

BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
WM-21-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 29.014, 29.041, 29.197 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.014, 29.041 and 29.885, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the 2010 migratory game bird seasons and waterfowl hunting zones. 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, the actual season lengths, dates and bag limits cannot be determined at this time for much of the rule. The daily bag limit for ducks is expected to be 6 ducks including not more than 4 mallards, of which only one may be a hen, one black duck, one pintail, one canvasback, 3 wood ducks, two scaup, and 2 redheads. Season lengths for Canada geese are expected to be: Collins Zone – 66 days; Horicon Zone – 92 days; Exterior Zone – 85 days; and Mississippi River Subzone – 85 days.

There would be two time periods for hunting Canada geese in the Horicon Zone and three time periods in the Collins Zone.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will have an economic impact on small businesses. The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at [SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us) or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m. at each of the following locations:

August 2, 2010 State Office Bldg, Rooms B-19 and B-20, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse

August 3, 2010 WI Indianhead Technical College (WITC), Room 243, 1900 College Dr., Rice Lake

August 4, 2010 Agricultural Services Center, Main conference room, 3369 West Brewster St., Appleton

August 5, 2010 Comfort Suites Lake Country, Thunder Bay room, N14 W24121 Tower Place, Pewaukee

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Kent Van Horn at (608) 266-8841 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Mr. Kent Van Horn, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or by email to [kent.vanhorn@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kent.vanhorn@wisconsin.gov). Comments may be submitted until August 6, 2010. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A personal copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Mr. Van Horn.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Frank, Secretary