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GAME AND HUNTING**

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**(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)**

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

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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 thereof, 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 BIRDS AND WATERFOWL.**

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) Redhead and canvasback duck	Dodge and Winnebago counties, the following lakes including a strip of land 100 yards wide adjacent to the shorelines thereof: lake Winnebago in Calumet and Fond du Lac counties, Rush lake in Fond du Lac county and lake Poygan in Waushara county, and all that part of the state lying west of the	No open season	None	None

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	Burlington Northern railway and extending southerly from Prescott in Pierce county to the Wisconsin-Illinois line.			
<b>(b) 1. All species of wild duck</b>	Entire state, except for redhead ducks as provided in (a).	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	This daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken plus the total value of birds already taken during that day reaches or exceeds 100 points.	The possession limit is the maximum number of species and sex which could have legally been taken in 2 days.
	<i>Point Values</i> 100 points, redhead, canvasback & black. 90 points, hen mallard, wood duck, and hooded merganser. 35 points, drake mallard, ringneck, ruddy goldeneye, bufflehead and all other ducks and mergansers not otherwise listed. 10 points, pintail, blue winged teal, green winged teal, gadwall, shoveler and scaups.			
<b>2. Scaup</b>	All that part of the state lying north of state highway 64. Shawano lake. Lake Winnebago (beyond 500 feet from the shore line) and the outlying waters of lakes Superior & Michigan including Green Bay (beyond 500 feet from the shoreline and emergent vegetation).	November 20 through December 5	5	10
<b>(c) Coot</b>	Entire state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	15	30
<b>(d) Sora and Virginia rails</b>	Entire state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	25	25

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
Gallinules	Entire state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	15	30
(e) Wilson's snipe	Entire state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	8	16
(f) Woodcock	Entire state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing for 65 consecutive days.	5	10
(g) Geese				
1. Canada geese and its subspecies	Horicon zone as established under (j)	October 9 through October 26.	1	1 (season limit)
	Burnett county zone as established under (k)	None		
	Brown county zone as established under (m)	October 1 at 12:00 noon through November 19.	1	2
	New Auburn zone as established under (n)	None		
	Remainder of the state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through December 9.	1	2
2. All other species	Entire state	October 1 at 12:00 noon through December 9.	A total of 5, including not more than 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose, or 2 white-fronted geese.	A total of 5, including not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies (only 1 in the Horicon zone) or 1 Canada goose and 1 white-fronted, or 2 white-fronted geese.

(h) The daily bag limit on Canada geese statewide is not more than that permitted in any one zone within the state and no person may possess or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily limit, whichever applies, or migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or a commercial preservation facility.

(i) The following described area is established as the Horicon Intensive Management Zone:

All that part of the counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac enclosed by a line beginning at the junction of state highway 26, with the east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, thence eastward along said center line and continuing eastward along the east-west center of sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 in township 12 north, range 16 east to its junction with county highway TW, thence north and east on said highway TW to its junction with county highway Y, thence northerly on said highway Y to its junction with county highway YY, thence northerly on said highway YY to its junction with county highway Y, thence northerly on said highway Y to its junction with county highway B, thence southwesterly on said highway B to its junction with county highway D, thence westerly on said highway D to its junction with highway AS, thence westerly on said highway AS to its junction with U.S. highway 151, thence southwesterly on said highway 151 to its junction with the C.M.St.P. and Pac. railroad, thence southerly along said C.M.St.P. & Pac. railroad to its junction with state highway 26, thence north on said highway 26 to its junction with the

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east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, which is the point of beginning.

(j) The following described area is established as the Horicon Zone:

The Horicon Zone is bounded on the east by U.S. highway 45 from Oshkosh to Fond du Lac, and then state highway 175 to Addison; on the south by state highway 33 from Addison to Beaver Dam and then U.S. highway 151 to Columbus; on the west by state highway 73 from Columbus to its intersection with state highway 23, east of Princeton; on the north by state highway 23 from the intersection with state highway 73 to Ripon then state highway 44 to Oshkosh.

(k) The following described area is established as the Burnett county Zone:

All that part of Burnett county lying westerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 87 with the south boundary of said county, thence northerly along said highway to its junction with state highway 48, thence northerly along said highway to its junction with state highway 70, thence easterly along said highway to its junction with county highway N, thence northerly along said highway to its junction with county highway D, thence northerly along said highway and continuing northerly along a town road to the south line of section 16, T39N, R17W, town of Lincoln, thence westerly along a town road to the southwest corner of said section 16, then northerly along a town road on the west line of said section 16 and continuing northerly along the west line of section 9, T39N, R17W, to the west bank of the Clam river, thence westerly along the west bank of said river to its intersection with the west boundary of said county.

(l) Horicon Zone Canada goose hunting permit and tag:

1. It is unlawful to hunt Canada geese in the Horicon zone without being in possession of a special combined goose hunting permit, metal goose tag and report card and valid state hunting license.

Each person desiring to hunt Canada geese in the Horicon zone shall apply for a special combined goose hunting permit, metal tag and report card. Only holders of the current valid hunting license may apply. The application form shall contain the applicant's full name, current address and hunting license number. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information. Applications will be available at most department stations and county clerks' offices.

2. To be valid, the permit, tag and report card must remain attached together until a Canada goose is killed. When a Canada goose is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the metal tag with the permit remaining attached, must be locked through the nostrils of the goose. The permit must then be validated by tearing or cutting out notches designating the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit. Any permit, tag and report card which is detached prior to the kill is an invalid permit.

The permit and tag must remain attached to the Canada goose until it reaches the abode of the permit holder. The Canada goose must be transported in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the permit and tag attached to the goose cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle. The permit, tag and report card are not transferable or replaceable and may not be reused.

3. Each person hunting in the Horicon Zone must report on tag use or nonuse on the report card provided within 12 hours after a Canada goose is killed or the close of the period whichever occurs first.

In the Horicon Zone the hunting period and number of valid permits and tags issued will be as follows:

Hunting period	Number of permits and tags issued
October 9-26 (inclusive)	28,000

(m) The following described area is established as the Brown county zone: All that part of Brown county lying north of state highway 29.

(n) The following described area is established as the New Auburn zone: All those parts of Chippewa, Barron and Rusk counties enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 40 and state highway 64 in Chippewa county, thence westerly on said highway 64 to its intersection with U.S. highway 53, thence northerly on said highway 53 to its intersection with county highway D in Barron county, thence easterly on said highway D to its

intersection with state highway 40 in Rusk county, thence southerly on said highway 40 to the point of beginning.

(c) No person shall hunt migratory waterfowl, coot, rails or gallinules in open water except as provided in NR 10.12 (2) (b), Wis. Adm. Code, in the waters of the Mississippi river lying westerly of the Burlington Northern railroad wherein it borders on Vernon county during the period beginning October 15 and continuing through the end of the duck season.

## (2) UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<b>(a) Ruffed grouse (partridge)</b>		
1. In the counties of Buffalo, Columbia, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau and Vernon	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing through January 31	5 each day 10 possession
2. Remainder of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing through December 31	5 each day, 10 possession
<b>(b) Sharp-tailed grouse</b>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extending westerly to the west boundary of said state thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13 thence southerly along said highway 13 to its junction with state highway 29, thence easterly along said highway 29 ending in the city of Green Bay	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing for 23 consecutive days	3 each day 6 possession
In all other parts of the state	None	None
<b>(c) Pheasants</b>		
1. In all counties of the state	<b>Cocks only</b> Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 27, at 12:00 noon and continuing for 44 consecutive days	The bag limit for the first 2 days of the season is one each day with a possession limit of 2; thereafter the bag limit is 2 each day with a possession limit of 4.
2. In addition to 1 above, there shall be an open season for hunting pheasants with bow and arrow only, in Milwaukee county and in the village of Menomonee Falls, the town of Brookfield, and the cities of New Berlin and Muskego, Waukesha county	<b>Hens or cocks</b> Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 27, at 12:00 noon and continuing through February 15	2 each day, 4 possession
<b>(d) Hungarian partridge</b>		

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying southerly and easterly of a line beginning at the junction of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers, thence upstream along said Wisconsin River to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with the east boundary of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 27 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 44 consecutive days	3 each day, 6 possession
2. In addition to 1 above, there shall be an open season for hunting partridge, with bow and arrow only, in Milwaukee county and in the village of Menomonee Falls, the town of Brookfield, and the cities of New Berlin and Muskego, Waukesha county	Beginning on the Monday following the closing of the regular season through February 15	3 each day, 6 possession
In all other parts of the state	None	None
<b>(e) Bobwhite quail</b>		
1. In the counties of Columbia, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Richland and Sauk	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 27 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 14 consecutive days	2 each day, 4 possession
2. Remainder of the state	None	None

**(3) UPLAND GAME ANIMALS**

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<b>(a) Gray and fox squirrels</b>		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing through January 31	Bag limit means total of both species. 5 each day, 10 possession
<b>(b) Raccoon (hunting and trapping)</b>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying north of U.S. highway 10 from Prescott to Waupaca and state highway 54 from Waupaca to Algoma	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing through January 31.	None.
2. In all other parts of the state.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 15 and continuing through January 31.	None.
<b>(c) Cottontail, jackrabbit and snowshoe hare</b>		
1. Snowshoe hare in all counties of the state	All year	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
2. Cottontail		
All that part of Wisconsin lying north of U. S. highway 10 from Prescott to Waupaca and state highway 54 from Waupaca to Algoma	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1, through January 31	3 each day, 6 possession
In all other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 27, at 12:00 noon and continuing through January 31	3 each day, 6 possession
In addition there shall be an open season for hunting cottontails, except with use of firearms, snares and poison in Milwaukee county	All year	None
3. Jackrabbit in all counties of the state, except Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Taylor and Wood counties		
	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 through October 31	3 each day, 6 possession
(d) Wildcats (bobcats)		
Hunting season and trapping in all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 15 and continuing through February 28	None
(e) Deer		
Gun season		
<i>Firearm season:</i>		
There shall be an open season for hunting deer with rifle and with smoothbore, muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber, rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber, and shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, in described zones during the period designated "firearm season."		
<i>Shotgun season:</i>		
There shall be an open season for hunting deer with smoothbore, muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber, rifled muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .40 caliber, and shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, in described zones during the period designated "shotgun season".		
1. ZONE "A"		
In all portions of the state not otherwise listed in the following described season zones, "B" through "G".		
a. In the counties or parts of counties of Brown, Calumet, Dane (west of state highway 78 and north of U. S. highway 18), Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Shawano (south of state highway 29), Waupaca and Winnebago.		

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length
b. All other parts of Zone "A"		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length
2. ZONE "B"		
The counties or parts of counties of Buffalo, Chippewa (south of state highway 64 and west of U. S. highway 53), Crawford, Dunn (south of state highway 64), Eau Claire (west of U. S. highway 53 and state highway 93), Jackson (south of state highways 54, 71 and 108), La Crosse, Monroe (south of state highway 71 and west of state highway 27), Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix (south of state highway 64), Trempealeau (west and south of state highways 93 and 121, U. S. highway 53 and state highway 54), Vernon (west of U. S. highway 61 and state highway 27).		
a. In Vernon county west and north of state highway 27 and state highway 82		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex.
	Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
b. In the counties of Crawford and that part of Vernon south of state highway 82 and U.S. highway 61.		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex.
c. In counties of Eau Claire (west of U.S. highway 53 and state highway 93), Jackson (south of state highways 54, 108 and 71), La Crosse, Monroe (south of state highway 71 and west of state highway 27), and Trempealeau (west and south of state highways 93 and 121, U.S. highway 53 and state highway 54).		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per season, either sex.
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the day	One buck deer per



Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
	immediately after the season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
d. All other parts of Zone "B"		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex.
	Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
3. ZONE "C"		
The counties of Grant, Green, Lafayette		
a. In Grant county.		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 3 consecutive days	One buck deer per season, with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
b. In Lafayette and Green counties		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 3 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length
4. ZONE "D"		
The counties of Dane (east of state highway 78 and south of U. S. highway 18), Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha		
a. Milwaukee county	None	None
b. All other parts of Zone "D"		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 5 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex
5. ZONE "E"		
In Ozaukee and Washington counties		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex
	Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
	and continuing for 5 consecutive days	length
<b>6. ZONE "F"</b>		
Governor Dodge state park in Iowa county and Perrot state park in Trempealeau county, except areas posted as closed to hunting		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex, taken under the authority of a valid variable quota permit for management unit 70C (Governor Dodge) or 61A (Perrot), respectively.
<b>7. ZONE "G"</b>		
Camp McCoy military reservation in Monroe county		
<i>Firearm season</i>	November 20 through November 21	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length plus quota permit
	November 22 through November 23	One deer per season, either sex
	November 24 through November 28	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length plus quota permit

8. Deer quotas for 1976 deer season. The department will issue party permits in sufficient numbers to assure the harvest of the number of deer for each quota area indicated in the following table. Quota areas are composed of single management units or parts of units, the boundaries of which are established in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.24. The number of party permits to be issued to harvest the indicated number of deer is determined by an average of the hunter success rates from the most recent 3 previous seasons with party permits in each quota area or by an average of fewer seasons where a 3-year average is not available. In establishing a quota for an area without a prior history of party permits, the average success rates of adjacent quota areas are applied. Party permit success rates used to compute the number of permits to be issued for each management unit are those published by the department in annual deer season reports.

Management Unit	1976 Deer Quotas	Management Unit	1976 Deer Quotas
1	250	51	750
2	250	52	200
3	250	53	1,500
4	350	54A	1,300
5	200	54B	650
6	300	55	2,600
7	150	56	1,400
8	450	57A	400
9	450	57B	300
10	400	57C	300
11	550	58	450
12	150	59A	100
13	100	59C	2,000
14	350	61A Perrot state park	50
15	700	62A	1,100
16	500	62B	2,000
17	200	63A	2,000
18	300	63B	400
19	300	64	950

20	400	65	1,200	
21	150	66	1,100	
22	150	67	2,800	
23	250	68	except Columbia and	
24	100	Washington counties	650	
25	550	69A	except Washington	
26	300	county	550	
27	0	70A	2,400	
28	100	70B	900	
29	200	70C	Governor Dodge state	
30	300	park	150	
31	200	70E	900	
32	700	71	except Crawford county	1,200
33	100	72	650	
35	200	75	Iowa county portion	
36	300	only	175	
37	300	76	Dodge county portion	
42	500	only	100	
45	100	80	400	
46	500	81	150	
47	200			
49	500	75 Units	44,075	

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
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**(em) Deer (Bow and arrow season)**

There shall be an open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow in all counties of the state

Beginning on the 3rd Saturday in September and continued through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season

One deer per season, either sex

Beginning on the Saturday immediately following the close of the gun deer season through December 31

One deer per season, either sex

**(f) Fox, all species**

1. Hunting and trapping season

In all counties of the state

Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 15 through February 28

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

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Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
	and continuing for 16 consecutive days thereafter	
<b>(4) Fur bearing animals</b>		
<b>(a) Muskrat and mink</b>		
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 35, that part of Crawford county beginning with the junction of state highway 35 and the Vernon county line, thence southerly along said highway 35 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 day following the close of the open season for hunting ducks as established under NR 10.01 (1) through January 15	None
All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 8 and continuing through December 31	None
5. All that part of Dodge county lying northerly of state highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Wausahra 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 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
<b>ZONE A</b>		
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 45, thence southerly along said highway 45 to its junction with U.S. highway 10, thence easterly along said highway 10 to Lake Michigan	December 18 through March 27	50
<b>ZONE B</b>		
All other parts of the state except Adams county where there is no open season	February 5 through March 6	15

(d) **Otter.** There is no open season for otter in Adams county 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 said highway 35 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. 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 paragraph (c) of the section. The open season for trapping otter in all zones shall extend through the last day of the beaver season specified for zone "B". The season bag is 2 otter in zone "A" and one otter in zone "B". 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. Each person who has trapped an otter will attach and lock to such carcass immediately upon encountering the animal in his/her trap, a tag issued by the department. Upon request, such tags will be issued free of charge by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

(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 seasons 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.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (3) (c) 3.; renun. (3) (e) and am.; am. (3) (g) 2., Register, August, 1974, No. 224, eff. 9-1-74; am. (3) (e) 8. and am. (4) (c) and (d), Register, October, 1974, No. 226, eff. 11-1-74; emerg. am. (3) (g) 1, eff. 8-2-74; am. (3) (g) 1, Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; emerg. am. (4) (d) and cr. (4) (f), eff. 3-26-75; am. (3) (f), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; am. (2) (a), (2) (e) 1, (3) (b) 1, (3) (f) 1, and (4) (a) 2, Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; emerg. am. (1) (a) to (e) and (g) (1) and cr. (1) (0), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3) (e) 7., (4) (c) and (d), r. and recr. (3) (e) 8., Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; emerg. am. (3) (e) 8, eff. 11-1-75, emerg. cr. (4) (f), eff. 4-3-76; am. (1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (1) 1. and 3 and cr. (1) (0), (eff. 6-1-76), am. (3) (b), (3) (e) (intro.), (3) (e) 2, (3) (f) and (4) (a), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1) (a) to (e), (g), (1) and (o), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (3) (c) 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 and r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76.

**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

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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.

(3) (a) The conservation director may issue a special permit to any holder of a valid hunting license to take, possess and transport hawks and owls for personal use in the sport of falconry. Eagles may be possessed and used for falconry only if the federal permit for their possession was issued prior to October 1962. The permittee may use hawks, eagles and owls for falconry hunting during the open seasons for hunting with firearms or bow and arrow subject to the daily kill and possession limits, hunting hours, and other rules specified for such hunting. Such permit authorizes the permittee to capture alive and use the birds specified in the permit for falconry purposes only. Birds held under this permit shall not be sold or bartered. Birds held under this permit shall wear a metal or plastic band or tag clearly stating the owner's name and address.

(b) Applications for falconry permits shall be made on forms prepared and furnished by the conservation director and shall show such information as the conservation director shall deem reasonable to determine that the applicant is qualified to use birds for falconry.

(c) Falconry permits are not transferable and may be revoked at any time by the conservation director.

(d) The permit must be carried upon the person of the permittee when exercising any privileges thereunder.

(e) Annual reports shall be filed with the conservation director on or before January 31 of each year, on forms furnished by the director, and shall show such information deemed reasonable by the director to determine the use and current status of such permits.

(f) Trapping is subject to Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.14 (1) which prohibits the use of pole traps. All traps used in capturing operations shall bear a label showing the name and address of the permittee and the number of the permit, or the trapping area must be adequately posted with signs bearing the name and address of the permittee and his permit number.

*Note:* The following forms are available from the Department of Natural Resources, Pyare Square Office Building, Madison, Wisconsin 53707: application for falconry permit, No. 9400-157; permit, No. 9400-168, annual report, No. 9400-15

*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.

**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. 128, 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) 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 rights-of-way along or within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (1) (j).

(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.

(4) In the counties of Vilas and Oneida 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 highway or road surfaced with concrete or blacktop.

(5) In the counties of Vilas and Oneida 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 a single slug or ball with a distance of

200 feet from the center line of any highway or road surfaced with concrete or blacktop.

**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.

**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 89°-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 opening time for waterfowl hunting shall be the same as for small game hunting as determined in (b) above. Rails, gallinule and jacksnipe are included in this subsection.

(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

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October 26-November 6.....	6:00	5:00
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, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (2) (d) (eff. 6-1-76), am. (2) (c), Register, May, 1975, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (2) (d) and (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76.

**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 pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.02 (3), 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.

(b) Definitions. 1. Bow shall be defined as any bow having a pull of 30 pounds or more, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person firing it, but does not include a crossbow.

2. Crossbow shall be defined as any device using a bow which once drawn is held solely by other means than the effort of the person firing it.

(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 his possession or under his control any firearm or bow and arrow 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 killed or crippled by him; and until such effort is made, such game birds shall be included in his 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) No person shall place, use or hunt any species of wildlife over any bait, including honey, in that portion of the state north of highway 29 except other liquid scents are permitted during the period beginning on the Saturday 3 weeks prior to the opening of the bear season established by Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2. and continuing through the end of such season.

**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. *OAG 69-75.*

**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; am. (1), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, 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, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (7) (a), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; 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. 251, eff. 12-1-76.

**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,

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except that target shooting at established ranges shall be permitted and waterfowl hunters shall be permitted to hunt waterfowl continually during the open season and hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves shall be permitted.

(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. (5), 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.

**NR 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 with 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 8 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along said highway 13 to its junction with U.S. highway 8, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 45, thence southerly along said highway 45 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to the eastern boundary of the state during the seasons established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2.

(3) No person shall hunt deer or bear with the aid of artificial light.

(4) No person shall hunt or shoot a bear in a den.

(5) No person shall construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device for the purpose of hunting, watching for or killing deer or bear, except that portable tree stands may be used for this purpose provided they are completely removed each day at the close of hunting hours and provided such devices do no permanent damage to trees in which they are placed.

(6) 'Bait' for the purposes of this section is defined as any material attractive to bear. Only liquid scents, except honey, are permitted 'bait' for bear hunting purposes.

(7) No person shall place any bait for bear at any time other than during the period beginning on the Saturday 3 weeks prior to the opening of the bear seasons established under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (3) (g) and continuing through October 15.

(8) No person shall place, use or hunt bear over any bait including honey, except other liquids scents are permitted. No bait for bear shall be placed with 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

(10) 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 NR 10.10 (7).

(11) No person shall hunt or pursue bear with a dog or dogs unless such dog or dogs are tattooed or wear a collar with the owner's name and address attached to permit identification of the owner.

**Note:** Subsection (1) requires for conviction 2 elements: (1) that the person charged be hunting or in possession of firearms or bow and arrow; and (2) that he also have in possession or under control any light used for the purpose of shining deer. If these 2 elements are found, it is not a defense that the accused failed to encounter any deer. *State v. Erickson*, 52 W. (2d) 150.

**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. 1-1-75; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.

**NR 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting.** (2) Any deer killed during the open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow 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 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. (5), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, 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.

**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

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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.

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

**NR 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 Canada geese within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code NR 10.01 (1) (i), 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. Dead stumps and dead trees in water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

(b) Blinds in Buffalo, Crawford, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon counties. 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, 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

charge for the purpose of conducting research on hunting methods and success. It shall be unlawful to hunt on such area without a permit. Permits shall be subject to the following limitations:

(b) Permits for hunting waterfowl, squirrels, and ruffed grouse only shall be issued. Waterfowl 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 gun season with bag limits the same as those that apply in the remainder of Wood county. Squirrel and ruffed grouse hunting will be permitted only during the same period open for waterfowl hunting. The daily bag limit on squirrels and ruffed grouse shall be the same as for the remainder of Wood county.

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be limited to allow not more than 75 hunters for squirrels and ruffed grouse at any one time. Daily hunting permits for waterfowl shall be limited to 102 or less depending upon 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.

**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.

**WCD 10.23 Recording of geese.** **History:** Cr. Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; r. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69.

**NR 10.24 Deer management units.** (1) Deer management units are established as designated on the following map entitled "Deer Management Units" (revised 1976).

(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.

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**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 10.26 Preservation of Wolf River scenic values — Menominee county History:** Emergency rule, eff. 9-23-66; cr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.26, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. Register, May, 1976, No. 246, eff. 8-15-76.

**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.

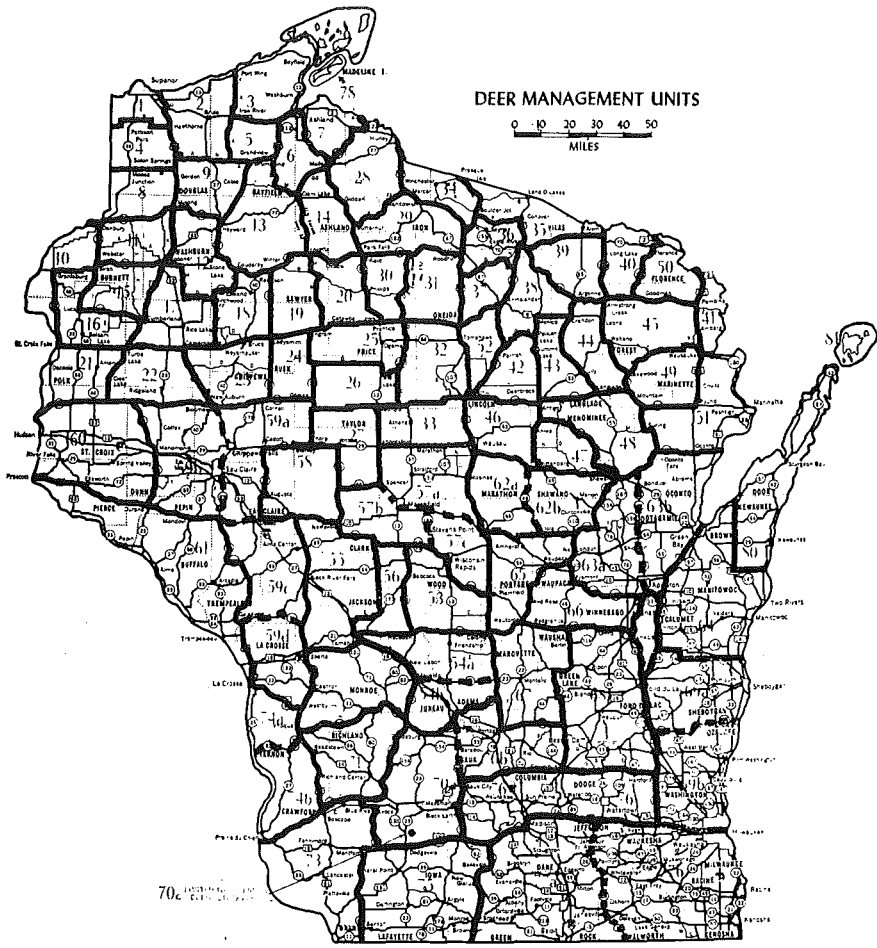
(1) Gun season only; Governor Dodge state park and Perrot state park.

(2) Gun season and December bow and arrow season only: Rock Island state park, Newport state park, Big Bay state park recreation area, 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.

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



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