Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-19-07

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.014, 29.041, 29.197, 29.855 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.014, 29.041 and 29.885, Stats.

Federal Authority

50 CFR 20 and 21

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

The proposed rules establish the regulations for the 2007 migratory game bird season. Season dates and bag limits will be set for ducks and Canada geese. In addition to the annual regulatory issues, the department is proposing to:

- 1. Require the use of non-toxic shot for rail, snipe and moorhen statewide.
- 2. Require the use of non-toxic shot for mourning doves on department-managed lands only beginning in 2008.
- 3. Allow the placement of decoys and shooting at birds that are within a 75-yard area around the boundary of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge as long as the hunter is more than 75 yards from the boundary.
 - 4. Relax Canada goose nuisance control requirements for airports.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

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

<u>Description of any Forms</u> (attach copies if available)

None

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