Wis. Adm. Code, except in deer management unit 61, the La Crosse County portion of unit 74A and the Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe County portions of unit 59D, which are shotgun hunts. Sec. NR 10.09(2), Wis. Adm. Code is not applicable to the day before this deer population control hunt and s. 29.301(2), Stats., blaze orange requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters. An archery hunting license is not valid for taking an antlered deer in these areas during this period.
3. Notwithstanding all other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, a deer population control hunt allowing the use of bows and firearms is established beginning October 27, 2000 and ending on October 29, 2000 with a bag limit of one antlerless deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits in deer management units 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60B, 60M, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B, 73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 76M, 77B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81, except for the areas described in Chs. NR 11 and NR 15, Wis. Adm. Code. Included with the above deer management units holding this deer population control hunt are the Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia State Trails, and Hartman Creek, Interstate, Mirror Lake, Rock Island, Kinnickinnic, Willow River and Newport State Parks. Sec. NR 10.06 (8) (b), gun deer hunting hours apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters. Permitted firearm types are prescribed in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) Wis. Adm. Code, except in deer management unit 61, the La Crosse County portion of unit 74A and the Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe County portions of unit 59D, which are shotgun hunts. Sec. NR 10.09(2), Wis. Adm. Code, is not applicable to the day before this deer population control action and s. 29.301(2), Stats., blaze orange requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters. An archery hunting license is not valid for taking an antlered deer in these areas during this period.
4. Notwithstanding all other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, the deer bow season established in s. NR 10. 01(3)(em), Wis. Adm. Code, is extended to include the periods of November 13 through November 16, 2000, November 27 through December 1, 2000 and January 1 through January 7, 2001 in deer management units 15, 16, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 23A, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 57C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60B, 60M, 61, 61A, 62A, 62B, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69B, 70, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 71, 72, 72A, 73B,

73E, 74A, 74B, 75A, 75B, 75C, 75D, 76A, 76M, 77B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, 80C, and 81,
including the Elroy-Sparta and Tuscobia State Trails, and Hartman Creek, Interstate, Mirror
Lake, Rock Island, Kinnickinnic, Willow River and Newport State Parks.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____, 2000

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

By _____
George E. Meyer, Secretary

BEFORE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resources Board proposes an order that renumbers and amends NR 10.01(3)(es), amends NR 10.01(3)(e)(intro.) and 1. (intro.), NR 10.01(3)(em)1., NR 10.06.06(8)(b), and NR 11.13, and to create NR 10.01(3)(e)7., NR 10.01(3)(em)4., NR 10.01 (3)(es)2., NR 10.011 and 10.012, NR 10.09(2)(d), and NR 10.104(5)(c), pertaining to deer hunting in deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, and 78.

WM-15-00(E)

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.014, 227.11(2)(a) and 227.24. Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.014, 29.177, and 29.181, Stats.

In this order:

Sections 1 and 2. Regular Gun Deer Season and Following Weekend - Establishes an either-sex regular gun deer season November 18-26, and December 2-3, in deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78.

Sections 3 and 4. Antlerless Bow Hunt - Restricts archers to antlerless deer only during the deer herd control hunts October 26-29. Section 4 also extends the early archery season in the above units by 16 days, November 13-16, November 27-December 1, and January 1-7.

Section 5. Muzzleloader Deer Season - Establishes an either-sex muzzleloader season November 27-December 3.

Section 6. Deer Herd Control Hunt - Establishes a deer herd control hunt October 27-29 in the above deer management units.

Section 7. Deer Herd Control Youth Hunt - Establishes a deer herd control youth hunt October 26 in the above deer management units.

Section 8. Hunting Hours - Establishes hunting hours for the deer herd control hunt.

Section 9. Hunting Seasons Closure - clarifies that the 24 hour firearm prohibition does not apply to the day before the October hunt.

Section 10. Special Deer Permits - Authorizes the issuance of free special antlerless deer permits for the above units.

Section 11. Property Closed Areas - Authorizes establishment of time-specific closed areas by posting of signs on department properties:

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SECTION 1. NR 10.01(3)(e)(intro.) and 1. (intro.) are amended to read:

NR 10.01(3)(e)(intro.) and 1. (intro.) Gun Deer Season.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(e) <u>Gun deer season.</u> As established by county and deer management unit.		The season limit is one deer unless the hunter possesses additional antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104 or hunts in accordance with subd. 7 or s. NR 10.011 and 10.012.
1. Zone "A"		
All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subd. 7 and season zones "B" through "F".		

SECTION 2. NR 10.01(3)(e)7. is created to read:

7. Deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for nine consecutive days, and December 2 through 3.	One deer of either sex and additional deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
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SECTION 3. NR 10.01(3)(em)1. is amended to read:

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
1. Statewide except as established under s. NR 10.01(3)(em)2, 3, and 4.	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season. Reopening on the second Saturday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through December 31.	One deer of either sex and one antlerless deer per hunter's choice and per bonus permit issued under s. NR 10.104.

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SECTION 4. NR 10.01(3)(em)4. is created to read:

NR 10.01(3)(em)4. Deer Bow Season.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
4. Deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through October 25. Reopening on October 30 and continuing through the Thursday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season. Reopening on the first Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through January 7.	One deer of either sex and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
	Beginning on October 26 and continuing through October 29.	One antlerless deer and additional deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104(5)(c).

SECTION 5. NR 10.01(3)(es)intro. is renumbered (es)1. and amended to read:

NR 10.01(3)(es)1. Muzzleloader deer season:

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(e) Entire state, <u>except for the area described in subd(es)2</u>	Beginning the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for seven consecutive days.	As authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.

NR 10.01 (3)(es)2. is created to read:

2. Deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78	Muzzleloader season beginning the Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for seven consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and additional deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
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SECTION 6. NR 10.011 is created to read:

NR 10.011 Deer herd control hunt - Notwithstanding any other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, a deer herd control hunt allowing the use of bows and firearms is established beginning on October 27, 2000 and ending on October 29, 2000 in deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78, including The Tuscobia State Trail. The deer herd control hunt will not be held in the areas described in chs. NR 11 and NR 15, Wis Ad. Code in these deer management units. The bag is limit of one antlerless deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits authorized under NR 10.104. The provisions of s. 29.301(2), Stats., relating to blaze orange requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters.

SECTION 7. NR 10.012 is created to read:

NR 10.012 Deer herd control youth hunt - Notwithstanding any other provisions of Ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, which remain in effect, a deer herd control youth hunt allowing the use of firearms is established on October 26, 2000 in deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78, including The Tuscobia State Trail. The deer herd control youth hunt will not be held in the areas described in chs. NR 11 and NR 15, Wis Ad. Code in these deer management units. The bag is limit of one antlerless deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits authorized under NR 10.104. The provisions of s. 29.301(2), Stats., relating to blaze orange requirements apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters. Only persons 12 years of age or older but under 18 years of age may hunt when accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. An adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and may not carry a firearm when accompanying a youth hunter. Accompany means to be in the immediate presence of the hunter.

SECTION 8. NR 10.06.06(8)(b) is amended to read:

NR 10.06(8)(b) Gun deer season. Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply to bow and gun hunters pursuing any species during the regular gun deer season established in s. NR 10.01(3)(e). These hunting hours also apply to the deer herd control hunt established in s. NR 10.011 and 10.012.

SECTION 9. NR 10.09(2)(d) is created to read:

NR 10.09(2)(d) Hunting during the 24-hour period prior to the deer herd control hunt established in s. NR 10.011 and 10.012.

SECTION 10. NR 10.104(5)(c) is created to read:

NR 10.104(5)(c) Special deer hunting permit. Each special permit is valid for the taking of one antlerless deer in deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 44, 49B, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56 and 78, or in farmland deer management units designated as Zone T for the 2000 deer seasons. Special deer hunting permits for antlerless deer issued under s. NR 10.104 and s. 29.177, Stats., shall be issued free of charge. Hunters may receive up to 3 special permits with their license for the archery season and another 3 special permits with their license for the gun deer season or up to 6 total free special permits with their conservation patron license.

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Additional bonus antlerless permits may be purchased pursuant to s. 29.181, Stats.

SECTION 11. NR 11.13 is amended to read:

NR 11.13 Public lands closed area. The department may establish areas or time periods closed to hunting by posting signs within the exterior limits of public hunting grounds, state wildlife areas and other state-owned or leased lands administered by the department.

The emergency rule procedure, pursuant to s. 227.24, Stats., is necessary and justified in establishing rules to protect the public welfare. This emergency rule is needed to control deer populations that are significantly over goal levels in order to prevent substantial deer damage to agricultural lands and forest resources, and to minimize deer nuisance problems, thereby protecting the public peace, health, safety and welfare. Normal rule-making procedures will not allow the establishment of these changes by August 1. Failure to modify the rules will result in excessively high deer populations well above established goal levels, causing substantial deer damage to agricultural lands and forest resources.

The foregoing rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on _____.

The rule shall take effect on August 4, 2000.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____, 2000

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

By _____
George E. Meyer, Secretary