

(4) FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
(a) Muskrat and mink		
All that part of the state lying northerly of State Highway 64.....	Oct. 28 through Dec. 31 (water sets permitted)	None
All that part of the state lying southerly of State Highway 64 and northerly of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 16 with the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said Highway 16 to its junction with Interstate Highway 90, thence southeasterly along said Highway 90 to its junction with State Highway 60, thence easterly along said Highway 60 to its junction with Ozaukee County Highway "Q", thence along said Highway "Q" extended easterly to Lake Michigan.....	Nov. 4 through Dec. 31 (water sets permitted)	None
All that part of Buffalo, La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties lying westerly of State Highway 35, that part of Crawford County beginning with the junction of State Highway 35 and the Vernon County line, thence southerly along said Highway 35 to its junction with U. S. Highway 18, thence westerly along said Highway 18 to its junction with the C.B.&Q. Railroad, thence southerly along said railroad to its junction with the Grant County line and that part of Grant County lying westerly of the C.B.&Q. Railroad.....	The day following the close of the open season for hunting ducks as established under WCD 10.01 (1) through Jan. 15 (water sets permitted)	None
All other parts of the state.....	Nov. 11 through Dec. 31 (water sets permitted)	None
All that part of Dodge County lying northerly of State Highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties.....	Jan. 1 through Mar. 15 (water sets prohibited)	None
(c) Beaver		
ZONE A In the counties of Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida and Vilas.....	Jan. 13 through April 21	It is unlawful for any person to take in any zone more than the season bag limit established for such zone, and it is unlawful for any person to take more than a total combined season bag limit of 35 beaver in all the open season zones in the state.
ZONE B All those parts of Buffalo, Crawford, La Crosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties lying westerly of a line beginning with the junction of state highway 25 and the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 25 to its junction with the CB&Q Railroad, thence southerly along said railroad to its junction with state highway 82, thence westerly along said highway 82 to its junction with the west boundary of the state.....	Jan. 13 through Feb. 15	10
ZONE C In the counties of Calumet, Dodge, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee and Washington.....	None	-----

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ZONE D In all other parts of the state.....	Jan. 13 through March 17	35

(d) **Otter.** The opening date for the trapping season for otter shall be concurrent with the opening date for trapping beaver in all zones established under paragraph (c) of this section. The open season for trapping otter shall extend through March 17 in Zone A and Zone D and through February 15 in Zone B. There shall be no open season in the counties of Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Sheboygan, Washington, Waushara, Waushara and Winnebago. The season bag limit is two otter. Each person who has trapped an otter will affix to such carcass immediately upon trapping a tag issued by the Wisconsin Division of Conservation. Upon request such tags will be issued free of charge by the Wisconsin Division of Conservation, Box 450, Madison, Wisconsin 53701.

(e) **Tagging of otter and beaver pelts.** Each person who has trapped an otter or beaver during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the conservation commission in the county in which such animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but within the area included within the open season in which such animal was trapped, not later than five days after the close of said season. Said representatives shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a special tag indicating it has been inspected. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning six days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season without such tag attached and locked. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell, or purchase any such pelts without such tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

(f) **Muskrats taken in beaver or otter traps.** 1. Any person may salvage not to exceed eight muskrats which are taken in beaver or otter traps during the open season for beaver and otter and incidental to the licensee's beaver or otter trapping operations.

2. All such muskrat pelts shall be tagged with a metal tag immediately when the animal is taken; such tags to be furnished by the conservation commission upon request.

3. All muskrat pelts taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited for inspection, together with any beaver and otter pelts taken, in the same manner as is provided for presenting beaver and otter by paragraph (e) of this section.

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(1), eff. 4-20-66; am. (2) (a) and (b); r. and recr. (2) (c) and (d) and (3); am. (4) (a) Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. cr. (1), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; emergency rule r. and recr. (1) (a) 5 and (b) 1, eff. 10-15-66; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; emergency rule, r. and recr. (1) (a) 5, and (b) 1, eff. 10-15-66; am. (2) (f), Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; am. (2) (a) (open season column), r. and recr. (2) (c) and (d) and (3); am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; emerg. r. and recr. (1), am. (3) (e) 1, zone II, eff. 9/1/67; emerg. am. (1) (f) 1, eff. 11-18-67; emerg. am. (1) (j) 4, eff. 11-18-67; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68.

WCD 10.02 Wild animals protected at all times. (1) There shall be no open season on Canada lynx, timber wolf, badger, moose, elk, marten, fisher, wolverine, flying squirrel, or white deer.

(2) There shall be no open season on prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, eagles, plovers, sandpipers, all species of hawks and owls except great-horned owls and except as provided in subsection (3) or on any other song birds or wild birds not specified in this chapter.

(3) (a) The conservation director may issue a special permit to any holder of a valid hunting license to take, possess and transport hawks and owls for personal use in the sport of falconry. Eagles may be possessed and used for falconry only if the federal permit for their possession was issued prior to October 1962. The permittee may use hawks, eagles and owls for falconry hunting during the open seasons for hunting with firearms or bow and arrow subject to the daily kill and possession limits, hunting hours, and other rules specified for such hunting. Such permit authorizes the permittee to capture alive and use the birds specified in the permit for falconry purposes only. Birds held under this permit shall not be sold or bartered. Birds held under this permit shall wear a metal or plastic band or tag clearly stating the owner's name and address.

(b) Applications for falconry permits shall be made on forms prepared and furnished by the conservation director and shall show such information as the conservation director shall deem reasonable to determine that the applicant is qualified to use birds for falconry.

(c) Falconry permits are not transferable and may be revoked at any time by the conservation director.

(d) The permit must be carried upon the person of the permittee when exercising any privileges thereunder.

(e) Annual reports shall be filed with the conservation director on or before January 31 of each year, on forms furnished by the director, and shall show such information deemed reasonable by the director to determine the use and current status of such permits.

(f) Trapping is subject to Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.14 (1) which prohibits the use of pole traps. All traps used in capturing operations shall bear a label showing the name and address of the permittee and the number of the permit, or the trapping area must be adequately posted with signs bearing the name and address of the permittee and his permit number.

Note: The following forms are available from Conservation Department, 140 B Hill Farms State Office Building, Madison, Wisconsin, 53702: Application for falconry permit, No. L217; Permit, No. L218; Annual Report, No. L219.

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WCD 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions. (1) There shall be no open season on kingfishers, cormorants, or great blue herons except on federal, state, and licensed private fish hatcheries.

(2) There shall be no open season on hen pheasants unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

(3) There shall be no open season on woodchuck except as provided in section 29.24, Wis. Stats.

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WCD 10.04 Unprotected wild animals. (1) There shall be no closed season on coyotes, wildcats, any species of foxes and mutations thereof, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in this chapter.

(2) There shall be no closed season on great-horned owls, crows, starlings, red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds, English sparrows, coturnix quail, and chukar partridge.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58.

WCD 10.05 Highways. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer or bear in any manner at any time within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any lettered state forest road, and of any federal, state, or county highway.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl from any public roads or railroads including the respective right-of-ways along or within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section WCD 10.01 (1) (d).