

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, 15, 17 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-14-07

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.089, 29.091, 29.164(4)(b), 29.184(6), 29.197(2) and 29.597, Stats., interpreting ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.089, 29.041, 29.091, 29.164(4)(b), 29.184(6), 29.197(2) and 29.597, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

Annually, the Department of Natural Resources submits rule change proposals relating to hunting, trapping and game management. The statewide Spring Fish and Wildlife hearings are the vehicle identified for citizen input. The proposed changes:

1. Reduce the number of turkey management zones from the current 46 to 7.
2. Rename Bear Hunting Zone A1 as Zone D.
3. Eliminate the open season for jackrabbits.
4. Establish a nonresident trapping season for raccoons that begins 2 weeks after the start of the season for residents.
5. Legalize the use of shotgun slugs for hunting species other than game birds and allow the use of buckshot for hunting bobcat at all times during that season.
6. Require the display of blaze orange on ground blinds used on department lands during seasons when hunters are required to wear blaze orange.
7. Prohibit deer feeding near dwellings and businesses when feed is being used by bear or elk.
8. Prohibit open water hunting on Mississippi River Pool 11 to match U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regulations for the Upper Mississippi River National Fish & Wildlife Refuge.
9. Change closed area boundaries and create new closed areas on the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge to make them consistent with those adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
10. Establish a closed area at the Wisconsin River Delta of the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge beginning on November 1 each year for consistency with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
11. Expand the time when cable restraints may be used for coyote and fox, allow their use for a portion of the bobcat season, and modify cable size standards.
12. Establish a fee of \$12.00 for the course of instruction under the trapper education program and \$28 for correspondence courses that require out-of-state mailing.
13. Apply existing trap size, type and placement regulations to licensed wild fur farms.
14. Create an archery season for deer and special tags in Unit 79, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.
15. Create a 9-day, shotgun-only deer hunting season at Lake Wissota State Park and create Deer Management Unit 59E.
16. Eliminate the 19-day muzzleloader-only deer hunting season at Brunet Island State Park and create a 9-day shotgun-only season in its place.
17. Establish a 2:00 p.m. closing time for pheasant hunting at Mud Lake Wildlife Area in Columbia County and Pine Island Wildlife Area in Sauk and Columbia Counties.

18. Create a pilot program to allow fall turkey hunting with the aid of dogs in certain counties.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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