

Clearinghouse Rule 08-061

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

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

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

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

The proposed rules establish the regulations for the 2008 migratory game bird season. Season dates and bag limits will be set for ducks and Canada geese. Under international treaty and federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulatory process. Because of the timing of Wisconsin's rule process and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule process, it is necessary to submit this hearing request about 3 months prior to the preliminary federal framework regulations. Therefore, the actual season lengths, dates and bag limits cannot be determined at this time for much of the rule. As a point of reference, we have provided a rule package that uses much of the 2007 regulatory framework adjusted for 2008 dates.

However, in 2008 there are two new proposals in the rule that can be detailed at this time. Rule proposals for the simplification of time periods in the Horicon Canada goose hunting zone from 4 periods to 2 periods and the possible addition of 10 days to the mourning dove hunting season which is consistent with the anticipated federal season framework that will be offered this year.

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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