

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<p>Lincoln County</p> <p><i>Prairie River</i>—Beginning at the Prairie Dells Dam, section 13, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., town of Schley, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>		
<p>Marathon County</p> <p><i>Plover River</i>—Beginning at the center line of the State Highway 153 bridge, section 34, T. 27 N., R. 9 E., town of Reid, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p> <p><i>Little Wolf River</i>—Beginning at the center line of the first bridge north of the Marathon-Portage County line on State Highway 49, section 35, T. 26 N., R. 10 E., town of Franzen, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>		
<p><i>Comet Creek</i>—Continuation of Shawano county description (see Shawano county).</p>		
<p><i>Spring Brook</i>—Beginning at the junction with the South Branch of the Embarrass River at Eland, section 31, T. 28 N., R. 11 E., Town of Birnamwood, Shawano county, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>		
<p>Oneida County</p> <p><i>Noisy Creek</i>—Beginning at its junction with Carlson Creek, section 36, T. 36 N., R. 8 E., town of Crescent, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>		
<p>Shawano County</p> <p><i>Comet Creek</i>—Beginning at the center line of the Town Road bridge at the south line of section 17, T. 26 N., R. 11 E., town of Germania, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>		
<p>Vilas County</p> <p><i>Deerskin River</i>—Beginning at the center line of the Town Road bridge, section 18, T. 40 N., R. 11 E., town of Washington, upstream to the Long Lake Dam and all water tributaries thereto.</p>		
<p>Washburn County</p> <p><i>Bean Brook</i>—Beginning at the Highway 63 bridge in section 28, T. 40 N., R. 11 W., thence upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p>	<p>April 11 through April 30</p>	<p>15 per season</p>

(d) **Otter.** The opening date for the trapping season for otter shall be concurrent with the opening date for trapping beaver in all zones established under paragraph (c) of this section. The open season for trapping otter shall extend through March 15 in Zones A and B and through March 7 in Zone D. There shall be no open season in Zones C and E. The season bag limit is 2 otter.

(e) **Tagging of otter and beaver pelts.** Each person who has trapped an otter or beaver during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the conservation commission 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 five days after the close of said season. Said representatives shall inspect the pelt 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 six 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.

(f) **Musk-rats taken in beaver or otter traps.** 1. Any person may salvage not to exceed eight musk-rats which are taken in beaver or otter traps during the open season for beaver and otter and incidental to the licensee's beaver or otter trapping operations.

- 2. All such muskrat pelts shall be tagged with a metal tag immediately when the animal is taken such tags to be furnished by the conservation commission upon request.
- 3. All muskrat pelts taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited for inspection, together with any beaver and otter pelts taken, in the same manner as is provided for presenting beaver and otter by paragraph (c) of this section.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (2), (3), (4), Register, August 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (4) (c), (d), (f), Register, January, 1957, No. 13, eff. 2-25-57; am. (1), (2), (3), (4), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1958, No. 25, eff. 2-1-58; r. and recr., Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. emerg. eff. 10-1-58; 11-17-58; r. and recr. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1959, No. 37, eff. 2-1-59; am. emerg. eff. 3-23-59; 4-10-59; r. and recr. (1) (a), (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e); am. (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b), (c), (d), (e), (g); am. (4) (c); r. and recr. (4) (e) and (f), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; r. and recr. (2) (3) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; Emergency rule, r. and recr. (1) (a) eff. 10-16-60; emergency rule, am. (4) (c) eff. 4-10-61; r. and recr. (2) (3) and (4), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; emerg. rule, r. and recr. WCD 10.01 (1) (a) and (b) 6 eff. 10-16-61, and emerg. rule, r. and recr. WCD 10.01 (1) (a) and (b) 6, eff. 10-26-61; emerg. rule, am. (4) (c) and (d), cr. (4) (e), eff. 2-3-62; emerg. rule, cr. (4) (b), eff. 3-10-62; am. intro. par., (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (3) (a) and (c); r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g); am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62, r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10-1-62; emerg. rule, r. and recr. (1) (a) and (b) eff. 10-9-62; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d); cr. (4) (e) and (f), Register, January, 1963, No. 85, eff. 2-1-63; r. and recr. (1) (a) and (b), emerg. eff. 10-9-62; r. and recr. (2) (a); am. (2) (b), (c) and (d), and (3) (a), (b) and (c); r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g) and (4) (a), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (1); am. (3) (e), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; emergency rule, am. (1) (a), eff. 10-19-63; emergency rule, am. (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), eff. 11-1-63; emergency rule, r. (1) (a), am. (1) (b), eff. 11-10-63; am. intro. par.; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, January, 1964, No. 97, eff. 2-1-64; am. intro. par.; am. (2) (a), (b) (c), (d) and (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b); am. (3) (c); r. and recr. (3) (e), (g) and (4) (a), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. and recr. (1); am. (4) (a), Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64; emergency rule, am. (1) (a) and (3) (e), eff. 10-17-64; emergency rules r. (1) (a); am. (1) (b), eff. 10-22-64; r. and recr. (4) (c) and am. (d), Register, January, 1965, No. 109, eff. 2-1-65; am. (2) (a), (b) and (c); r. and recr. (2) (d), (3) (b) 2, and (c), (3) (e) and (g); am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65.

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WCD 10.02 Wild animals protected at all times. (1) There shall be no open season on Canada lynx, timber wolf, badger, woodchuck, moose, elk, marten, fisher, wolverine, flying squirrel, or white deer.

(2) There shall be no open season on prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), turkeys, mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, eagles, plovers, sandpipers, all species of hawks and owls except great-horned owls 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.

WCD 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions. There shall be no open season on kingfishers except on federal, state, and licensed

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private fish hatcheries, or on great blue heron or cormorant within 1,000 feet of any rookery used by those birds for nesting purposes. There shall be no open season on hen pheasants unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56.

WCD 10.04 Unprotected wild animals. (1) There shall be no closed season on coyotes, wildcats, any species of foxes and mutations thereof, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in this chapter.

(2) There shall be no closed season on great-horned owls, crows, starlings, red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds, English sparrows, cottontail quail, and chukar partridge.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2) Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58.

WCD 10.05 Highways. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer or bear in any manner at any time within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any lettered state forest road, and of any federal, state, or county highway.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl from any public roads or railroads including the respective right-of-ways along or within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.01 (1) (a).

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any species of game during the gun deer season with any rifle or shotgun loaded with single slug or ball within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any lettered state forest road, and of any federal, state, or county highway.

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.

WCD 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the sunrise (a.m.) and sunset (p.m.) hours listed in the table under subsection (4) shall apply to the entire state.

(2) 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 listed in the a.m. column, or after the time listed in the p.m. column in the table in subsection (4), except as provided in Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.01 (1) and WCD 10.15 (4). There are no hunting hour restrictions for raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear during the open season with firearms on any day during the open season before 30 minutes before the time listed in the a.m. column, and after the time listed in the p.m. column in the table in subsection (4).

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

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WCD 10.07 Hunting, prohibited methods. (1) No person shall hunt game with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, except that .22 rim-fire hand guns 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 rim-fire rifles.

(2) No person shall place, 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; nor with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally, or drive game for hunters on the ground, except that foxes and coyotes may be spotted, but not shot, from aircraft from January 1 through March 31.

(3) No person shall carry with him in or on any motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and unless such bow is unstrung, or in or on any vehicle or automobile any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case; nor load or shoot any firearms or bow

and arrow in, on or from any automobile, aircraft, or other vehicle, stationary or moving; nor shall any person have in his possession or under his control any firearm or bow and arrow in or on any vehicle or automobile while shining any wild animal.

(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.

(6) No person shall hunt or pursue any wild animals in the nighttime with a dog for the period of 15 days prior to the open season for raccoon.

(7) (a) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control any ferret, fitch, rat, weasel or guinea pig 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 state conservation commission a permit to use a ferret or fitch for hunting rabbits thereon.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control or 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 killed or crippled by him; and until such effort is made, such game birds shall be included in his daily bag.

History: 1-2-56; 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.

WCD 10.03 History: 1-2-56; r. Register, August, 1960, No. 56. eff. 9-1-60.

WCD 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 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 period of three days prior to the opening date for hunting deer with firearms, no person shall have in possession any firearm in the area north of state highway 29, wherein there is an open season for deer with firearms, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that waterfowl hunters shall be permitted to hunt waterfowl continually during the open season.

(5) During the open season for hunting deer with firearms, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner or have in possession or under control shot larger than No. BB in counties or parts of counties where an open season for hunting deer with firearms has been established from 3 days prior to the opening of a deer season through the close of such season while in, on, or traversing any field or forest lands.

(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 rim-fire rifle or any .410 bore shotgun.

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. (5), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63.

WCD 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) No person while hunting or in possession of firearms or bow and arrow shall have in possession or under control any light used for the purpose of shining deer.

(2) No person shall hunt deer or bear in the water of any stream, lake, or pond; or with a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear during the seasons established under Wis. Adm. Code sections WCD 10.01 (3) (g) 2, 3, and 4; or with the aid of artificial light; or with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally, or drive deer for hunters on the ground; nor place any salt in any place for the purpose of enticing deer thereto; nor construct, occupy, or use any tree, elevated scaffold or other elevated device for the purpose of hunting, watching for, or killing deer or bear.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63.

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

(3) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means. 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 WCD 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before sunrise unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

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WCD 10.115 Deer hunting party permit. (1) The commission 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 WCD 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) The conservation director shall distribute for issuance 50% of the total available permits to the county clerk of each county within the quota area described under Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.01 (3) (e) 1. The number allocated to each county clerk for issuance shall be determined by the conservation director and will be in the ratio of the land area of each county in the quota area to the total land area of the quota area. Such permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis from the office of such county clerk beginning at 1.00 p.m. on September 29. The county clerk shall return all permits when requested to do so not issued by him to the conservation director for issuance.

(6) Permits shall be issued by the conservation commission to persons duly applying by mailed application which must be postmarked no later than October 11. Validation of such mailed applications will be made by random selection from all eligible applications received for each quota area.

(7) 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 conservation director 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.

WCD 10.12 Migratory waterfowl. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. (a) No person shall hunt any wild ducks, geese, coot (mudhen), rails or gallinules by shooting it or at it from any boat, canoe, raft, blind, contrivance or device in open water except as otherwise provided in this section, or from any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oars or pole, or with the use of any decoys beyond 200 feet from the blind or covering in which the hunter is located, or leave any decoys in the water unattended, or hunt any game bird with the use of a rifle.

(b) No person shall shoot or shoot at migratory waterfowl from any pier, dam, dock, or similar structure or by the use or aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(c) No person shall take waterfowl or coot by means, aid or use of cattle, horses or mules.

(d) No person shall use in any manner any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying or stirring up of waterfowl and coots.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to use in any manner any sink boat or similar blind that is or can be submerged under the water in any manner for the purpose of hunting, taking, catching, killing, molesting or shooting at any wild ducks, wild geese, coot, or any other aquatic or migratory game birds, nor shall any person leave any waterfowl decoys unattended in the water during the open waterfowl hunting season, nor leave such decoys in the water after 20 minutes after the closing time prescribed for hunting or killing such birds or before one hour before the opening time for shooting such birds.

(f) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl except from a blind during the open season for geese within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.01 (1) (a) and not more than 2 persons 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. 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 him, 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. No blind shall be placed within 75 yards of the boundary of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Retrieving downed birds will be permitted outside blinds. For the purpose of this paragraph "blind" means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters within.

(g) 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.

(2) OPEN WATER; EXCEPTIONS. (a) "Open water" is any water outside or beyond a natural growth of vegetation extending over the water surface and of such height as to offer partial or whole concealment for the hunter.

(b) Blinds in Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon counties. In any of the waters of the Mississippi river, the St. Croix river, Lake St. Croix and Lake Pepin, and their bays, bayous and sloughs wherein they border on the counties of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St.

Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon and in any of the inland lakes of these counties, it shall be lawful for any person to use blinds for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at wild ducks, wild geese or other aquatic fowl that are set, placed, or located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline during the open season for such game birds. Such blinds shall in all instances be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to hunt wild ducks, wild geese, and other aquatic fowl during the open season therefor in open water in any of the outlying waters of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan under the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin excepting Green Bay and the open water area within 500 feet of any shoreline of said lakes.

(3) **BAITING.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, catch or kill any waterfowl or migratory game birds under any circumstances by the aid or use 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.

(b) 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.

(4) **LIVE DECOYS.** It shall be unlawful in the hunting of any migratory waterfowl to use directly or indirectly any live duck or live goose decoys, regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter.

(5) **GUNS AND AMMUNITION.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, or pursue any migratory bird or waterfowl with any shotgun of a larger bore than a No. 10 gauge nor shall any person take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue or shoot at any migratory birds or waterfowl with any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three 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 three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined nor by any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow.

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. 63, 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.

WCD 10.13 Fur-bearing animals; method of taking. (1) No person shall hunt any raccoon during the special season for trapping only, mink, muskrat, beaver or otter with the aid of any spear, gun, or dog, disturb or molest any raccoon den or den trees, disturb or molest any mink den, or disturb or molest any muskrat house, muskrat feed-

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ing 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 one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset and it shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from one hour after the time listed in the p.m. column to 30 minutes before the time listed in the a.m. column in the table in Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.06 (3). ✓

(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 water set 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.

WCD 10.14 Trapping, prohibited methods. (1) No person shall set a steel-jawed trap or any trap which might kill or injure birds, on a pole, post, tree stump, or any other elevated perch more than 3 feet above the ground.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate any trap other than a steel-jawed trap, chain-loop trap, or live traps so constructed that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any such trap at a single setting, for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals.

(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.

WCD 10.15 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. (2) **HORICON MANAGED GUN DEER HUNT.** (a) Deer of any age and either sex and fox may be taken with smooth-bore muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber, rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber and shotgun loaded with single slug or ball within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (except posted closed areas), subject to provisions of this section, on November 20, 21, and 22.

(b) Hunting on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is permitted under permit (arm band) only, as authorized by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The number of permits issued shall not exceed 300 per day and a permit shall be valid for one day only. Permits not