

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, 11, 17, 19 and 45, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-01-08

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 23.09(2)(b), 23.11, 27.01(2)(j), 29.014, 29.041, 29.192(3), 29.192(12)(c)3., 169.20 and 169.21, Stats., interpreting ss. 23.09(2)(b), 23.11, 27.01(2)(j), 29.014, 29.192(3), 29.563(12)(c)3., 169.20 and 169.21, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

Annually, the Department submits rule change proposals relating to hunting, trapping and game management. The statewide Spring Fish and Wildlife hearings are the vehicle for citizen input. For 2008-2009, the Department is recommending modifications to chs. NR 10, 11, 17, 19 and 45 relating to hunting, trapping, dog training and use of public lands. Specifically, these rule change proposals:

1. Extend the raccoon trapping and hunting seasons by 15 days to coincide with the closing of the coyote trapping and fox trapping and hunting seasons.
2. Establish definitions for live trap and body gripping type trap.
3. Establish a new population goal for bobcat of 2,500 animals, plus-or-minus 20%.
4. Add an additional year to the experimental fall season for hunting wild turkeys with the aid of dogs in 9 counties in southwest Wisconsin.
5. Eliminate one fisher trapping closed area in Vilas, Forest and Oneida counties, another in Bayfield, Sawyer and Ashland counties, and establish unique trapping regulations to protect pine marten in those areas.
6. Allow dog training with captive wild animals by license during the period when dog training is otherwise prohibited in the northern restricted zone.
7. Prohibit paintball activity on department-managed lands except when approved by the department.
8. Establish a fee of \$2.75 for a duplicate copy of the trapper education course certificate of accomplishment and make them available from any DNR license vendor.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

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

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

Name and Telephone Number of Agency Contacts

Scott Loomans, Bureau of Wildlife Management – 267-2452
Tim Andryk, Bureau of Legal Services – 264-9228
Carol Turner, Bureau of Legal Services - 266-1959

Submitted on February 8, 2008.