

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10 and 45, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. WM-18-20
Clearinghouse Rule No. 21-078

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

These rule changes were included in the 2021 Wildlife Management Spring Hearing rules package and questionnaire. The Spring Hearings are held annually to collect public input on conservation and environmental issues. This rule package will modify regulations for hunting, trapping, and target shooting found in Ch's. NR 10 Game and Hunting and 45 Miscellaneous Fur, Fish, Game and Outdoor Recreation.

Specifically, these rules;

1. Allow falconry to take place on the Richard Bong State Recreation Area after the 2 p.m. closure.
2. Increase the time that cable restraints are allowed during regulated trapping seasons.
3. Return to a three-zone framework for mink and muskrats.
4. Allow the department to regulate target shooting on department properties in Columbia County.
5. Extend the date of the gray and fox squirrel seasons.

Summary of Public Comments

2021 Spring Hearing Total Participants: 12,642

Question Number	Question Description	Yes	No	No Opinion	Statewide Approval	County Approval (Yes/No/Tie)	Local Approval (Yes / No)
1	Allow falconry to take place on the Richard Bong State Recreation Area after the 2 p.m. closure.	5,237	1,405	3,045	Yes	72 / 0 / 0	Kenosha: Yes: 210 No: 64
2	Increase time cable restraints are allowed during trapping seasons	4,383	3,022	2,267	Yes	69 / 2 / 1	
3	Return to a three-zone framework for mink and muskrats	4,123	1,392	4,134	Yes	59 / 10 / 3	
4	Allow DNR to regulate target shooting on DNR lands in Columbia County	4,893	2,044	2,697	Yes	67 / 2 / 3	Columbia Yes: 488 No: 169
5	Extend the date of the gray and fox squirrel seasons	6,402	2,039	1,190	Yes	68 / 4 / 0	

In addition to the online input from the Spring Hearings, the department received only three written comments during the official comment period. Two individuals wrote in opposition to Wildlife Management rule question number four with another individual opposing question five.

Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule after the close of the public comment period.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

The Department held a virtual public hearing on the proposed permanent rule, WM-18-20 on November 4, 2021. No members of the public attended the hearing.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were made to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate through the public comment process.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on October 25, 2021.

Changes to the proposed rule were made to address all recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse,

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule making authority, do not have a significant fiscal effect on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. Therefore, under s. 227.19 (3m) Stats., a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board did not prepare a report on this rule proposal.