

Chapter WCD 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 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 WCD 11 and WCD 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue, shoot, or trap any wild animal or bird at any time other than the open season and the established hunting hours therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the daily bag limit designated for each species or each locality, respectively, nor have any such protected wild animal or bird in his possession or under his control in excess of the possession limit. Wherever 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

Locality	Kind of animal	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) 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				

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<p>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. &amp; Pac. railroad, thence southerly along said C.M.St.P. &amp; Pac. railroad to its junction with state highway 26, thence north on said highway 26 to its junction with the east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east which is the point of beginning.</p>	1. Canvasback and redhead ducks	None		
	2. All other wild ducks	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Nov. 8. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	4 in the aggregate including not more than the following species: 1 hooded merganser; 2 wood ducks; 2 mallard or black ducks, singly or in the aggregate	8 in the aggregate including not more than the following species: 2 hooded merganser; 2 wood ducks; 4 mallard and black ducks, singly or in the aggregate
	3. Coot (Mudhen)	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Nov. 8. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	8	16
	4. Rails and gallinules All varieties	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Nov. 8. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	15	15
	5. Wilson's snipe (Jack-snipe)	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Nov. 18. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	8	8
	6. Geese	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Dec. 13. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	5 in the aggregate including not more than 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose or 2 white-fronted geese	5 in the aggregate including not more than 1 Canada goose or its subspecies and 1 white-fronted goose or 2 white-fronted geese
	7. Woodcock	Oct. 5 at 12 noon through Nov. 16. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily	5	10

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<p>(c) <b>Beaver</b></p> <p><b>ZONE A</b></p> <p>All that part of the state bounded by a line beginning at the junction of State Highway 77 and the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said Highway 77 to its junction with State Highway 27, thence southerly along said Highway 27 to its junction with State Highway 70, thence easterly along said Highway 70 to its junction with State Highway 40, thence southerly along said Highway 40 to its junction with State Highway 64, thence easterly along said Highway 64 to its junction with Taylor County Highway "C", thence northerly along said Highway "C" to its junction with State Highway 102, thence westerly along said Highway 102 to its junction with State Highway 13, thence northerly along said Highway 13 to its junction with Taylor County Highway "D", thence westerly along said Highway "D" to its junction with State Highway 73, thence westerly and northerly along said Highway 73 to its junction with U. S. Highway 8, thence easterly along said Highway 8 to its junction with Rusk County Highway "M", thence northerly along said Highway "M" to its junction with Sawyer County Highway "M", thence northerly along said Highway "M" to its junction with Sawyer County Highway "W", thence westerly along said Highway "W" to its junction with Sawyer County Highway "M", thence northerly along said Highway "M" to its junction with State Highway 70, thence westerly along said Highway 70 to its junction with U. S. Forest Highway 32, thence northerly along said Highway 32 to its junction with State Highway 77, thence westerly along said Highway 77 to its junction with Ashland County Highway "M", thence westerly along said Highway "M" to its junction with Bayfield County Highway "M", thence westerly along said Highway "M" to its junction with Bayfield County Highway "D", thence northerly along said Highway "D" to its junction with U. S. Highway 63, thence northerly along said Highway 63 to its junction with U. S. Highway 2, thence easterly along said Highway 2 to the western city limits of the City of Ashland, thence northerly along said western city limits to its junction with Lake Superior which is the northern boundary of said state and including all of the islands known as the Apostle Islands in the outlying waters of Ashland and Bayfield Counties and that part of the state bounded by a line beginning at the junction of State Highway 64 with eastern boundary of the state, thence westerly along said Highway 64 to its junction with State Highway 32, thence southerly along said Highway 32 to its junction with State Highway 22, thence southwesterly along said Highway 22 to its junction with State Highway 54, thence westerly along said Highway 54 to its junction with U. S. Highway 51, thence northerly along said Highway 51 to its junction with U. S. Highway 8, thence northeasterly along said Highway 8 to its junction with State Highway 17, thence northerly along said Highway 17 to its junction with U. S. Highway 45, thence northerly along said Highway 45 to its junction with the northern boundary of the state.</p>	<p>Feb. 1 through March 31</p>	<p>35 per season</p>
<p><b>ZONE B</b></p> <p>All that part of the state lying southerly of a line beginning at the junction of State Highway 82 with the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said Highway 82 to its junction with State Highway 33, thence easterly along said Highway 33 to its junction with State Highway 73, thence southerly along said Highway 73 to its junction with U. S.</p>		

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Highway 16, thence easterly along said Highway 16 to its junction with State Highway 26, thence northerly along said Highway 26 to its junction with State Highway 60, thence easterly along said Highway 60 to its junction with Washington County Highway "Q", thence easterly along said Highway "Q" extended easterly to its junction with Lake Michigan which is the eastern boundary of the state.....	Feb. 15 through March 31	35 per season
<b>ZONE C</b>		
All that part of the state bounded by a line beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 10 with the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said Highway 10 to its junction with State Highway 27, thence southerly along said Highway 27 to its junction with State Highway 82, thence westerly along said Highway 82 to its junction with the western boundary of the state, and in the counties of Brown, Calumet, that part of Dodge lying south of State Highway 68, east of State Highway 73 and north of U. S. Highway 16, State Highway 26 and State Highway 60, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, that part of Ozaukee north of State Highway 60 and County Highway "Q", Sheboygan and that part of Washington north of State Highway 60.....	None	
<b>ZONE D</b>		
All other parts of the state.....	Feb. 15 through March 15	20 per season
<b>ZONE E</b>		
<b>Bayfield County—</b>		
<i>Stoux River</i> —Beginning at the center line of the bridge in Section 24, T49N, R5W, Town of Bayview, thence upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>White River</i> —Beginning at the center line of the U. S. Highway 63 bridge in Section 25, T46N, R6W, thence upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>Castle Creek</i> —Beginning at the junction with Namekagon Lake in Section 7, T43N, R5W, thence upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>Cap and Five Mile Creeks</i> —Beginning at their junction with the Namekagon River, T43N, R7W, thence upstream to their headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>Big Brook</i> —Beginning at the junction with the Namekagon River, T43N, R8W, thence upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<b>Forest County—</b>		
<i>Lily River</i> —Continuation of Langlade County description (See Langlade County)		
<b>Iron County—</b>		
<i>East Fork of the Chippewa River</i> —Beginning at the center line of the bridge on the East Chippewa fire lane, Section 34, T43N, R1E, Town of Knight, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>Potato River</i> —Beginning at the center line of the State Highway 77 bridge, Section 21, T45N, R1E, Town of Anderson, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		
<i>Tyler Forks River</i> —Beginning at the center line of the State Highway 77 bridge, Section 28, T45N, R1W, Town of Anderson, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto		

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<p>Langlade County— <i>Evergreen River</i>—Beginning at the Menominee County line, Section 32, T31N, R14E, Town of Wolf River, upstream to its headwaters including all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Elton Creek</i>—Beginning at the Menominee County line, Section 35, T31N, R13E, Town of Evergreen, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Spring Creek</i>—Beginning at its junction with the Wolf River in Section 26, T31N, R14E, Town of Wolf River, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Nine Mile Creek</i>—Beginning at its junction with the Wolf River, Section 19, T32N, R14E, Town of Wolf River, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Lily River</i>—Beginning at its junction with the Wolf River, Section 27, T33N, R13E, Town of Langlade, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Hunting River</i>—Beginning at its junction with Wolf River, Section 8, T33N, R12E, Town of Ainsworth, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Prairie River</i>—Continuation of Lincoln County description (See Lincoln County)</p>		
<p>Lincoln County— <i>Prairie River</i>—Beginning at the Prairie Dells Dam, Section 13, T32N, R7E, Town of Schley, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p>		
<p>Marathon County— <i>Flover River</i>—Beginning at the center line of the State Highway 153 bridge, Section 34, T27N, R9E, Town of Reid, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p> <p><i>Little Wolf River</i>—Beginning at the center line of the first bridge north of the Marathon-Portage County line on State Highway 49, Section 35, T26N, R10E, Town of Franzen, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p>		
<p><i>Comet Creek</i>—Continuation of Shawano County description (See Shawano County)</p> <p><i>Spring Brook</i>—Beginning at the junction with the South Branch of the Embarrass River at Eland, Section 31, T28N, R11E, Town of Birnamwood, Shawano County, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p>		
<p>Oneida County— <i>Noisy Creek</i>—Beginning at its junction with Carlson Creek, Section 36, T36N, R8E, Town of Crescent, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto</p>		
<p>Shawano County— <i>Comet Creek</i>—Beginning at the center line of the town road bridge at the south line of Section 17, T26N, R11E, Town of Germania, upstream to its headwaters and all waters tributary thereto.</p>	<p>April 1 through April 30</p>	<p>35 per season</p>

(d) **Otter**

The opening date for the trapping season for otter shall be concurrent with the opening date for trapping beaver in all zones established under paragraph (c) of this section. The open season for trapping otter shall extend through March 15 in all zones. There shall be no open season in Zone C. The season bag limit is 2 otter.

(e) **Tagging of otter and beaver pelts.** Each person who has trapped an otter or beaver during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the conservation commission in the county in which such animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but within the area included within the open season in which such animal was trapped, not later than five days after the close of said season. Said representatives shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a special tag indicating it has been inspected. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning six days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season without such tag attached and locked. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell, or purchase any such pelts without such tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

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

2. All such muskrat pelts shall be tagged with a metal tag immediately when the animal is taken; such tags to be furnished by the conservation commission upon request.

3. All muskrat pelts taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited for inspection, together with any beaver and otter pelts taken, in the same manner as is provided for presenting beaver and otter by paragraph (e) of this section.

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

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

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

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) emerg. eff. 9-20-58; am. (1), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59.

**WCD 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions.** There shall be no open season on kingfishers except on federal, state, and licensed private fish hatcheries, or on great blue heron or cormorant within

1,000 feet of any rookery used by those birds for nesting purposes. There shall be no open season on hen pheasants unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) and (2) and recr. (1), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (2), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; cr. (3), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63.

**WCD 10.06 Hunting hours.** (1) All hunting hours when specified in this chapter mean central standard time.

(2) The hunting hours for deer and bear shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset as listed in the following table and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear on any day during the open season before the time listed in the a.m. column or after the time listed in the p.m. column.

(2m) The hunting hours for each species of game, except deer and bear, on which an open season is established (except there are no hunting hour restrictions for raccoon and all wild animals for which there is no closed season established) shall be from sunrise to sunset except as otherwise provided in subsections WCD 10.01 (1) and 10.15 (4) and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot such game on any day during the open season before 30 minutes after the time listed in the a.m. column or after the time listed in the p.m. column of the following table: