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2. Wherever such boundary lines are not defined by one or more strands of wire, the posting of signs shall be at intervals of not more than 200' along the boundary lines of such areas.

(c) Exceptions. Variations in posting and in fence construction other than specified shall be submitted to the conservation director and may be approved by the director if found to comply with the intent and purpose of these rules. Whenever the strand of wire or fence is not required, posting of signs shall be at intervals of not more than 200' along the boundary lines of such areas.

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(b) All pheasants liberated shall be of high-quality stock, fully feathered, and not less than 12 weeks of age. For the purpose of assuring high-quality stock, pheasants shall not be debeaked more than $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and not less than two weeks prior to release. Brailed pheasants shall have the brail removed not less than two weeks prior to release. Pheasants shall not be held in crates or other containers more than 24 hours prior to release. Upon written certification by the division of conservation representative, listing the number and varieties of pheasants stocked, or placed in holding pens (see (e) below) and the date of such stocking or holding, shooting preserve wing tags shall be furnished by the division of conservation at a cost of five cents each to the licensee at a ratio of 75% of the total birds certified. All shooting preserve tags and tag credits shall expire on March 1.

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(c) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any dead pheasant or pheasants of any species or varieties showing indications that they have been shot, unless the proper shooting preserve tag or seal has been immediately attached and locked through a slit in one wing of each pheasant. Such seals shall be supplied by the conservation commission at a cost of 5 cents each. This regulation will apply both during the general open season for pheasants and during the special pheasant season prescribed in this section for licensed shooting preserves.

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(d) Whenever a shooting preserve licensee indicates to the commission that he desires to stock pheasants on a shooting preserve area, the commission shall furnish an authorized representative of the commission who shall count and certify to all pheasants liberated. Such representative shall thereafter notify the conservation department in writing of the number and varieties stocked and the day and date when such stocking occurred, except as provided in subsection (e).

(e) Each pheasant liberated shall have affixed to it a game farm seal or shall be leg banded on the left leg prior to liberation. Any shooting preserve shall be authorized to retain and stock pheasants from an approved holding pen provided such birds have been counted and banded on the left leg and certified to by a conservation department representative. Leg bands will be provided by the commission at cost. The licensee agrees to stock all pheasants so retained.

(f) A daily record shall be kept by the licensee of all pheasant stocking and harvesting, including stocking or removal from holding pens. Such daily records and inspection of the licensed area, holding pen, and pheasants, shall be open to representatives of the commission at any time. Reports shall be filed with the commission on forms and on dates as specified by the commission.

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1968* Duly authorized representatives of the commission in connection with preliminary inspections of areas which are licensed, and in conjunction with releases and holding of pheasants in pens, shall be reimbursed by the licensee for the actual mileage incurred in travel both to and from his station at the rate of 10 cents per mile.

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WCD 19.08 Tagging canned pheasants. Pheasants produced on licensed game farms pursuant to section 29.574, Wis. Stats., and processed in cans shall be tagged by the licensee in the following manner: each such can containing a pheasant produced on a licensed game farm pursuant to said section 29.574 shall be marked and tagged by having embossed in either lid thereof the following legend: "WIS. L. G. F. NO. ", including in such legend the license number of the license issued to the licensee pursuant to said section 29.574.

WCD 19.09 Wild rice conservation. (1) A closed season is established for the harvesting or gathering of wild rice in the following described areas at all times except as hereinafter provided and it is unlawful for any person to harvest or gather wild rice in any manner or at any time during such closed season.

(2) The conservation director is authorized and directed, after determining by investigation and study that the wild rice is ripe, to designate the open season for harvesting or gathering wild rice in each of the hereinafter following described areas. Such open season in any such area to begin not earlier than August 15 and to continue in effect for not more than 60 days. Such open season in any such area as designated by the conservation director pursuant to this subsection shall be put into effect by posting of proper notice of such open season on the shores of, and at places of public access to, the lakes and streams in which such open season is effective at least 48 hours before the beginning of such open season.