

Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

NR 10.001 Definitions. (1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, "bait" means honey and any solid or nonliquid material attractive to wildlife.

(3) "Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

(4) "Waterfowl" means any migratory game bird of the family *Anatidae* including wild ducks, geese and brant.

(5) "Migratory game birds" means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

- (a) *Anatidae* (wild ducks, geese and brant),
- (b) *Rallidae* (rails, coots and gallinules),
- (c) *Scolopacidae* (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).

(6) "Liquid scent" means any nonsolid material except honey.

(7) For the purpose of hunting bear: (a) "Hunter" means any person shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, killing or pursuing a bear and any person who aids, assists, abets or acts in concert with such a person in the pursuit of the bear whether or not such person possesses a weapon or other means capable of reducing a bear to possession.

(b) "Pursuit" means the activity by a person or persons in concert designed or for the purpose of overtaking and reducing a bear to possession.

(8) "Bow" means any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

(9) "Crossbow" means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

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NR 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established for each species of wild animal and bird named herein extending during all the time of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates both inclusive. Such open season shall apply to all of the area described in each locality except as otherwise provided in Wis. Adm. Code chapters NR 11 and NR 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue, shoot, or trap any wild animal or bird at any time other than the open season and the established hunting hours therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the daily bag limit designated for each species, nor have any such protected wild animal or bird in his possession or under his control in excess of the possession limit. Whenever open and closed seasons are defined by highways, the boundary shall be the center line of the highway except as otherwise provided.

(1) **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND WATERFOWL.**

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) <i>Canvasback and redhead duck</i>	The following lakes including a strip of land 100 yards wide adjacent to the shorelines thereof: Lakes Winneconne and Butte des Morts in Winnebago county including the connecting waters thereof, Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara counties, and all that part of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway and extending southerly from Prescott in Pierce county to the Wisconsin-Illinois line (Mississippi river).	No open season	None	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
1. Hunting and trapping season		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 through January 31	None
(g) Bear		
1. The open season for hunting bear with bow and arrow shall be concurrent with the open season established for hunting deer with bow and arrow, except there shall be no open season for hunting bear with bow and arrow during the month of December		*The state-wide bag limit for bear is one adult bear per person per year
2. An open season for hunting bear with firearms and bow and arrow is established in that portion of the state north of highway 29	Beginning on the 2nd Saturday in September and continuing for 16 consecutive days thereafter	
(4) Fur bearing animals		
(a) Muskrat and mink		
1. All that part of the state lying northerly of state highway 64	Beginning on that Saturday nearest October 25 and continuing through December 31	None
2. All that part of the state lying southerly of state highway 64 and northerly of the line beginning at the junctions of U. S. highway 18 with the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 18 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence northerly along said highway 51 to its junction with state highway 60, thence easterly along said highway 60 to its junction with Ozaukee county highway "Q" extended easterly to Lake Michigan except that part of Dodge county lying northerly of state highway 60, and Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through December 31	None
3. All that part of Buffalo, La Crosse, Trempealeau and Vernon counties lying westerly of state highway 36, that part of Crawford county beginning with the junction of state highway 36 and the Vernon county line, thence southerly along said highway 36 to its junction with U. S. highway 18, thence westerly along said highway 18 to its junction with the Burlington Northern railroad, thence southerly along said railroad to its junction with the Grant county line and that part of Grant county lying westerly of the Burlington Northern railroad	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through November 30.	None
4. All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 8 and continuing through December 31	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
5. All that part of Dodge county lying northerly of state highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 25 and continuing through March 15.	None

(b) **Trapping muskrats.** There shall be an additional open season for trapping muskrats for salvage purposes concurrent with the beaver season and with no bag limit in the portions of the state open to beaver trapping as described in section NR 10.01 (4) (c).

(c) **Beaver.** It is unlawful for any person to take in any zone more than the season bag limit established for such zone and it is unlawful for any person to take more than a total combined season bag limit of 50 beaver in all the open season zones in the state.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
ZONE A		
All that part of the state lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of U.S. highway 8 with the western boundary of the state thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 53, thence southeasterly along said highway 53 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U.S. highway 46, thence southerly along said highway 46 to its junction with U.S. highway 10, thence easterly along said highway 10 to Lake Michigan	December 17 through March 28	50
ZONE B		
All other parts of the state except there shall be no open season in Adams county and all that portion of Juneau county lying south and east of a line beginning at the intersection of county highway G and the Castle Rock flowage located in the SENE, section 14, township 16 north, range 4 east, thence southwesterly on said highway G to its intersection with state highway 82, thence westerly on said highway 82 to its intersection with state highway 71, thence westerly on said highway 71 to the county line.	February 4 through March 5	15

(d) **Otter. 1. Season.** There is no open season for otter in those counties or portions of counties closed to beaver trapping as established in par. (c), and in that part of Buffalo, La Crosse, Trempealeau and Vernon counties lying westerly of state highway 35, that part of Crawford county lying westerly of a line beginning with the junction of state highway 35 and the Vernon county line, thence southerly along highway 35 to its junction with U.S. highway 18, thence westerly along highway 18 to its junction with the Burlington Northern railroad, thence southerly along that railroad to its junction with the Grant county line, and that part of Grant county lying westerly of the Burlington Northern railroad. In the rest of the state, the opening date for trapping season for otter shall be concurrent with the opening date for trapping beaver in all zones established under par. (c) of this section. The open season for trapping otter in all zones shall extend through the last day of the beaver season specified for zone "B".

2. Season bag limit. a. Zone "A" - 2

b. Zone "B" - one

c. It is unlawful for any person to take more than a total combined season bag limit of 2 otter in all the open season zones in the state.

3. **Tagging and permit required.** No person shall trap or attempt to trap any otter unless having first applied for and received from the department a special otter trapping permit and tag (s). Such permit shall be attached to each person's trapping license before trapping any otter. Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current trapping license and show the applicant's name and otter tag number (s).

4. Tagging procedure. Each person shall immediately upon possessing an otter, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin. No person shall have an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping such otter attaches such tag as required by this chapter. Such tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.

(c) Registration of beaver and otter pelts. 1. Exhibition required. Each person who has trapped a beaver or otter during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the department in the county in which such animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but within the area included within the open season in which such animal was trapped, not later than 6 days after the close of said season.

2. Registration. The department representative shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a registration tag to all lawfully taken and possessed animals.

3. Possession and transfer restrictions. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following seasons without a registration tag attached and locked.

b. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any such pelts without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

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Note: For a complete history of NR 10.01 see history of NR 10.01 as it appeared in Register, November, 1973, No. 215.

NR 10.02 Wild animals protected at all times. (1) There shall be no open season on Canada lynx, timber wolf, badger, moose, elk, marten, fisher, wolverine, flying squirrel, or white deer. White deer are only those deer which are monocolored white. Partially white deer are not included in the protected classification.

(2) There shall be no open season on prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, eagles, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, great blue herons, sandpipers, and all species of hawks and owls except as provided in subsection (3) or on any other song birds or wild birds not specified in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) emerg. eff. 9-20-58; am. (1), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), cr. (3), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. (1), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.02; am. (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; r. (3), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

NR 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions. (2) There shall be no open season on hen pheasants unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

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(3) There shall be no open season on woodchuck except as provided in section 29.24, Wis. Stats.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. Register, August, 1966, No. 123, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr., Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.03; r. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals and birds causing depredation. (1) There shall be no closed season on coyotes, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in this chapter.

(2) There shall be no closed season on starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.

(3) The following named birds have been determined by the department to be birds committing depredation or about to commit depredation at all times to and upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, and when concentrated in large numbers that they may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance: red-winged blackbirds, grackles, crows and cowbirds. Such birds may be taken at all times without need for either a federal or state permit. Any person taking such birds shall at all reasonable times, including during actual operations, permit any federal or state game or deputy game agent, warden, protector or other game law enforcement officer, free and unrestricted access over the premises over which such operations have been or are being conducted; and shall furnish promptly to such officer whatever information may be required about said operation. Further, none of said birds killed pursuant to this subsection, nor their plumage shall be sold or offered for sale but may be possessed, transported, and otherwise disposed of or utilized.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; renum. to be NR 10.04; am. (1) and (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; r. and recr. Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76.

NR 10.05 Highways. (1) While hunting it shall be unlawful except by permittees under section 29.09 (9), Wis. Stats., to discharge any firearm or bow and arrow from or across any public road surfaced with concrete, blacktop or gravel or to hunt within 50 feet from the centerline of such roads or to the fenceline, whichever distance is shorter. Public roads are defined as those roads shown on the official county highway map.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl or coot from any public roads or railroads including the respective rights-of-way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (i) (j).

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56 am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) and (2) and recr. (1), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (2), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; cr. (3), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-1-67; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8-30-69; am. (2), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.05; cr. (4) and (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-19-73; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 6-1-76; r. and recr. (1) am. (2) and r. (3), (4) and (5), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78.

NR 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the daily opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) hours listed shall apply to the entire state.

(2) (a) General hunting hour zones are established as follows:

Zone

- A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°-00' longitude
- B—all that part of the state lying between 88°-00' and 89°-00' long.
- C—all that part of the state lying between 89°-00' and 90°-00' long.
- D—all that part of the state lying between 90°-00' and 91°-00' long.
- E—all that part of the state lying between 91°-00' and 92°-00' long.
- F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°-00' longitude.

(b) The hunting hours for small game in Zone A are listed in the following table in (e). Hunting hours in Zone B are established by adding 4 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A for each day; for Zone C by adding 8 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone D by adding 12 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone E by adding 16 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; and for Zone F by adding 20 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any species of game except deer and bear on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone, except as provided in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.25. There are no hunting hour restrictions for fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established, except during the gun deer season when the general hunting hours shall apply.

(d) The hunting hours for migratory game birds shall be the same as those established for small game hunting.

(e) GENERAL HUNTING HOURS C.S.T.

	September		October		November		December		January	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1.....	4:42	6:27	5:18	5:31	5:57	4:40	6:36	4:12	6:57	4:21
2.....	4:43	6:26	5:19	5:30	5:59	4:38	6:37	4:11	6:57	4:22
3.....	4:46	6:24	5:20	5:28	6:00	4:37	6:39	4:11	6:57	4:23
4.....	4:46	6:22	5:21	5:26	6:01	4:36	6:40	4:11	6:57	4:24
5.....	4:47	6:20	5:22	5:24	6:03	4:34	6:41	4:11	6:57	4:25
6.....	4:48	6:18	5:24	5:22	6:04	4:33	6:42	4:10	6:57	4:26
7.....	4:49	6:16	5:25	5:21	6:05	4:32	6:43	4:10	6:57	4:27
8.....	4:50	6:15	5:26	5:19	6:07	4:31	6:44	4:10	6:56	4:28
9.....	4:52	6:13	5:27	5:17	6:08	4:29	6:45	4:10	6:56	4:29
10.....	4:53	6:11	5:29	5:15	6:10	4:28	6:46	4:10	6:56	4:30
11.....	4:54	6:09	5:30	5:13	6:11	4:27	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:31
12.....	4:55	6:07	5:31	5:12	6:12	4:26	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:32
13.....	4:56	6:05	5:32	5:10	6:14	4:25	6:48	4:10	6:55	4:34
14.....	4:57	6:03	5:34	5:08	6:15	4:24	6:49	4:11	6:54	4:35
15.....	4:59	6:01	5:35	5:06	6:16	4:23	6:50	4:11	6:54	4:36
16.....	5:00	6:00	5:36	5:05	6:18	4:22	6:50	4:11	6:53	4:37
17.....	5:01	5:58	5:38	5:03	6:19	4:21	6:51	4:11	6:53	4:39
18.....	5:02	5:56	5:39	5:01	6:20	4:20	6:52	4:12	6:52	4:40
19.....	5:03	5:54	5:40	5:00	6:22	4:19	6:52	4:12	6:51	4:41
20.....	5:04	5:52	5:41	4:58	6:23	4:18	6:53	4:13	6:51	4:42
21.....	5:06	5:50	5:43	4:56	6:24	4:18	6:54	4:13	6:50	4:44
22.....	5:07	5:48	5:44	4:55	6:25	4:17	6:54	4:13	6:49	4:45
23.....	5:08	5:46	5:45	4:53	6:27	4:16	6:55	4:14	6:48	4:46
24.....	5:09	5:45	5:47	4:52	6:28	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:47	4:48
25.....	5:10	5:43	5:48	4:50	6:29	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:46	4:49
26.....	5:12	5:41	5:49	4:49	6:30	4:14	6:56	4:16	6:46	4:51
27.....	5:13	5:39	5:51	4:47	6:32	4:14	6:56	4:17	6:45	4:52
28.....	5:14	5:37	5:52	4:46	6:33	4:13	6:56	4:17	6:44	4:53
29.....	5:15	5:35	5:53	4:44	6:34	4:13	6:57	4:18	6:43	4:55
30.....	5:16	5:33	5:55	4:43	6:35	4:12	6:57	4:19	6:42	4:56
31.....			5:56	4:41			6:57	4:20	6:40	4:58

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear during the open season on any day during the open season before the time listed in the a.m. column, and after the time listed in the p.m. column in the following table:

HUNTING HOURS
Big Game

Period	C.S.T.	
	A.M.	P.M.
September 1-17.....	5:00	6:15
September 18-October 1.....	5:15	6:00
October 2-9.....	5:30	5:45
October 10-16.....	5:30	5:30
October 17-25.....	5:45	5:15
October 26-November 6.....	6:00	6:00
November 7 through the day before the gun deer season.....	6:15	4:45
First day of gun deer season through December 31.....	6:30	4:30

History: 1-2-56; am. (2); cr. (2m), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (2m), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), (2m) and (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59, am. (2), cr. (2m) Register, Sept. 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. (2) and r. (2m), Register, September 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; am. (2), cr. (2m), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; r. and recr. (2) and (2m), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (3), emerg. eff. 9-5-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. cr. (2); cr. (4) Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; r. and recr. (2) and (3), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.06; r. (4), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (3), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (2), (3), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (3), Register, March, 1976, No. 231, eff. 4-1-76; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (2) (d) (eff. 8-1-76), am. (2) (c), Register, May, 1975, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (2) (d) and (3), Register, November, 1975, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78.

NR 10.07 Hunting, prohibited methods. (1) (a) No person shall hunt game with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow or by falconry, except that .22 rimfire handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions as .22 rimfire rifles.

Note: See chapter NR 18 for rules on falconry.

(2) (a) No person shall hunt game with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive game for hunters on the ground.

(b) No person shall place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare game.

(3) No person shall have in possession or under control any firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow in or on any vehicle or automobile while shining any area inhabited by wild animals.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot into or molest or destroy the nest of any squirrel at any time of the year.

(5) No person shall take, catch, kill, pursue, hunt, shoot, or shoot at any upland game bird, or migratory game bird with a rifle or with a shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than No. BB at any time.

(7) (a) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control any ferret while hunting, except as provided in this subsection. The owner or occupant of any land where rabbits are found to be doing damage may request from the department a permit to use a ferret for hunting rabbits thereon.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control use; for hunting rabbits, any snare, trap or any device or contrivance designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(8) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game birds and game animals killed or crippled by that person; and until such effort is made, such game birds and game animals shall be included in the person's daily bag.

(9) No person shall place, use or hunt over any area containing paper, plastic, glass, metal or wood containers, or other nondegradable materials or salt. This applies to hunting any species of wild animals or birds at any time.

(10) In that portion of the state north of highway 29 beginning on the Saturday 3 weeks prior to the opening of the bear season established by section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., Wis. Adm. Code, and continuing through the end of such season, no person shall place or hunt any species of wildlife over any bait other than apples, pastry or liquid scent. The hunting of bear with the use of bait or liquid scent shall be regulated by section NR 10.101 (1) (b), Wis. Adm. Code.

Note: NR 10.07 (8) requiring hunters to make reasonable efforts to retrieve game birds killed or injured, does not exempt a person from criminal prosecution under sec. 943.13 (1) (b), Stats., for trespassing upon posted lands to retrieve birds shot from outside the posted area. 64 Atty. Gen. 204.

History: 1-2-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; cr. (8), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; am. (1), Register, September, 1966, No. 117, eff. 10-1-66; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 162, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.07; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (a), r. and recr. (3) and cr. (9) (a) and (b), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3) (a) and (b) and (9) (b), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), (2) (b), and (9) (a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (9) (b), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (9), eff. 8-2-74; r. and recr. (9), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (3) (a), Register, January, 1976, No. 229, eff. 2-1-76; am. (7) (a), Register, October, 1976, No. 238, eff. 11-1-76; cr. (10), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; renum. (1) to be (1) (a), cr. (1) (b), r. (3) (a) to (c), renum. (3) (d) to be (3) and am. (9), Register, November, 1976, No. 261, eff. 12-1-76; renum. (1) (b) to be (1) (c) and am., am. (3) and r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; renum. (1) (c) to be 10.001 (8) and (9), am. (8), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.

NR 10.09 Guns and ammunition. (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession or under control while hunting or pursuing any game birds, game animals or other wild animals any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open firearm season for deer or bear or any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, burning tracer shells or any incendiary shells or cartridges which may be discharged from any shotgun, rifle or other firearms, except hunter distress flares.

(3) No person shall have in possession any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in territory wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only during such open season unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that smooth-bore, muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber and rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber may be possessed and used for the hunting of deer during such open season.

(4) During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with firearms, no person shall have in possession any firearm in any area wherein there is an open season for deer with firearms, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions:

- (a) Target shooting at established ranges.
- (b) Hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves.
- (c) Hunting waterfowl and coot during the open season.

(5) During the period beginning June 1 and ending December 31 it shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner or have in possession or under control shot larger than No. BB while hunting.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill or wound or shoot at any deer or bear with any .22 rimfire rifle, 5 mm rimfire rifle, .17 caliber centerfire rifle, .410 bore shotgun or any rifle using caseless ammunition except as expressly provided.

History: 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (5), (6), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (4), (5), (6), and r. (7), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. (1); am. (3); r. and recr. (8), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; am. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr. (4), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

NR 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall hunt deer or bear by any of the following methods:

(a) *Shining.* With the aid of artificial light.

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear in that portion of the state lying northerly of a line beginning with U.S. highway 8 on the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along highway 27 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along highway 13 to its junction with U.S. highway 8, thence easterly along highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 45, thence southerly along highway 45 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to the eastern boundary of the state during the seasons established under section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., Wis. Adm. Code.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8-2-74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-76; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

NR 10.101 Bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

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(a) *Denned bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.

(b) *Baiting.* 1. Place bait or liquid scent used to attract bear at any time other than during that period beginning on the Saturday 3 weeks prior to the opening of the bear season established under section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., Wis. Adm. Code, and continuing through October 15.

2. Use any bait material for attracting bear other than apples, pastry or liquid scent during the period specified in subsection 1. Such apples and pastry shall be confined to a hole in the ground measuring no more than 2 feet square.

3. Place or hunt over bait or liquid scent used for attracting bear within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

4. Hunt bear over any bait other than during the time and in the manner provided in this section.

(2) **DOG PERMIT.** (a) *Permit requirement.* No person may use a dog to hunt bear without being in possession of a bear-dog permit and valid state hunting license.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* 1. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit an application containing false information.

(c) *Permit issuance procedures.* 1. Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

2. Permits are not transferable and shall not be altered or defaced.

3. Permits are valid only during the season of issuance.

4. Duplicate permits may be issued to replace lost or destroyed permits.

(3) **DOG USE RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Identification.* No person shall hunt or pursue bear with any dog unless such dog is tattooed or wears a collar with the owner's name and address attached.

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing bear is prohibited except during the period August 1 through the day immediately preceding the beginning of the baiting period established under section NR 10.101 (1) (b), Wis. Adm. Code.

(c) *Pack size.* No person or persons shall hunt bear with the aid of more than 6 dogs in a single pack, regardless of the ownership of the dogs.

(d) *Dog replacement.* Until the maximum of 6 dogs are released in pursuit of a bear, dogs may be added to the pack. However, no dogs engaged in the pursuit of such bear may be replaced by another dog.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

NR 10.102 Deer hunting. (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** (a) No person, while hunting or in possession of firearms, bow and arrow or crossbow, shall have in possession or under control any light used for the purpose of shining deer.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

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NR 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting. (2) Any deer or bear killed during the open season for hunting deer or bear with bow and arrow showing evidence that it was shot with a firearm shall be an illegal game animal and it shall be unlawful for any person to have such animal in possession.

(3) No person shall use or have in their possession or under their control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any crossbow as defined in this chapter. Arrows used for hunting deer or bear shall have well-sharpened metal broad-head blades not less than seven-eighths of an inch in width, and not more than one and one-half inches in width.

(4) No person shall hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

(5) No person may possess a bow while in, on, or traversing areas inhabited by deer during the open season for hunting deer from one-half hour after the close of hunting hours established in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before opening of hunting hours unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

History: 1-2-56; r. (1); am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3) and cr. (5), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 123, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.11, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.

NR 10.115 Deer hunting party permit. (1) The natural resources board finds, pursuant to section 29.107, Wis. Stats., that the population of deer is such that an additional harvest is reasonably necessary to manage the deer herd properly in the state in balance with the available range and natural food supply, and there shall be open seasons for deer hunting by deer hunting parties of not less than 4 persons, pursuant to section 29.107, Wis. Stats., as established by Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. and designated as quota areas.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any member of a deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit unless he is in possession of the deer tag and permit and is wearing the arm band on the sleeve of his outermost garment. The arm band shall be surrendered to the officer at the time the hunting party permit deer is presented for registration.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit except in the specified quota area for which such permit is issued.

(4) Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying, on application blanks furnished by the conservation commission, who are in possession of a valid Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party must accompany the application.

(5) First preference for permits shall be given to residents who applied for but were not issued permits in the preceding year. An application for first preference must include validated application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party from the preceding year along with application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party for the current year. Validation of application stubs from the preceding year shall consist of stamping with the department seal. First preference application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

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(6) Second preference for permits shall be given to all other residents duly applying by applications postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(7) Validation of applications will be made by random selections from all eligible applications received for each quota area.

(8) All permits remaining unissued for any designated quota area after all applications filed pursuant to subsections (5) and (6) have been processed may be issued by the department on a first-come, first-served basis to deer hunting parties duly applying therefor.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; r. (1), (2) and (3) and recr. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (1), (2), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; emergency rule cr. (7), eff. 10-17-64; am. (1), (5) and (6); cr. (7), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) and (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; emerg. am. (5), eff. 9-1-67; am. (5) and (6) Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; am. (1), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.115, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; cr. (5) and (8), r. and recr. (6) and (7), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (6), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.

NR 10.12 Migratory game bird hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall hunt any migratory game bird by any of the following methods:

(a) *Sinkbox.* From or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(b) *Boats.* From any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(c) *Structures.* From any pier, dam, dock or similar structure.

(d) *Rallying.* By the use or aid of any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance used for the purpose of or resulting in stirring up, driving or rallying.

(e) *Bird calls.* By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof.

(f) *Live decoys.* By using directly or indirectly any live ducks or live geese for decoy purposes regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter.

(g) *Decoy use.* By the use or aid of decoys which are:

1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located.

2. Left in the water unattended.

3. Placed in the water prior to one hour before opening hunting time.

4. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

(h) *Baiting.* 1. By the use or aid of salt or shelled or shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains or other feed or means of feeding similarly used to lure, attract or entice such birds to, on, or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them.

2. This subsection shall not be construed to apply to propagating, scientific or other operations in accordance with the terms of lawfully issued state and federal permits, or to the taking of birds over salt blocks, properly shocked corn, standing crops (including aquatics), grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural practices, flooded standing crops or flooded harvested crop lands, or to the feeding of migratory game birds at any time not in connection with hunting.

(2) **POSSESSION.** No person shall possess any live or crippled migratory game bird reduced to possession by means of hunting. Such bird shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

(3) **OPEN WATER RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall hunt waterfowl or coot in open water from any blind which may include any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance or similar device except:

(a) Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi river, the St. Croix river, and Lake St. Croix, and their bays, bayous and sloughs wherein they border on the counties of Buffalo, Crawford, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon and in any of the inland lakes of these counties, provided such blinds are set, placed or located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline. Such blinds shall, in all instances, be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of hunting hours each day.

(b) Blinds in any of the waters of Lake Winnebago wherein they border Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties set, placed or located more than 500 feet from any shoreline, including islands. Such blinds shall, in all instances, be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of the hunting hours each day.

(c) Blinds in any waters of the Mississippi river, wherein they border Grant county and Lake Pepin wherein they border Pepin, Pierce and Buffalo counties. Such blinds shall, in all instances, be securely anchored to the place or spot they are to be used, and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of the hunting hours each day.

(d) In any water of Big Green lake in Green Lake county and the outlying waters of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan including Green Bay under the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin beyond 500 feet of any shoreline of said lakes and beyond 500 feet of any natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter.

(4) **HORICON INTENSIVE ZONE RESTRICTIONS.** (a) 1. It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl except from a blind during the open season for Canada geese within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (1) (i).

2. No more than 2 hunters shall occupy any blind at one time nor shall any person hunt waterfowl from a blind placed within 200 yards of any other blind occupied by one or more waterfowl hunters or within 100 yards of the boundary of the property on which such blind is located.

3. It is unlawful for any person or persons to hunt from or to permit any other person or persons to hunt from any blind situated on any 20-acre parcel of land, or residuary parcel thereof of less than 20 acres and

more than 10 acres, owned, leased, occupied, or controlled by said person, while any other person or persons, whether with or without permission, are hunting from any other blind situated on the same 20-acre parcel of land or on the same residuary parcel thereof. However, the owner, occupant or lessee of a tract of land which is too small to meet the foregoing spacing requirements and which was partitioned by an instrument executed and recorded before January 1, 1961, may place one blind on such tract at the approximate center thereof.

4. No blind shall be placed within 75 yards of the boundary of the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

5. Retrieving downed birds shall be permitted outside blinds.

6. For the purpose of this subsection, "blind" means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters within.

(5) Guns and ammunition restrictions. No person shall hunt any migratory bird:

(a) With any shotgun of a larger bore than a no. 10 gauge.

(b) With any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than 3 shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined.

(c) By any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, or by falconry.

(d) Non-toxic shot requirements. 1. While hunting waterfowl and coot within any area described in part 2 of this subsection, it shall be unlawful to:

a. Take, catch, kill or pursue such game birds with any 12 gauge shotshells loaded with any metal other than steel shot.

b. Possess any 12 gauge shotshell loaded with any metal other than steel shot.

2. Non-toxic shot zones. a. In that portion of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railroad in Buffalo, Trempealeau, La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford and Grant counties.

b. On all waters of Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Winnebago counties, and that portion of Fond du Lac county lying west of a line formed by the Fond du Lac river and highway 41 and that portion of Lake Winnebago in Calumet and Fond du Lac counties and that portion of Lake Poygan in Waushara county; and within a 150-yard zone of land adjacent to the margins of these waters. The waters referred to above include lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, rivers, streams and seasonally flooded areas of all types.

bm. *Exception:* Drainage ditches and temporary sheet water more than 150 yards from the water areas described above are excluded from the non-toxic shot requirements.

c. On the following state-owned wildlife areas: Mead wildlife area in Marathon, Wood and Portage counties; Mud Lake wildlife area in Columbia county; Theresa Marsh wildlife area in Dodge and Washington counties.

Note: See chapter NR 18 for falconry rules.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) (e) and (2) (c) and r. (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) (b); r. and recr. (1) (d); cr. (1) (f) and (g); am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; r. (5) (c) Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (1) (f), Register, September, 1966, No. 128, eff. 10-1-66; am. (2) (b); cr. (2) (d), (e) and (f), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-1-67; am. (2) (b) and (e), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10-11-68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8-30-69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10-10-72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9-24-76; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (c), and cr. (5) (b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

NR 10.13 Fur-bearing animals; method of taking. (1) No person shall hunt: any raccoon during the special season for trapping only; any mink, muskrat, beaver or otter with the aid of any spear, gun, or dog; or disturb or molest any raccoon den or den trees; or disturb or molest any mink den; or disturb or molest any muskrat house, muskrat feeding house, beaver house, or beaver dam; or set any trap or traps at any time within 50 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam, except during the open season for beaver, when it shall be lawful to set traps for beaver not less than 15 feet from any such beaver house or beaver dam.

(2) No person shall set out or place any traps for fur-bearing animals, whether set or sprung, or set out or place any bait or scent for attracting fur-bearing animals thereto during the closed season for such animals.

(3) The trapping hours shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CST) and it shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (CST). All dry land sets shall be checked and animals therein removed at least once each day.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate more than 75 traps of any kind for the purpose of capturing wild fur-bearing animals.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any fur-bearing animals at any time by means of water sets except during that period when and in those areas where there is an open season for trapping muskrat, beaver, or otter. A waterset is any trap which is set or staked in such manner as to permit the trap or trapped animal to reach the water at any point.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.13; am. (3), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; emerg. am. (1), eff. 4-3-76.

NR 10.14 Trapping, prohibited methods. (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate any trap other than a steel-jawed

trap or live traps for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals. Such live traps shall be constructed so that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any single trap setting.

(3) No person shall construct or place on the ice of any of the waters of this state any artificial house or den for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any fur-bearing animals, or place or set therein any trap or traps of any kind which might take, catch, or kill fur-bearing animals.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate except as a waterset any killer type trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7".

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jaw trap with a spread width of more than 8 inches.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth except as a water set.

(7) Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, it shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5½" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 8" x 8" for killer traps of the conibear type during the beaver and otter season.

History: 1-2-56; cr. (4), Register, August, 1969, No. 184, eff. 9-1-69; renun to be NR 10.14; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (1), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; cr. (5), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; cr. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; cr. (7), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; am. (7), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.

NR 10.15 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. (2) **HORICON GUN DEER HUNT.** (a) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 10.04, with smooth-bore muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber, rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber, and shotguns loaded with a single slug or ball shall be established on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (except posted closed areas). Such season shall fall within the season established in Wisconsin Administrative Code Section NR 10.01 (3) (e) for the respective portions of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge lying in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

(5) Except as provided in subsections (2), (6) and (7), it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon that area known as the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employees in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.04.

(6) **HUNTING AND TRAPPING.** (a) With the written approval of the department, an open season may be declared for trapping muskrat, mink and raccoon and for hunting upland game birds and animals within the Horicon national wildlife refuge. If permits are required they shall be issued by the U.S. fish and wildlife service, and shall be subject to all

other rules covering hunting and trapping set forth in this chapter, except that the use of wet or dry sets, the number of traps, and the trapping of muskrats in or on muskrat houses or feeder houses, may be authorized by such permit.

(7) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.04, with bow and arrow shall be established on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and said season shall fall within the statewide season for bow and arrow established in section NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (a) and r. (2) (b) to (e), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; am. (6), (6) and (7), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (6), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77.

Note: For a complete history of NR 10.16 see the history note for NR 10.16 as it appeared in Register, August, 1973.

NR 10.16 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county. Except as provided in subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon that area known as the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county, Wisconsin. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employes in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.04.

(1) Within the discretion of the U.S. fish and wildlife service an open season for the taking of fur-bearing animals may be declared within the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge upon written approval of the department, which shall designate the species to be taken and establish opening and closing dates. Trapping on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge shall be conducted under written permit from the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Such permit shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing trapping set forth in this chapter.

(2) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.04, with bow and arrow shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and said season shall be concurrent with the state-wide season for bow and arrow established in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

(3) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.04, with firearms shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and such season shall fall within the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

designated by posted notice of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

(4) An open season for hunting wild turkeys as listed in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (2) (f) is established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, and such season shall be concurrent with the open season for hunting turkeys as described in section NR 10.01 (2) (f). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Hunting on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge shall be restricted to only those persons holding a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit issued by the department.

History: 1-2-56, am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. intro. par., (1) and (2), and recr. intro. par., (1) and (2), and cr. (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (3), Register, September, 1959, No. 46, eff. 10-1-59; r. and recr., Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. intro. par. and cr. (4), Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.16, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

NR 10.19 Transportation of deer. It shall be unlawful for any person to transport any deer in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such deer is killed to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.20, unless the deer is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the deer tag attached to the deer cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1960, No. 66, eff. 9-1-60; renum. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

NR 10.20 Recording of deer and bear. (1) **GUN SEASONS.** (a) Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open seasons for hunting such animals with guns shall exhibit such deer with the deer tag attached as required by section 29.40 (1), Wis. Stats., or such bear to an authorized registration station or an authorized department employe within the area included within the open season zone or quota area in which such deer or bear was killed including cities or villages adjoining such areas and in which an official deer registration station is located, not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season. Such deer or bear shall be wholly intact except that it may be field dressed. Upon approval, the registration officer shall attach a special tag and such tag shall remain attached to such deer or bear or part thereof until such carcass or part thereof is finally consumed. Such deer or bear or part thereof shall not be removed from the area included in the open season zone or quota area in which it was killed unless it has been so exhibited and tagged except that deer taken under a deer hunting party permit may be transported on federal and state highways directly to the nearest authorized registration station in an adjoining quota area.

(b) Any deer taken on any of the islands in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in Ashland and Bayfield counties shall be exhibited and tagged pursuant to subsection (1) (a) at the registration station in the city of Bayfield.

(d) Any person who has killed a bear in any area during the closed season for hunting deer with firearms in such areas shall exhibit and register such bear as provided in subsection (1) (a) except that such carcass shall be exhibited with 24 hours after taking or killing thereof.

(2) Recording of deer and bear taken during the bow and arrow only season. Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open season for hunting such animals with bow and arrow only shall exhibit and register such deer or bear as provided in subsection (1), except that the carcass of such deer or bear shall be exhibited within the county or adjoining county where killed by 5:00 p.m. of the day after the taking or killing thereof.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) (d). am. (1) (a) and (c) and cr. (1) (e), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (1) (f). Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. and recr. (1), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (1) (a), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (1) and (2). Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. (1) (c) and am. (2). Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (1) (a). Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.20. Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) (a), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

NR 10.201 Recording of wildcat (bobcat). (1) Each person who has killed a wildcat (bobcat) by hunting or trapping during the established open season shall exhibit each animal to an authorized representative of the department in the county in which such animal was taken, or in an adjoining county within 5 days of such taking. Said representatives shall inspect the animal and attach and lock a special tag indicating it has been inspected. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season without such tag attached and locked. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell, or purchase any such pelts without such tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt. This section shall not apply to wildcat taken outside of the state of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. Register, March 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

NR 10.21 Possession of game. (1) Opening day limits. On the opening day, no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than a daily bag limit of upland game birds, gray or fox squirrels, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and snowshoe hares, or migratory game birds for which an open season is prescribed.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall keep alive in captivity any game animal, fur bearing animal or game bird.

(b) All live fur bearing and game animals and birds taken during the open season for such species shall be killed immediately and made part of the daily bag. It shall be unlawful to keep such game alive after the same has been taken, except as provided in this section.

History: 1-2-56; r. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.21; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3) (a), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.

NR 10.22 Sandhill wildlife demonstration area, Wood county. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case upon that area known as the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area in Wood county, Wisconsin, except as provided in this section.

(2) (a) Except for the first 2 days of deer hunting, daily hunting permits shall be issued to hunters at established check stations on a first-come, first-served basis on the day for which the permit is to be issued. Such permits shall be issued without charge for the purpose of conducting research on hunting methods and success. It shall be unlawful to hunt on such area without a permit.

(b) Permits for hunting deer, migratory game birds, squirrels and ruffed grouse shall be issued subject to the following limitations:

1. Migratory game bird hunting will be permitted only from the opening date of the general duck season through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening day of the deer season established in 3. with bag limits the same as those that apply in the remainder of Wood county.

2. Squirrel and ruffed grouse hunting will be permitted only during the same period open for migratory game bird hunting. The daily bag limit on squirrels and ruffed grouse shall be the same as for the remainder of Wood county.

3. A deer season with weapons restricted to smooth-bore muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber and rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber will be permitted. The hunting of all other animal species shall be prohibited.

a. One hunting period shall be established beginning on the Saturday one week preceding the regular statewide gun deer season opening and continuing for 9 consecutive days or until such time during the 9-day period when approximately 100 animals have been registered.

b. Permits for the first 2 days shall be issued by the department to persons who are in possession of a valid Wisconsin deer hunting license and duly applying by mailed application which must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

c. Validation of such mail applications will be made by random selection from all eligible applications received.

d. Group applications of up to and including 4 hunters will be honored.

e. The season bag limit shall be one deer of either sex.

f. Deer season hunting hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be limited to not more than 150 hunters for deer, 75 hunters for squirrels and ruffed grouse at any one time and 102 or less for migratory game birds depending on seasonal water conditions.

(d) Permits shall be issued for and the permittee limited to hunting in a single designated hunting compartment.

(e) Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

(f) All permits shall be valid only for the date issued, and such permit or any other identification issued shall be turned in at a checking station upon leaving the area.

(g) All game taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department of natural resources or its agents at a checking station for examination, identification and marking before leaving the area.

(h) Hunters waiting to apply for permits must form a single line. Each vehicle in the line may contain no more than 5 applicants and must be occupied at all times by all persons desiring to apply for permits that day.

(3) **TRAPPING.** (a) Trapping will be allowed by permit only and may be issued on a seasonal basis dependent upon furbearer population levels.

(b) Each year the department shall determine:

1. The number of permits to be issued.
2. The number of animals to be harvested.
3. The time when such trapping may take place.
4. The deadline date for receipt of applications.
5. Such additional restrictions as are necessary to preserve, protect and utilize the furbearing resources on this area.

(c) If applications for permits exceed the number of permits available, random selection shall be used to determine successful applicants.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; r. and recr. (2) (intro. par.) and (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.22; r. and recr. (2) intro. par. and (a); cr. (2) (h), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) and (2), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; r. and recr., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2) (b), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. (b) and (c), Register, May, 1977, No. 267, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2) (a), (b) and (c), Register, July, 1977, No. 269, eff. 8-1-77; cr. (3), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78.

NR 10.24 Deer management units. (1) Deer management units are established as designated on the following map entitled "Deer Management Units" (revised 1977). (See map at the end of this chapter)

History: Cr. Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; am. map. Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; r. and recr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.24; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), and map Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (1), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (1), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. Register, October, 1977, No. 262, eff. 11-1-77.

NR 10.25 Wild turkey hunting permit. (1) During the open season established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (2) (f) it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt wild turkeys unless such person is in possession of a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit duly issued by the department and is wearing the back tag issued with the permit.

(2) Any person holding a valid license authorizing the hunting of small game may file an application for a principal turkey hunting permit with the department on forms furnished by it. Such application shall be filed by mail and must be postmarked not later than March 29. Principal permits will be issued to applicants selected at random from all eligible

applications filed, and will be accompanied by a guest permit which may be used by any person designated by the principal permittee. It is unlawful for any person to file more than one application, and all duplicate applications will be rejected.

(3) Each principal and guest permit shall be valid for either 2 consecutive days or 5 consecutive days as specified on the permit. Not more than a combined total of 220 permits shall be issued for any two-day period or 340 permits for any five-day period.

(4) No person may be the guest of more than one principal permittee.

(5) No person may hunt on any more than one of the designated hunting periods.

(6) A service charge of \$1 will be required for each principal permit and each guest permit.

(7) It is unlawful for any person to hunt wild turkeys in any manner in violation of the following wild turkey hunting permit restrictions:

(a) Shooting hours shall be from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., CST.

(b) Weapons shall be restricted to shotguns only loaded with shot not larger than No. BB.

(c) During the open season period there shall be a closed season on all other game.

(d) No person shall use recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(e) All turkeys killed during the open season shall be registered at the Meadow Valley Conservation Headquarters before they are transported from the open season zone, and not later than 1:00 p.m. on the day killed.

(f) No person shall hunt turkeys with the aid of dogs.

(g) Each permittee shall be required to report information as specified on the permit.

(h) It is unlawful to hunt turkeys without a permit.

(i) It is unlawful to use live decoys for the purposes of enticing wild turkeys.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; am. (3), (5) and (7) (a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

NR 10.27 Deer hunting in state parks. Open seasons for deer are established on state-owned lands in the following state parks as hereinafter set forth pursuant to section 29.57 (4), Wis. Stats., in accordance with the open season established by Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (e) in the respective season zone in which such park is located, except for areas closed to deer hunting.

(1) Gun season only; Governor Dodge state park and Perrot state park.

(2) Gun season and December bow and arrow season only; Rock Island state park, Newport state park, Big Bay state park recreation area, Lake Wissota state park recreation area, Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail,

Elroy-Sparta state trail, Mirror Lake state park recreation area; Hartman Creek state park, Devil's Lake state park, Interstate state park, Wildcat Mountain state park and Willow River state park and Kinnickinnic state park.

(3) Bow and arrow season except for the December bow and arrow season; Buckhorn state park.

(4) In all other state parks there is no open season for hunting deer.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 10-11-68; cr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.27; am. intro. par., Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 12-1-72; am. (2), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. renum (3) to be (4) and cr. (3) eff. 9-24-75; renum. (3) to be (4), cr. (4), Register, September, 1975, No. 237, eff. 10-1-75; am. (1) and (2), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78.