

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
WM-01-10
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.053(3), 29.059, 29.089, 29.192 and 29.193 Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to chs. NR 10, 11, 12 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to hunting, trapping, closed areas and game refuges. The proposed rules will:

1. Establish a definition and allow the use of atlats for small game hunting.
2. Allow the use of colony traps for muskrats and establish size standards and regulations.
3. Eliminate the Burnett County and Rock Prairie Canada Goose Management Subzones.
4. Establish and clarify definitions of a normal "agricultural or gardening practice" and "manipulation" for the purposes of enforcing existing prohibitions of baiting and feeding wild animals.
5. Allow participation in the youth turkey hunting season by 16 and 17 year olds.
6. Establish turkey hunting seasons and zones at Hartman Creek, Straight Lake, and the Glacial Heritage Area State Parks.
7. Establish a single, consistent raccoon season opener for residents and non-residents.
8. Allow firearm deer hunting at Nelson Dewey state park during the traditional season in November.
9. Allow deer hunting on newly acquired lands at Buckhorn state park during all normal firearm deer hunting seasons.
10. Allow muzzleloader deer hunting at Big Bay state park during the normal statewide muzzleloader season that follows the traditional November firearm season.
11. Establish firearm and archery deer hunting seasons at proposed Glacial Heritage Area state parks that are consistent with other CWD Management Zone state park hunting seasons.
12. Allow participation in the youth deer hunting season by 16 and 17 year olds.
13. Establish a single, consistent statewide opening date for fox hunting and trapping and coyote trapping.
14. Eliminate the 2:00 p.m. pheasant hunting closure at Scuppernong River Habitat Management Area in Waukesha County and allows pheasant hunting all day.
15. Allow the use of scopes on muzzleloading firearms during the muzzleloader-only deer hunting season.
16. Provide that all deer hunting licenses which are issued to 10 year-olds to 17 year-olds will include a carcass tag that is valid for an antlerless deer in any unit statewide.
17. Allow the transportation of whole deer carcasses from the CWD zone to other areas if the whole carcass is taken directly to a licensed meat processor or taxidermist.
18. Allow dividing a deer into five parts prior to registration in order to facilitate removal from the field. These sections also repeal, recreate and amend provisions which allow quartering bear and elk so that they may be divided into five parts in order to more easily facilitate removal from the field.
19. Increase the penalty for violation animal damage abatement program requirements by clarifying that program participation can be denied for the following program year in addition to the current year.
20. Clarify the definition of "novice participant" for learn to hunt programs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041, 29.053, 29.531 and, 29.533, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to chs. NR 20, 21 and 26, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to fishing on the inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin. The proposed rules will:

1. Permit motor trolling in Ashland, Iron, Price and Sawyer counties.
2. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Bear, Horsehead, and Upper and Lower Turtle lakes (Barron county).
3. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Bear, Horseshoe (T36N, R14E, S3, 115 ac.), and Upper and Lower Turtle lakes (Barron county) from 15 to 18 inches and decreases the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
4. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Lake Owen (Bayfield county).
5. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Lake Owen (Bayfield County) from 15 to 18 inches and decreases the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
6. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Big McKenzie lake (Burnett/ Washburn counties).
7. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Big McKenzie lake (Burnett/ Washburn counties) from 15 to 18 inches and decreases the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
8. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Metonga lake (Forest county) from 15 to 18 inches and decreases the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.

9. Standardize trout regulations for all of the Wolf river (Langlade county), allowing hook and line fishing only with artificial lures from the First Saturday in May at 5:00am until September 30 with a bag limit of 3 and a maximum size of 12 inches. There is also a catch and release season from October 1 to November 15 for hook and line fishing with artificial lures.
10. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Half Moon, Pipe, and Ward lakes (Polk county).
11. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Big Butternut, Half Moon, Pipe, and Ward lakes (Polk county) from 15 to 18 inches and reduces the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
12. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Chain, Clear, Island, and McCann lakes (Island chain of lakes, Rusk county).
13. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Chain, Clear, Island, and McCann lakes (Island chain of lakes, Rusk county) from 15 to 18 inches and reduces the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
14. Extend the season on Chippewa flowage (Sawyer county) from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March for all species except muskellunge, walleye, and lake sturgeon.
15. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Whitefish and Sissabagama lakes, and the Chippewa flowage (Sawyer county).
16. Increase the minimum size restriction in Nelson, Sissabagama and Whitefish lakes from 15 to 18 inches and reduces the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
17. Change the panfish daily bag limit to 10 fish daily bag limit for all panfish all season on the Chippewa flowage, and creates a continuous open season for panfish. The previous panfish bag limits were 25 with no more than 15 crappie from the first Saturday in May until November 30 but no crappie from December 1 to the first Sunday in March, with fishing for panfish prohibited between the first Sunday in March and the first Saturday in May.
18. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in the Chippewa flowage from no minimum to 18 inches. The daily bag limit is unchanged at 3 walleye per day.
19. Make permanent the 45 inch minimum size restriction for muskellunge in Little St. Germain lake (Vilas county). The current 45-inch minimum regulation is scheduled to expire November 30, 2011.
20. Eliminate the minimum size restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Middle McKenzie, Nancy and Long lakes (Washburn county).
21. Increase the minimum size restriction for walleye in Middle McKenzie (Washburn/Burnett counties), Nancy and Long lakes (Washburn county) from 15 to 18 inches and reduces the daily bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.
22. Increase the minimum size restriction for northern pike on Big Muskego lake including Bass bay (Waukesha county) from 26 inches to 40 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 2 to 1 fish.
23. Increase the minimum size restriction for bass in Marion Pond (Waupaca county) from 14 inches to 18 inches and reduces the daily angler bag limit from 5 to 1. This rule will expire on April 1, 2016.
24. Increase the minimum size restriction for northern pike in Marion pond (Waupaca county) from no minimum to 26 inches and reduces the daily angler bag limit from 5 to 2. This rule will expire April 1, 2016.
25. Decrease the minimum length restriction to 7 inches for all trout in the Waupaca river downstream of River road. Current regulations are 12 inches for brown trout and rainbow trout, and 8 inches for brook trout. It also increases the daily angler bag from 3 trout to 5 trout.
26. Prohibit night fishing from September 15 to the first Saturday in May in the section of the Oconto river from the upstream side of the US 141 Bridge to the Stiles dam (Oconto county).
27. Add a catch-and-release season for Lake Sturgeon on the St. Croix river from October 1 to 15. This section of the St. Croix river is a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water, and this section will make Wisconsin rules consistent with Minnesota rules.
28. Extend the largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing season on Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters from November 30 to December 31. This will make Wisconsin and Michigan rules consistent.
29. Eliminate the following fish refuges: on the Chippewa flowage for 500 feet below Moose lake (Sawyer county), on Spider creek between Spider lake and State highway 77 (Sawyer county), on Island creek between Island and Black Dan lakes (Sawyer county), on Malviney creek (Sawyer county), on the unnamed tributary of Lake Chetac from Lake Chetac to 1000 feet upstream (Sawyer county), on the Brunet River from Lake Winter to 500 feet downstream (Sawyer county), on the Couderay river from the Grimh (Radisson) dam to 500 feet downstream (Sawyer county) and on the Little Turtle river and Turtle-Flambeau flowage 200 feet upstream of Popko's Circle road until 200 feet downstream of Popko's Circle road (Iron county).
30. Replace the current no minimum length limit and 14 to 18 inch protected slot with no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14" and increase the daily bag limit from 3 to 5 for walleye on the Three Lakes chain, Oneida County.
31. Replace the no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14" with a 15" minimum length limit for walleye on Sevenmile lake, Oneida County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rules will have a significant economic impact on small businesses. The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress will hold its election of county delegates in each county. Upon completion of the delegate elections, the joint Spring Hearing/Conservation Congress meeting will convene to take comments on the foregoing rule modifications and Conservation Congress advisory questions.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Adams	Adams County Courthouse, County Board Room, 402 Main Street, Friendship, WI 53934
Ashland	Ashland Senior High School, 1900 Beaser, Ashland, WI 54806
Barron	Old County Courthouse, Auditorium, 330 E. LaSalle Ave., Barron, WI 54812
Bayfield	Bayfield County Courthouse, County Board Room, 117 E. 5th St, Washburn, WI 54891
Brown	Southwest High School, School Auditorium, 1331 Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI 54304
Buffalo	Alma High School, Gymnasium, S1618 STH 35, Alma, WI 54610
Burnett	Burnett County Government Center, 7410 County Road K, Siren, WI 54872
Calumet	Calumet County Courthouse, 206 Court Street, Rm. B025, Chilton, WI 53014
Chippewa	Chippewa Falls Middle School Auditorium, 750 Tropicana Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Clark	Greenwood High School, Cafeteria, 306 W. Central Ave., Greenwood, WI 54437
Columbia	Portage Junior High School, 2505 New Pinery Rd., Portage, WI 53901
Crawford	Crawford County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom, 220 N. Beaumont Rd., Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Dane	E.F. Schwan Performing Arts Center, Monona Grove High School, 4400 Monona Dr., Monona, WI 53716
Dodge	Horicon City Hall, 404 E. Lake St., Horicon, WI 53032
Door	Sturgeon Bay High School, Auditorium, 1230 Michigan St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Douglas	Superior Senior High School, Cafeteria, 2600 Catlin Ave., Superior, WI 54880
Dunn	Dunn County Fish and Game Club, 1900 Pioneer Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751
Eau Claire	South Middle School, Auditorium, 2115 Mitscher Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54729
Florence	Florence Natural Resource Center, 5631 Forestry Dr., Florence, WI 54121
Fond du Lac	Theisen Middle School, 525 E Pioneer Rd., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935
Forest	Crandon Area School District, 9750 US HWY 8 West, Crandon, WI 54520
Grant	Lancaster High School, Hillary Auditorium, 806 East Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813
Green	Monroe Middle School, 1220 16th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566
Green Lake	Green Lake High School, Small Gym, 612 Mill St., Green Lake, WI 54941
Iowa	Dodgeville High School, Gymnasium, 912 Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533
Iron	Mercer Community Center, 2648 W Margaret Street, Mercer, WI 54547
Jackson	Black River Falls Middle School, LGI Room, 1202 Pierce Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Jefferson	Jefferson County Fair Park Activity Center, 503 N. Jackson, Jefferson, WI 52549
Juneau	Olson Middle School, Auditorium, 508 Grayside Avenue, Mauston, WI 53948
Kenosha	Bristol Elementary School, 20121 83rd Street, Bristol, WI 53104
Kewaunee	Kewaunee High School, Auditorium, 911 Third Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216
La Crosse	Onalaska High School, 700 Hilltopper Pl., Onalaska, WI 54650
Lafayette	Darlington High School, Auditorium, 11838 Center Hill Road, Darlington, WI 53530
Langlade	Antigo High School, 1900 10th Ave., Antigo, WI 54409
Lincoln	Tomahawk Elementary School, 1048 East King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Manitowoc	UW-Manitowoc, Theatre/Auditorium, 705 Viebahn Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220
Marathon	D.C. Everest Middle School, Auditorium, 9302 Schofield Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476
Marinette	Crivitz High School, Auditorium, 400 South Avenue, Crivitz, WI 54114
Marquette	Montello High School, Community Room, 222 Forest Lane, Montello, WI 53949
Menominee	Menominee County Courthouse, Courthouse Lane, Keshena, WI 54135
Milwaukee	Nathan Hale High School, 11601 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227
Monroe	Sparta Meadowview School, A103 Cafeteria, 1225 North Water St., Sparta, WI 54656
Oconto	Suring High School, Cafeteria, 411 E Algoma St., Suring, WI 54174
Oneida	James Williams Middle School, Auditorium, 915 Acacia Lane, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Outagamie	Riverview Middle School, Auditorium, 101 Oak St., Kaukauna, WI 54130
Ozaukee	Webster Middle School, Commons, W75 N624 Wauwatosa Road, Cedarburg, WI 53012
Pepin	Pepin County Government Center, County Board Room, 740 7th Ave. West, Durand, WI 54736
Pierce	Ellsworth Senior High School, Auditorium, 323 Hillcrest, Ellsworth, WI 54011
Polk	Unity High School, 1908 150th St., Balsam Lake, WI 54810
Portage	Ben Franklin Junior High School, Auditorium - Room 1208, 2000 Polk St., Stevens Point, WI 54481
Price	Price County Courthouse, 126 Cherry St., Phillips, WI 54555
Racine	Union Grove High School, 3433 S. Colony Ave., Union Grove, WI 53182
Richland	Richland County Courthouse, Courtroom, 181 West Seminary, Richland Center, WI 53581

Rock	Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N Pontiac Dr., Janesville, WI 53545
Rusk	Ladysmith High School, 1700 Edgewood, Ladysmith, WI 54848
Saint Croix	St Croix Central High School, Commons, 1751 Broadway St., Hammond, WI 54015
Sauk	UW Baraboo Campus, A4 Lecture Hall, 1006 Connie Road, Baraboo, WI 53913
Sawyer	Winter High School Cafeteria, 6585W Grove Street, Winter, WI 54552
Shawano	Shawano Middle School, LGI Room, 1050 S. Union St., Shawano, WI 54166
Sheboygan	Sheboygan Falls High School, Auditorium, 220 Amherst Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Taylor	Fair Grounds, Multi purpose building, Hwy64/ Hwy 13, Medford, WI 54451
Trempealeau	City Center Gym, 36245 Park St., Whitehall, WI 54773
Vernon	Viroqua High School, Commons, 100 Blackhawk Drive, Viroqua, WI 54665
Vilas	Saint Germain Elementary School, 8234 Hwy 70, Saint Germain, WI 54558
Walworth	Delavan-Darien High School, 150 Cummings St., Delavan, WI 53115
Washburn	Spooner Ag Research Station, W6646 Highway 70, Spooner, WI 54801
Washington	Washington County Fairgrounds, 3000 Cty Hwy PV, West Bend, WI 53090
Waukesha	Waukesha Expo Center, North Hall, 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha, WI 53188
Waupaca	Waupaca High School, Auditorium, E 2325 King Rd., Waupaca, WI 54981
Waushara	Waushara County Court House, 2nd Floor Old Court Rm., 209 S. St. Marie St., Wautoma, WI 54982
Winnebago	Webster Stanley Middle School, Auditorium, 915 Hazel Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Wood	Pittsville High School, Auditorium, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Pittsville, WI 54466

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Kari Lee-Zimmermann at (608) 266-2952 with specific information on your request by April 5, 2010.

The proposed rules and fiscal estimates may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the proposed hunting and trapping regulations may be submitted via U.S. mail to Mr. Scott Loomans, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Written comments on the proposed fishing regulations may be submitted via U.S. mail to Mr. Joe Hennessy, Bureau of Fisheries Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Written comments shall be postmarked not later than April 13, 2010. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will be summarized for the Natural Resources Board, however, they will not be tallied along with the responses received at the county hearings.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Matthew J. Frank, Secretary

