

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-10-07

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.014, 29.089(3) and 29.177(3m), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.014, 29.024(6), 29.089(3), 29.173(3), 29.177 and 29.181, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

Part of the 2006 deer rule package that was implemented this fall was the result of a Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) motion requesting that the Department agree to a 1-year experiment with the antlerless only December 4-day gun deer hunt north of Hwy. 8. As a result, the 4-day antlerless only December gun deer hunt starting the second Thursday after Thanksgiving in Deer Management Units north of Hwy. 8 was limited to a 1-year trial in 2006. In order for the December gun hunt to continue in those Deer Management Units beyond 2006, the Department must modify the rule.

The Department will hold public hearings on removing the 1-year sunset on this December deer hunt for the fall of 2007. This does not mean the decision has been made. The Department will hold public hearings and collect and analyze data this winter before making a recommendation for final adoption. The rule process requires that the rule be initiated before the 2006 December 4-day antlerless gun deer hunt occurs.

The rule language authorizing the special youth gun deer hunt event is modified to clarify Earn-a-buck and CWD tagging requirements during the event.

The proposed rule also includes several housekeeping changes pertaining to deer hunting in several state parks. The rule does not establish new deer seasons, rather it correctly codifies seasons that have existed in the parks in previous years. In drafting the 2006 deer hunting rule, major revisions to ch. NR 10 took place to consolidate complicated state park deer hunting rule language. During the consolidation, several drafting errors and omissions occurred. These housekeeping changes are included to correct those drafting errors.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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