

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code
Hunting, trapping, captive wild animals, dog training, nuisance animal removal,
wildlife rehabilitation and license issuance

Board Order No. WM-06-08
Clearinghouse Rule No. 08-021

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

Annually the department's Bureau of Wildlife Management updates administrative code language to correct inconsistencies, update outdated language and provide clarification where appropriate. This year, the department is proposing the following changes related to hunting, trapping, dog training, nuisance animal removal, wildlife rehabilitation and license issuance.

- Designate elk as big game animals
- Allow the department to issue all approvals, permits, license subscriptions and passes through the automated licensing system
- Update the names of existing disabled-only zones for wild turkey hunters
- Update and eliminate duplicative or unnecessary deer hunting season language
- Correct a drafting error related to the youth deer hunting season
- Return to the practice of allowing hunting at night of species for which there are no hunting hours restrictions during all firearm deer seasons except the traditional 9-day firearm deer season
- Correct a cross reference related to types of legal archery hunting equipment
- Adjust bear management zones A and D to account for the Bad River Reservation
- Update wildlife damage and nuisance control rules to be consistent with recently passed legislation
- Update rules which establish the Horicon Marsh Fur Farm to include newly acquired lands which are part of the marsh
- Re-establish pheasant management zones in the captive wildlife chapter so that provisions which were inadvertently removed by previous rulemaking are restored.
- Eliminate the sunset of a rule which allows training dogs with the aid of raccoon and rabbits at certain times
- Establish a definition of "preserve" in order to eliminate confusion about when a Taxidermy or Fur Buyers license is required.
- Waive department fur tagging requirements for tribes that have their own fur tagging systems
- Repeal the "initial" advanced license for wildlife rehabilitation
- Clarify that animals which are being rehabilitated may not be exposed to other species, including domestic, during rehabilitation
- Correct a typographical error related to wildlife rehabilitation regulations

Summary of Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Modifications Made

No modifications were required, except in response to Rules Clearinghouse comments.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

No one appeared at the public hearing.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were required.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The recommendations were accepted.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules pertaining to hunting and nuisance wild animal removal. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. Therefore, under s. 227.19(3m), Stats., a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.