

## Chapter NR 10

## GAME AND HUNTING

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(ss. 29.085 and 29.174, Stats.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) For the purpose of hunting bear:

(a) "Hunter" means any person shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, killing or pursuing a bear and any person who aids, assists, abets or acts in concert with such a person in the pursuit of the bear whether or

not such person possesses a weapon or other means capable of reducing a bear to possession.

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

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

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

(10) "Molest" means any activity which results in physical damage or destruction of an object.

(11) "Firearm season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: rifle, muzzle-loader, shotgun or handgun for deer hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c..

(12) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with either of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(13) For the purpose of hunting deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any smoothbore muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .45 caliber and any rifled muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .40 caliber, discharged from the shoulder.

(14) For the purpose of hunting wild animals other than deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any caliber of any muzzle-loading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

(15) "Daily bag" or "bag limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in one day.

(16) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in 2 days or more.

(17) "Water set" means any trap which is set or staked in such a manner as to permit the trap or trapped animal to reach water at any point.

(18) "Water" in non-toxic shot zones means lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, rivers, streams, and drainage ditches except for temporary sheet water. All county boundary waters and lakes partially within a non-toxic shot zone are totally included except the open water of Green Bay and Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin river outside Columbia county.

(19) "Non-toxic shot" means steel shot.

(20) "Goose zones and areas" means those established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (i) through (t).

(21) For the purposes of ss. 29.224 (2), 29.56, 29.565 (2), 29.57 (4) and 350.06, Stats., "enclosed within a carrying case" for firearms means completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose which is Register, September, 1984, No. 345

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
a. In the counties or parts of counties of Brown, Buffalo (north of U.S. highway 10), Calumet, Chippewa (south of state highway 64 and west of U.S. highway 53), Dodge (north of state highway 60), Door (Washington, Detroit, Plum and Rock islands), Dunn (south of state highway 64), Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee (north of state highway 60 and county highway Q), Pepin (north of U.S. highway 10), St. Croix (south of state highway 64), Sheboygan, Shawano (south of state highway 29), Washington (north of state highway 60), Waupaca, and Winnebago.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday 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 or hunter's choice permit limit
b. All that part of Dane county west of state highway 78 and north of U.S. highway 18	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	With an antlerless deer permit, one antlerless deer per season. Without an antlerless deer permit, one buck deer with an antler not less than 3 inches in length per season.
c. Deer management units 67, 70, 70A (except Dane county), 70B, 70E and 71 as described in s. NR 10.28	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	With an antlerless deer permit, one antlerless deer per season. Without an antlerless deer permit, one buck deer with an antler not less than 3 inches in length per season.
d. All other parts of Zone "A"	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday 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 or hunter's choice permit limit
<b>2. ZONE "B"</b>		
The counties or parts of counties of Buffalo (south of U.S. highway 10), Crawford, Jackson (south of the Black river) La Crosse, Monroe (south of state highway 71 and west of state highway 27), Pepin (south of U.S. highway 10), Pierce (south of U.S. highway 10), Trempealeau (west and south of state highways 93 and 121, and U. S. highways 10 and 53) 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	Beginning on Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex
<i>Firearm season</i>	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.	Beginning on Saturday	One deer per season, ei-
<i>Firearm season</i>	Register, September, 1984, No. 345	

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
c. In counties of Jackson (south of the Black river), 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, and U.S. highways 10 and 53).	immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	either sex.
<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 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.
d. All other parts of Zone "B"	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex
<i>Shotgun season</i>	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, plus quota limit
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, plus quota limit
4. ZONE "D"		
The counties of Dane (east of state highway 78 and south of U.S. highway 18), Dodge (south of state highway 60), Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee (south of state highway 60 and county highway Q), Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington (south of highway 60) and Waukesha		
a. Milwaukee county	None	None
b. All other parts of Zone "D"		

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<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
<b>6. ZONE "F"</b>		
a. Governor Dodge and Blue Mound state parks 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 61A (Perrot), 70C (Governor Dodge) and 70D (Blue Mound)
b. Blue Mound state park in Dane county		
<i>Shotgun 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 70D
<b>7. ZONE "G"</b>		
Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county		
a. <i>Muzzle-loader season</i>	November 3-9	One deer per season, either sex
b. <i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length plus quota permit
	Beginning on Monday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season either sex
	Beginning on Wednesday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 5 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length plus quota permit

9. Deer quotas. a. Deer quotas are primarily based on the following considerations: the status of unit deer populations in relation to established population goals as determined by inventories, the past effect of varying antlerless harvest levels on unit deer populations gained from many years experience with the quota system, and the estimated impact of the previous winter's severity on deer survival and subsequent fawn production. The department shall issue party permits, antlerless permits or hunter's choice permits in sufficient numbers to assure maintenance of overwintering deer populations for each quota area indicated in subd. e.

b. Quota areas are composed of single management units or parts of units, the boundaries of which are established in s. NR 10.28.

c. In each quota area, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of deer shall be based on an average of the hunter success rates from the most recent 3 previous seasons or by an average of fewer seasons where a 3-year average is not available. In establishing a quota for an area without an adequate history of permits, the average success rates of similar quota areas shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate.

d. Permit success rates used to compute the number of permits to be issued for each quota shall be those calculated by the department from annual deer season harvest reports except where no previous history of success rates exist.

The success rate formula is:

$$\text{Success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of antlerless deer harvested}}{\text{Number permits issued}}$$

The permit number formula is:

$$\text{Permit number} = \frac{\text{Quota deer to be harvested}}{\text{Hunter success rate}}$$

e. Deer management units, overwinter population goals expressed in terms of deer per square mile of deer range and 1983 deer quota are as follows:

Management Unit	Deer Goal	Management Unit	Deer Goal
1	15	41	20
2	20	42	20
3	10	43	15
4	15	44	15
5	20	45	20
6	10	46	20
7	10	47	20
8	20	48	20
9	20	49	25
10	25	50	15
11	20	51	20
12	15	52	20
13	15	53	30
14	15	54A	25
15	25	54B	25
16	25	55	25
17	20	56	30
18	20	57A	25
19	20	57B	25
20	20	57C	25
21	20	58	25
22	20	59A	15
23	20	59B	15
24	15	59C	25
25	25	60	20
26	20	62A	25
27	15	62B	25
28	10	63A	25
29A	15	63B	20
29B	15	64	15
30	15	65	25
31	20	66	25
32	20	67	30
33	15	68	25
35	15	69	15
36	25	70	30
37	25	70A	30
38	15	70B	25
39	15	70E	25
40	15	71	15
		72	15
		73	15
		75	10
		77A	10
		78	25
		80	15
		81	15

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	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 continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season

One deer per season, either sex, except on Chambers island in Door county where the limit shall be one buck deer with an unforked antler or one antlerless deer.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
	Beginning on the Saturday immediately following the close of the gun deer season through December 31	One deer per season, either sex, except on Chambers island in Door county where the limit shall be one buck deer with an unforked antler or one antlerless deer.
<b>(f) Fox, all species</b>		
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31	None
2. 'South zone' — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31	None
<b>(g) Bear</b>		
1. 'Firearm season' — In all counties of the state	Beginning on the 3rd Saturday in September and continuing for 16 consecutive days	
2. 'Bow and arrow season' — In all counties of the state	Beginning on the 3rd Saturday in September and continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the gun deer season	One adult bear per season with bow and arrow or firearm
<b>(h) Coyote</b>		
1. 'Hunting' — In all counties of the state	All year	None
2. 'Trapping'		
a. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31	None
b. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31	None
<b>(4) Fur bearing animals</b>		
<b>(a) Muskrat and mink</b>		
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through December 31	None
2. 'Central zone' — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64 and north of the line beginning at the junctions of U.S. highway 18 with the western boundary of the state, then east along highway 18 to its junction with U.S. highway 51, then north along highway 51 to its junction with state highway 60, then east along highway 60 to its junction with Ozaukee county highway "Q" extended east to Lake Michigan	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through December 31	None



Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
3. 'Mississippi River zone' — All that part of Buffalo, La Crosse, Trempealeau and Vernon counties west of state highway 35, that part of Crawford county beginning with the junction of state highway 35 and the Vernon county line, then south along highway 35 to its junction with U.S. highway 18, then west along highway 18 to its junction with the Burlington Northern railway, then south along the Burlington Northern railway to its junction with the Grant county line and that part of Grant county west of the Burlington Northern railway	Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1. through January 15.	None
4. 'South zone' — All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through December 31	None

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

Kind of animal and locality	Special season (all dates inclusive)	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) Beaver			
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64			
a. Intensive management zones published annually by the department	Concurrent with the open season for muskrat as established in par. (a) and continuing through April 30		None
b. All of the north zone		Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through March 31	None
2. 'South zone' — All that part of Wisconsin lying south of state highway 64			
a. Intensive management zones published annually by the department	Concurrent with the open season for muskrat as established in par. (a) and continuing through April 30		None
b. All of the south zone		Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<b>(d) Otter</b>		
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	2 per season by permit
2. 'South zone' — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	One per season by permit

3. 'Exhibition required'. Each person who has trapped an otter shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized department representative in the county in which the animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but within the area open to otter trapping, no later than 5 days after the close of the otter season.

4. 'Registration'. The department representative shall inspect the pelt, attach and lock a registration tag to the head of all lawfully taken and possessed otter.

5. 'Possession and transfer restrictions'. No person may: a. Take more than a total combined season bag limit of 2 otter.

b. Possess raw otter pelts beginning 6 days after the close of the otter season to the opening date of the following otter season without a registration tag attached to the head of the otter and locked.

c. Transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any otter pelt without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

(e) *Recording of otter*. 1. Tagging and permits. a. No person shall trap or attempt to trap any otter unless having first applied for and received, from the department, a special otter trapping permit and tag(s).

b. Applications for otter permits and tags must be received by the department no later than the third Friday in October each year.

c. Such permit shall be attached to each person's trapping license before trapping any otter.

d. Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current trapping license and show the applicant's name and otter tag number(s).

2. Tagging procedure. a. Each person shall immediately upon possessing an otter, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

b. No person shall have an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping such otter attaches such tag as required by this chapter.

c. Such tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.

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(1) (b), (g) and (l) and am. (4) (a) 3., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (2) (b) and (3) (a), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79; r. and recr. (2) (e) 1., (3) (e) (intro.) and (4) (d) 1. and am. (3) (e) 1., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (3) (c) 2., (3) (e) 3. and (4) (d) 4., r. and recr. (3) (e) 6., 7. and 9. e., (4) (c), (4) (d) 1. and 3., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; emerg. cr. (4) (c) 1. c., eff. 3-24-80; r. (1) (b) to (g), (1) (l) 3. b. intro. and 3. c., r. and recr. (1) (j), (k), (l) intro. 1., 2. and 8., (2) (a) 1. and (3) (b), am. (1) (l) 5. and 6, b. renum. (1) (l) 3. b. 1) to 5) to be (1) (l) 3. b. to f., Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. and recr. (3) (e) 9.a. to d., Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; emerg. am. (1) (a), (1) (l) 1., 2. b. and 5.; cr. (1) (b) to (g), eff. 9-12-80; r. and recr. (3) (d), (3) (e) 9. e. and (4) (c), a. (3) (h); am. (4) (d) 2. b. and 3. b., renum. (4) (d) 2. c. to be 2. d. and cr. (4) (d) 2. c., Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; am. (1) (a), (1) (l) 1., 2. b. and 5.; cr. (1) (b) to (g), Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; am. (3) (e) 1.a. and b., r. and recr. (3) (e) 2.a., c. and d., am. (3) (h) 2., Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; r. and recr. (3) (e) 9.e., and cr. (4) (c) 4., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11-1-81; emerg. am. (1) (b) 2., 5. and 7., (1) (c), (1) (f) 2., (1) (l) 2. b. and 5., renum. (1) (q) to be (1) (t), cr. (1) (q) to (s), r. and recr. (1) (g) and (e) 6., eff. 9-12-81; r. (1) (b), (c) and (g), am. (1) (l) 5., r. and recr. (1) (l) 6., renum. (1) (q) to be (1) (t), cr. (1) (q) to (s), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82; emerg. am. (1) (b) 2., 5. and 7., (1) (c) and (f) 2., (1) (e) 2. b. and 5., renum. (1) (q) to be (1) (t), cr. (1) (q) to (s), r. and recr. (1) (g) and (e) b., eff. 9-12-81; r. and recr. (3) (e) 2. a., c. and d., Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; emerg. r. and recr. (3) (e) 9. e., eff. 9-9-82; emerg. cr. (1) (b), (c), (g) and (u), am. (1) (f) 2. and (1) (e) 2. intro. and 5., r. (1) (l) 3. c. to f., eff. 9-12-82; cr. (3) (bm), am. (3) (e) 1.a. and b. and (em), (4) (a) 2., r. (4) (a) 5., r. and recr. (3) (e) 9.e., Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82; am. (1) (l) 2. intro., (2) (e) 1. b., (4) (c) 1. a., 2. a. and 3. a., r. (1) (l) 3. c. to f., cr. (2) (f), Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; cr. (1) (b), (c) and (u), am. (1) (f) 2. and (1) 5., (2) (a) and (b), (3) (c) 3., r. and recr. (2) (d) and (e) and (3) (g), Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; emerg. r. and recr. (3) (g), eff. 9-9-83; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (c), (g), (k), (l) 2. b. and (n), am. (1) (j), (l) 2. intro., 3. b. and 5., (q), r. (1) (t), eff. 9-14-83; emerg. r. and recr. (3) (e) 1., eff. 9-30-83; am. (3) (e) 4. intro., r. (3) (e) 5. and 8., r. and recr. (3) (h) 1., Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; am. (3) (b), (bm) and (d) 1., r. (4) (e) 1. to 3., r. and recr. (3) (e) 1. and 9., (f) through (h), (4) (a), (c), (d) (intro.) 1. and 2., renum. (4) (d) 3. and 4. to be (4) (e) 1. and 2., cr. (4) (d) 3. to 5., Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11-1-83; am. (2) (f), Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 3-1-84; am. (2) (b) 1., (d), (e), (3) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (2) (c), Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 4-1-84; r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (c), (g), (k), (l) 2.b. and (n), am. (1) (j), (l) 2. intro., 3.b. and 5., (q), r. (1) (t), Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7-1-84; am. (3) (c) 2. intro. and c., r. and recr. (3) (e) 9. e., Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84.

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 Protected wild animals. (1) Cougar, badger, moose, elk, fisher, wolverine and flying squirrel.

(2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.

(3) White deer (monocolored).

(4) Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.24, Stats.

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(5) Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, herons, sandpipers and grebes.

(6) Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls except as provided in ch. NR 18.

(7) Hen pheasants except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(8) Any other wild bird not specified in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) emerg. eff. 9-20-58; am. (1), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), cr. (3), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. (1), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.02; am. (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; r. (3), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

**NR 10.03 Birds causing depredation.** (1) **APPLICATION.** 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 many constitute a health hazard or other nuisance:

(a) Red-winged blackbirds.

(b) Grackles.

(c) Crows.

(d) Cowbirds.

(2) **PERMITS.** Such birds may be taken at all times without need for either a federal or state permit.

(3) **INSPECTION OF PREMISES.** Any person taking such birds shall at all reasonable times, including during actual operation, permit any federal or state game law enforcement officer, free and unrestricted access on 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.

(4) **DISPOSITION.** Birds killed pursuant to this subsection and their plumage shall not be sold or offered for sale.

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; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

**NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals.** (1) Opossum, skunk and weasel.

(2) Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.

(3) Any other wild animal not specified in this chapter.

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; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

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

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl or coot from any public roads or railroads including the respective rights-of-way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in s. NR 10.01 (1) (j).

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) and (2) and recr. (1), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (2), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; cr. (3), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, September, 1966, No. 123, eff. 10-1-66; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-1-67; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8-30-69; am. (2), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.05; cr. (4) and (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-19-73; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 6-1-76; r. and recr. (1) am. (2) and r. (3), (4) and (5), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (1), Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79.

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

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

Zone

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

(b) The hunting hours for small game in Zone A are listed in the following table in par. (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) Except as provided in subs. (3) through (6), no person may hunt or shoot any species of game 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.

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

(e) General Hunting Hours C.S.T.

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

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

HUNTING HOURS  
Big Game

Period	C.S.T.	
	A.M.	P.M.
September 1-17.....	5:00	6:15
September 18-October 1.....	5:15	6:00
October 2-9.....	5:30	5:45
October 10-16.....	5:30	5:30
October 17-25.....	5:45	5:15
October 26-November 6.....	6:00	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

(4) The hunting hours for wild turkeys shall be from ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon for each day.

(5) There are no hunting hour restrictions for coyote, 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.

(6) Pheasant hunting hours shall close at 2:00 p.m. daily within the posted boundaries of the following properties beginning the second day of the pheasant hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) and continuing for 13 consecutive days.

- a. Allenton (Washington county)
- b. Brooklyn (Dane and Green counties)
- c. Collins (Manitowoc county)
- d. Dunnville (Dunn county)
- e. Goose Lake (Dane county)
- f. Holland (Brown county)
- g. Horicon (Dodge county)
- h. Killsnake (Calumet and Manitowoc counties)
- i. Little Scarboro — Kewaunee (Kewaunee county)
- j. Mazomanie (Dane county)
- k. New Munster (Kenosha county)
- l. Theresa (Dodge and Washington counties)
- m. Tichigan (Racine county)
- n. Vernon (Waukesha county)
- o. White River (Green Lake and Marquette counties)
- p. Witwen (Sauk county)

Note: Special hunting hours for Bong state recreation area are established in s. NR 10.24.

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; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (2) (c) and (e), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; am. (2) (c) and cr. (4) and (5), Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; am. (2) (c) and cr. (6), Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 4-1-84.

**NR 10.07 General hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall:

(a) *Aircraft.* Hunt with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive wild animals for hunters on the ground.

(b) *Devices.* 1. Place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for

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the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare wild animals.

2. Use or possess any snare, trap or device designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(d) *Molesting*. Molest the nest or den of any squirrel.

(e) *Ferret*. Use or possess any ferret while hunting.

(f) *Retrieval*. Fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all wild animals killed or crippled; and until such effort is made, such wild animals shall be included in the daily bag.

(g) *Baiting*. 1. Place, use or hunt over bait contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood or other nondegradable materials.

2. Except as established in s. NR 10.12 (1) (h), use any bait material for attracting wild animals other than fruit, vegetables, grains, pastry or liquid scent. All such solid material shall be confined to a hole in the ground measuring no more than 2 feet square.

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

4. Exception: This subsection does not prohibit hunting over bait materials deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.

(h) *Salt*. Hunt by the use or aid of salt.

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. 1-1-76; am. (3)(a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-76; 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; renum. (1) (b) to be (1) (c) and am., am. (3) and r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78, renum. (1) (c) to be 10.001 (8) and (9) am. (8), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. (1) (c),

Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81; r. and recr. (1) (g) 2., Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82.

NR 10.08 Possession of game. (1) Opening day limits. On the opening day, no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than a daily bag limit of upland game birds, gray or fox squirrels, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and snowshoe hares, or migratory game birds for which an open season is prescribed.

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

(b) All live fur bearing and game animals and birds taken during the open season for such species shall be killed immediately and made part of Register, September, 1984, No. 346



the daily bag. It shall be unlawful to keep such game alive after the same has been taken, except as provided in this section.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.21; am. (3)(a) and (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3) (a), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; renum. from NR 10.21, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

**NR 10.09 Guns, ammunition and other devices. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:**

(a) *Shotshells.* 1. Slugs or balls. Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun season for deer or bear.

2. Size. Possess or have in control, while hunting, shells containing shot larger than no. BB during the period beginning June 1 through December 31.

3. Game bird hunting. Hunt any game bird with a rifle or shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than no. BB.

(b) *Incendiary shells.* Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, or incendiary shells or cartridges. Distress flares are exempt from this section.

(c) *Guns and devices.* 1. Type. Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder, bow and arrow or by falconry except:

a. Muzzle-loaders may be used for hunting as defined in s. NR 10.001 (13) and (14).

b. Hare, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, fox, coyote, bobcat and unprotected wild animals may be hunted with .22 rim-fire handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger.

c. Deer may be hunted with handguns loaded with .357, .41 and .44 magnum caliber cartridges or any other caliber handgun chambered for commercially manufactured cartridges which produce a minimum muzzle energy of 1000 foot pounds. Such handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed. Handguns used for deer hunting are restricted to areas open to a firearm season. Hunters using such handguns may not possess any other gun while hunting deer.

**Note:** Persons under the age of 18 years, pursuant to s. 941.22, Stats., may not hunt with handguns. Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.224, Stats., respecting transportation. This rule only authorizes hunting deer with handguns in areas open to rifle hunting during the deer gun season.

d. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals issued a permit under s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

2. Deer or bear hunting. Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire rifle, 5 mm rim-fire rifle, .17 caliber center-fire rifle or .410 bore shotgun.

3. Possession. Possess any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in areas wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.

(2) **SPECIAL ONE-DAY RESTRICTION.** During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with guns, no person shall possess a gun wherein there is an open season for deer with guns unless the gun is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions:

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

(3) **BOWS AND ARROWS.** No person may:

(a) *Possession of strung bow.* 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 s. NR 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before opening of hunting hours unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

(b) *Special restrictions.* Use, possess or have under control while hunting, any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips or any crossbow.

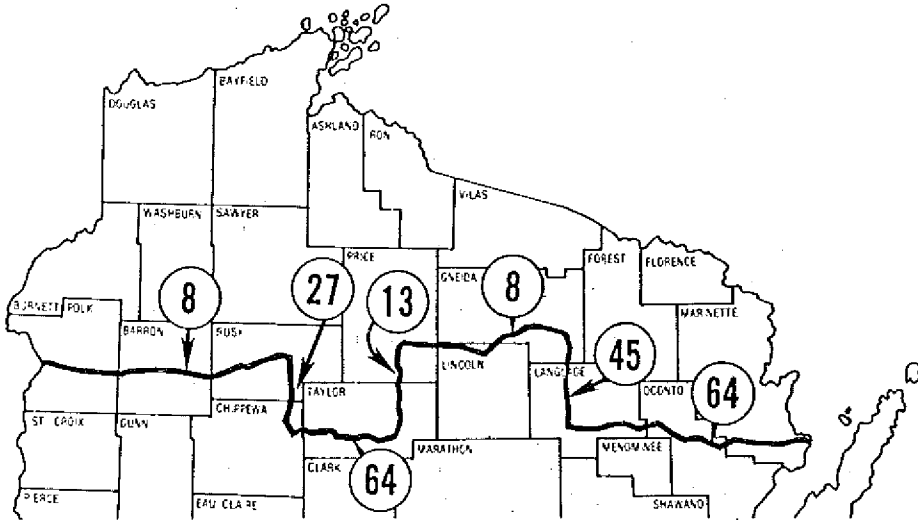
(c) *Arrow standards.* Use, possess or have under control while deer or bear hunting, any arrow with a metal broad-head blade less than seven-eighths of an inch in width. Such broad-head blades must be well-sharpened.

(d) *Bow size.* Hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

**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; renun. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; am. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr. (4), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (1) (c)2. and 3. and (3), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

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

(b) *Dogs*. With the aid of a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 1. in that portion of the state north of the highways shown in the following map:



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

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; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. (1) (a), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81; (2) renum. from NR 10.11 (2), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84.

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

- (a) *Dennded bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.
- (b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing bear is prohibited except during the period of July 10 through August 20.

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

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

History: Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; cr. (1) (b)5., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80.

**NR 10.102 Deer hunting.** (1) **TAGS.** A one-piece back and carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license and shall remain intact until the hunter kills a deer. Any person who kills a deer shall:

(a) *Validation.* Immediately separate the issued carcass tag from the back tag and validate the carcass tag by slitting the mark designating the month, day, time of kill and type of deer. Failure to completely validate the carcass tag renders possession of the deer illegal and the carcass tag invalid.

(b) *Attachment.* Immediately upon validation and before the deer is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall attach the issued carcass tag to the gambrel of either hind leg of the deer.

History: Cr. Register, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

**NR 10.103 Transportation of deer.** It shall be unlawful for any person to transport any deer in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such deer is killed to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to s. NR 10.104 unless the deer is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the deer tag attached to the deer cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1980, No. 56, eff. 9-1-80; renum. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., renum. to be NR 10.103, Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84.

**NR 10.104 Recording deer and bear.** (1) **GUN SEASONS.** (a) *Exhibition and registration.* Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open seasons for hunting such animals with guns shall exhibit such deer

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with the deer tag attached as required by s. 29.40 (1), Stats., or such bear to an authorized registration station as follows:

1. Regular license deer shall be registered within the open season zone in which such deer was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season.

2. Party permit deer or antlerless deer taken under the authority of a hunter's choice permit shall be registered within the quota area in which such deer was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season. Exception: Deer taken under a deer party permit or antlerless deer taken under a hunter's choice permit may be transported on federal or state highways directly to the nearest authorized registration station in an adjoining quota area.

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

4. Bear shall be registered within the season zone in which such bear was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

5. Such deer or bear shall be wholly intact except that they may be field dressed.

6. Such animal or part thereof shall not be removed from the area specified in par. (a) unless it has been exhibited, registered and tagged.

(b) *Registration tagging.* Upon verification of license information, the station operator shall attach and lock a registration tag to the bear or part thereof. For deer, the operator shall:

1. Complete and retain the registration portion of the hunter's license; and

2. Attach and lock a registration tag to the deer or part thereof through the carcass tag.

(2) **BOW AND ARROW SEASONS.** Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open season for hunting such animals with bow and arrow only shall exhibit and register such bear and deer as provided in sub. (1), except that the carcass shall be exhibited within the county or adjoining county where killed by 5:00 p.m. of the day after the animal was killed.

History: Cr. (1) (b), (1) (a) and (2) renum. from NR 10.20 (1) (a) and (2), (1) (a)6. renum. from NR 10.20 (1) (b)2., Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

**NR 10.115 Antlerless deer hunting permit.** (1) **FINDING.** The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer in the amount established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9.e. is necessary to properly manage the deer herd in the state.

(2) **APPLICATION AND PERMIT ISSUANCE.** Permits may be issued only to persons applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October. Validation of applications shall be made by random selection from all eligible applications received for each open deer management unit. No person may submit more than one application.

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(3) **UNISSUED PERMITS.** All permits remaining unissued for any designated quota area after all applications filed under sub. (2) have been processed may be issued by the department on a first-come, first-served basis.

(4) **PERMIT VALIDATION.** The department shall issue an antlerless deer hunting permit requiring validation before deer hunting is authorized to each successful applicant. Validation shall consist of affixing a departmental decal to the permit holder's valid Wisconsin deer hunting license, corresponding back tag and permit. Failure to follow the validation procedure by using one of the following methods invalidates the permit:

(a) *Validation by mail.* The applicant may mail his or her valid current combination back tag-carcass tag and antlerless permit to the DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707 no later than the first Friday in November. The department shall validate and affix a validation decal on the back tag-carcass tag and permit and return the material to the applicant with an additional validation decal which the applicant shall affix to his or her current Wisconsin deer hunting license, or

(b) *Validation in person.* The applicant may present his or her valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license, combination back tag-carcass tag and antlerless permit in person to a department office during normal work hours. Prior to the opening of the deer gun season, the department shall validate and affix a validation decal to the hunting license, back tag and permit.

(5) **PERMIT AUTHORITY.** No person may hunt antlerless deer in deer management units 67, 70, 70A, 70B, 70E or 71 unless he or she is in possession of a current valid antlerless permit, hunting license, back tag and carcass tag.

(6) **BAG LIMIT.** The permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current valid Wisconsin deer hunting license, back tag and carcass tag for the killing of one antlerless deer in the deer management unit designated on the permit or the limit specified for areas not requiring a permit.

**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; renun. to be NR 10.115, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; cr. (5) and (8), r. and recr. (6) and (7), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (6), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. (1), (2) and (4), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 9-30-83; r. and recr., Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11-1-83.

**NR 10.116 Deer hunting hunter's choice permit.** (1) **FINDING.** The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer in the amount established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9.e. is necessary to properly manage the deer herd in the state.

(2) **APPLICATION AND PERMIT ISSUANCE.** Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October. Validation of applications will be made by random selection

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from all eligible applications received for each quota area. No person shall submit more than one application.

(3) **PERMIT VALIDATION.** Two validation decals numbered to correspond with the permit are issued to each successful applicant. Validation shall consist of affixing a decal to the permit holder's valid Wisconsin deer hunting license and corresponding back tag. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

(4) **PERMIT AUTHORITY.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt antlerless deer in a quota area unless in possession of a hunter's choice permit, hunting license and back tag validated for that quota area.

(5) **BAG LIMIT.** The permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current Wisconsin deer hunting license and carcass tag for one deer of any age or sex in the quota area designated on the permit except on Chalmers island in Door county where the bag limit shall be one antlerless deer or one buck deer with an unforked antler.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; am. (5), Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(g) *Decoy use.* By the use or aid of decoys which are placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located. In addition, it is unlawful to:

a. Place in the water prior to one hour before opening hunting time.

b. Leave in the water unattended.

c. Leave in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Blinds in any of the waters of Lake Winnebago wherein they border Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties and any of the waters of Petenwell Flowage north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73, if more than:

1. Fifteen hundred feet from any shoreline, including islands, for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at migratory game birds during the season prescribed in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b).

2. Five hundred feet from any shoreline, including islands, for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at scaup ducks during the season prescribed in s. NR 10.01 (1) (c).

3. Such blinds may include any boat, canoe, raft or similar device which shall in all instances be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used, and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of the hunting hours each day.



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

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

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

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

5. Retrieving downed birds shall be permitted outside blinds.

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

(5) TAKING METHODS. No person shall hunt any migratory bird:

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

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

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

(d) *Non-toxic shot requirements.* 1. While hunting waterfowl and coot within any area described in part 2 of this subsection, no person may:

a. Take, catch, kill or pursue waterfowl and coot with any shotshells loaded with any metal other than non-toxic shot.

b. Possess any shotshell loaded with any metal other than non-toxic shot.

2. *Non-toxic shot zones.* a. *Mississippi river.* In that portion of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway in Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau and Vernon counties and all federal lands posted by the U.S. fish and wildlife service lying east of the railway in these same counties.

b. *Eastern Wisconsin.* In the Horicon and Central zones, shotshells containing non-toxic shot shall be required wherever hunting waterfowl and coot. Outside of these 2 zones, shotshells containing non-toxic shot

shall be required on all waters and all areas within 150 yards of these waters in the counties of Calumet, Dane, Jefferson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, and all that part of Waushara county lying east of state highway 49.

c. Green Bay. The west 1,000 feet of Green Bay waters, all Brown county islands in Green Bay, all waters in Brown county northwest of the Fox river and east of U.S. highway 141, all waters of Oconto and Marinette counties east of U.S. highway 41 and all areas within 150 yards of these waters.

d. State wildlife areas. Within the zones described in subpars. b. and c., shotshells containing non-toxic shot are required for hunting waterfowl and coot anywhere on state-owned wildlife areas and on the following state wildlife areas: Mead in Marathon, Wood and Portage counties; Wood County and Sandhill in Wood county; and Meadow Valley in Juneau and Monroe counties.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) (e) and (2) (c) and r. (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) (b); r. and recr. (1) (d); cr. (1) (f) and (g); am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; r. (5) (c) Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (1) (f), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; am. (2) (b); cr. (2) (d), (e) and (f), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; emer. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-1-67; am. (2) (b) and (c), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10-11-68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8-30-69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10-10-72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. (2)(a), r. and recr. (2)(c), and cr. (5)(b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr. (3)(d) and (5)(d) 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2., Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (d), eff. 9-12-81; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82; am. (3) (d) (intro.), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; am. (5) (d) 2.b., Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7-1-84.

NR 10.13 Fur-bearing animals. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person may:

(a) *Hunting*. Hunt any mink, muskrat, beaver, or otter with the aid of any spear, gun or dog.

(b) *Trapping*. 1. Traps. Set out or place traps, whether set or sprung, during the closed season.

2. Bait or scent. Set out or place any bait or scent for attracting fur-bearing animals during the closed season. During the open season, no person may use sight exposed bait consisting of feathers, animal flesh, fur, hide or entrails within 25 feet of any trap.

3. Trap limit. Set, place or operate more than 75 traps of any kind for the purposes of capturing furbearing animals.

4. Water sets. Take, capture or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any furbearing 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.

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5. Trap placement. Set any trap or traps at any time within 50 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam except during the regular or special season for beaver, when it shall be lawful to set traps for beaver not less than 15 feet from any beaver house or beaver dam.

6. Trap use. It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, operate or possess while on or adjacent to waters of this state, any trap other than a steel-jawed trap or live traps for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals. Such live traps shall be constructed so that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any single trap setting.

7. Artificial structures. 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.

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

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

10. Toothed traps. It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth except as a water set.

11. Minimum waterset. Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, it shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5½" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 6¾" x 6¾" for killer traps of the conibear type during the beaver and otter season.

12. Killer trap placements. No person may set, place or operate any killer trap of the conibear type greater than 6" x 6" or 6" in diameter in the following locations:

a. Within 3 feet of any federal, state or county road rights-of-way culvert unless completely submerged in water.

b. Within 3 feet of any woven or welded wire mesh type fence.

c. Within 100 yards of any building devoted to human occupancy without the owner's consent.

(2) MOLESTING. While hunting or trapping, no person shall:

(a) *Raccoon*. Molest any raccoon den or den trees.

(b) *Mink*. Molest any mink den.

(c) *Muskrat and beaver*. Molest any muskrat house, muskrat feeding house, beaver house or beaver dam.

(3) TRAPPING HOURS. (a) *Legal time period*. The trapping hours shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

(b) *Illegal time period*. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (CST).

(c) *Special checking period.* All dry land sets shall be checked and animals therein removed at least once each day.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.13; am. (3), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; emerg. am. (1), eff. 4-3-76; r. and recr. Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (b) 5., Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; am. (1) (b) 2., Register, May, 1983, No. 329, eff. 6-1-83; am. (1) (intro.) and (b) 2., Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; (1) (b) 6. to 12. renum. from NR 10.14 (2) to (8), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 12-1-84.

NR 10.14 Trapping, prohibited methods. History: 1-2-56; cr. (4), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.14; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (1), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; cr. (5), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; cr. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; cr. (7), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; am. (7), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; am. (2) and (7), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; cr. (8), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; renum. (2) to (8) to be NR 10.13 (1) (b) 6. to 12., Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84.

NR 10.145 Recording of bobcat. (1) TAGS AND PERMITS. (a) No person shall hunt or trap or attempt to hunt or trap any bobcat (wildcat) unless having first applied for and received, from the department, a special bobcat permit and tag.

(b) Applications for bobcat permits and tags must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October each year.

(c) Such permit shall be attached to each person's valid hunting or trapping license before hunting or trapping any bobcat.

(d) Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current hunting or trapping license and show the applicant's name and bobcat tag number.

(e) No person may apply for more than one bobcat tag per season.

(2) TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) Each person shall immediately upon possessing a bobcat, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

(b) No person shall have a bobcat pelt in possession or under control unless the person hunting or trapping the bobcat attaches the tag as required by this section.

(c) Such tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at the time of preparation.

(3) EXHIBITION REQUIRED. Each person who has killed a bobcat shall exhibit each animal to an authorized representative of the department for registration within 5 days of such taking.

(4) REGISTRATION. The department representative shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a registration tag to the head of each lawfully taken and possessed animal.

(5) POSSESSION AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw bobcat pelts beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season unless a valid registration tag has been attached and locked by the department.

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b. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless a valid registration tag has been attached and locked to the head of each pelt. This subsection does not apply to bobcat taken outside of Wisconsin.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr., Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 6-1-80; renum. (1) to (3) to be (3) to (5) and cr. (1) and (2), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; renum. from NR 10.201, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; am. (1) (b), Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11-1-83.

**NR 10.15 Horicon national wildlife refuge. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. (a)** Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap any wild animal or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon the area known as the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employees in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

(2) **SHOTGUN SEASON.** A shotgun season shall be established for hunting deer except for posted closed areas, pursuant to NR 10.01 (3).

(3) **BOW AND ARROW SEASON.** An open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow in areas designated by posted notice shall be established pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3).

(4) **SMALL GAME SEASON. (a)** The open season for hunting upland game birds and rabbits shall begin as established by NR 10.01 (2) and (3), and continue through the end of the pheasant season each year pursuant to NR 10.01 (2) (c), and shall be subject to all other rules covering hunting set forth in this chapter.

(b) With the written approval of the department, such season may be closed at any time upon request by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(5) **TRAPPING. (a)** With the written approval of the department, an open season may be declared for trapping fur bearing animals.

(b) If permits are required, they shall be issued by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(c) The legal number of traps allowed for each trapper shall be prescribed by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(d) All other rules covering trapping are set forth in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (a) and r. (2) (b) to (c), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; am. (5), (6) and (7), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (6), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

Note: For a complete history of NR 10.15 see the history note for NR 10.15 as it appeared in Register, August, 1973.

**NR 10.16 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county.** Except as provided in subs. (1), (2), (3), and (4) it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case,

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upon that area known as the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county, Wisconsin. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employes in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

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

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

(3) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with firearms shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and such season shall fall within the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notice of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

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

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

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

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demonstration area in Wood county, Wisconsin, except as provided in this section.

(2) HUNTING. (a) *Permit restrictions.* No person may hunt on the demonstration area without first obtaining a permit issued by the department. Permits shall be issued without charge.

1. *Effective dates.* Permits are valid only for the date of issue and shall be returned to the established check-out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

2. *Compartment limits.* All hunting is restricted to the compartment designated on the permit.

3. *Quotas.* Daily hunting permits shall be limited by the department based upon environmental conditions and annual research objectives.

4. *Exhibition required.* All harvested game shall be exhibited at the established check-out station as described on the permit.

5. *Limitations.* Permits issued to an individual are not transferrable and may not be altered or defaced.

6. *Reports.* Permit holders may be required to provide hunt information on department forms at the established check-out station.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* Any person possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license may apply for a hunting permit.

1. *Forms.* Application shall be made on department forms.

2. *Issuance period.* Daily permits may be issued by the department at established check-in stations on a first-come, first-served basis or by random selection of mailed applications. Mailed applications are subject to the following restrictions:

a. No person may submit more than one application. Submission of more than one application shall disqualify the application permit eligibility.

b. Group applications up to and including 4 hunters will be honored provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside.

3. *Self-completed permits.* Applications for hunting any game species except deer shall be completed by the applicant in person the day of the hunt. The self-completed permit portion of the application shall be retained by the applicant until the hunt is completed.

4. *University of Wisconsin research.* Permits may be issued to the university of Wisconsin for research purposes under a cooperative agreement with the department.

5. *Waiting procedure.* Hunters waiting to apply for permits shall form a single line. Each vehicle in line may contain no more than 5 applicants and shall be occupied at all times by all persons applying for permits that day.

c. *Season and bag limits.* The hunting season and bag limits for all game species are established in s. NR 10.01 and may continue no longer than

the Sunday immediately prior to the deer season established in subd. 2. with the following exceptions:

1. Rabbits and hares. Snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit hunting shall open on the Saturday nearest September 15.

2. Deer. Deer hunting shall be established at the discretion of the department and continue until the annual harvest objective is obtained. The sex and type of legal deer shall be established by permit.

3. Season closure. No person may hunt any species except deer during the period established in subd. 2.

4. Extended seasons. The seasons for any game species may be resumed at the discretion of the department and continue through December 31.

(d) *Hunting hours.* The hunting hours for all species shall be the hours established in s. NR 10.06.

(e) *Information.* Information on the availability of hunting and trapping permits, permit application procedures, species which may be taken and other applicable conditions of taking on the demonstration area for each calendar year, except for extended seasons, shall be made available by the department at the demonstration area, district and Madison offices no later than August 1 of that year. Information relating to extended seasons shall be made available in the same manner prior to the extended season opening.

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

(b) Each year the department shall determine:

1. The number of permits to be issued.
2. The number of animals to be harvested.
3. The time when such trapping may take place.
4. The deadline date for receipt of applications.

5. Such additional restrictions as are necessary to preserve, protect and utilize the furbearing resources on this area.

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

History: Cr. Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; am. (2)(a), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (2)(a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; am. (2)(a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; r. and recr. (2) (intro. par.) and (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.22; r. and recr. (2) intro. par. and (a); cr. (2)(h), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) and (2), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; r. and recr., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2)(b), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3-1-75; am. (b) and (c), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2)(a), (b) and (c), Register, July, 1977, No. 259, eff. 8-1-77; cr. (3), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; am. (2)(b) 3.a., Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; am. (2) (b) (intro.), 1. and 2. and (2) (c), r. and recr. (2) (b) 3., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; r. and recr. (2) (b) 1. and 2., am. (2) (b) 3. a. and (2) (c), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; r. and recr. (2) (b) 3.e., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11-1-81; am. (2) (a), (b) 3.a. and b., Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82; am. (2) (a) and (2) (b) 3.b., r. and recr. (2) (b) 3.a., cr. (2) (i), Register, September, 1984, No. 345



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