

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
3. 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-----	Beginning of the day following the close of the open season for hunting ducks as established under NR 10.01 (1) through January 15 (water sets permitted)	None
4. All other parts of the state-----	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 8 and continuing through December 31 (water sets permitted)	None
5. All that part of Dodge County lying northerly of State Highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago Counties	January 1 through March 15 (water sets prohibited)	None

(b) **Trapping muskrats.** There shall be an additional open season for trapping muskrats concurrent with the beaver season and with no bag limit in the portions of the state open to beaver trapping as described in section NR 10.01 (4) (c).

(c) **Beaver.** 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 50 beaver in all the open season zones in the state.

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ZONE A All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of State Highway 29-----	December 9 through March 22	50
ZONE B 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-----	January 20 through February 11	10
ZONE C All other parts of the state-----	January 6 through March 11	20

(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 February 11 in Zone A, Zone B and Zone C. The season bag limit is 2 otter in Zone A and one otter in Zone B and Zone C. Each person who has trapped an otter will affix to such carcass immediately upon trapping a tag issued by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Upon request such tags will be issued free of charge by the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 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 seasons 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.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (2), (3), (4), Register, August 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (4) (c), (d), (f), Register, January, 1957, No. 13, eff. 2-25-57; am. (1), (2), (3), (4), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1958, No. 25, eff. 2-1-58; r. and recr., Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. emerg. eff. 10-1-58; 11-17-58; r. and recr. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1959, No. 37, eff. 2-1-59; am. emerg. eff. 3-23-59; 4-10-59; r. and recr. (1) (a), (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e); am. (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b), (c), (d), (e), (g); am. (4) (c); r. and recr. (4) (e) and (f), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; r. and recr. (2) (3) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; Emergency rule, r. and recr. (1) (a) eff. 10-16-60; emergency rule, am. (4) (c) eff. 4-10-61; r. and recr. (2) (3) and (4), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; emerg. rule, r. and recr. WCD 10.01 (1) (a) and (b) 6. eff. 10-16-61, and emerg. rule, r. and recr. WCD 10.01 (1) (a) and (b) 6. eff. 10-26-61; emerg. rule, am. (4) (c) and (d), cr. (4) (e), eff. 2-3-62; emerg. rule, cr. (4) (b), eff. 3-10-62; am. intro. par., (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (3) (a) and (c); r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g); am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10-1-62; emerg. rule, r. and recr. (1) (a) and (b) eff. 10-9-62; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d); cr. (4) (e) and (f), Register, January, 1963, No. 85, eff. 2-1-63; r. and recr. (1) (a) and (b), emerg. eff. 10-9-62; r. and recr. (2) (a); am. (2) (b), (c) and (d), and (3) (a), (b) and (c); r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g) and (4) (a), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (1); am. (3) (e), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; emergency rule, am. (1) (a), eff. 10-19-63; emergency rule, am. (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), eff. 11-1-63; emergency rule, r. (1) (a), am. (1) (b), eff. 11-10-63; am. intro. par.; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, January, 1964, No. 97, eff. 2-1-64; am. intro. par.; am. (2) (a), (b) (c), (d) and (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b); am. (3) (c); r. and recr. (3) (e), (g) and (4) (a), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. and recr. (1); am. (4) (a), Register, September, 1964, No. 105, eff. 10-1-64; emergency rule, am. (1) (a) and (3) (e), eff. 10-17-64; emergency rules r. (1) (a); am. (1) (b), eff. 10-22-64; r. and recr. (4) (c) and am. (d), Register, January, 1965, No. 109, eff. 2-1-65; am. (2) (a), (b) and (c); r. and recr. (2) (d), (3) (b) 2, and (c), (3) (e) and (g); am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; emergency rule, r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d), eff. 9-5-65; emergency rule, am. (1) (a), eff. 10-2-65; emergency rule, r. (1) (a), am. (1) (b) and (3) (e), eff. 10-8-65; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, January, 1966, No. 121, eff. 2-1-66; cr. (2) (f), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; emergency rule, am. (4) (c) (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) I, 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; am. (2) (f), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4-1-68; am. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (b), am. (2) (c) and (d), (3) (a), (b) and (c); r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g), am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. r. and recr. (1) eff. 9-30-68; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; emerg. r. and recr. (1), eff. 9-30-68; am. (2) (a) and (b), r. (2) (f), r. and recr. (3) (e) and (g) and (4) (a), cr. (4) (b) and r. (4) (f), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; emerg. r. and recr. (1), eff. 8-30-69; r. and recr. (1), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. WCD 10.01 to be NR 10.01; am. (1) (e); r. and recr. (2) (a) (c) and (d) 1; am. (3) (b) and (c); cr. (3) (d); r. and recr. (3) (e), Emerg. r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d) eff. 1-1-70; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), and (j), Register, September, 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; emerg. am. (1) (h) eff. 11-28-70; emerg. r. and recr. (4) (c) and am. (d) eff. 1-1-71; emerg. r. and recr. (4) (c) eff. 4-1-71; am. (1) (e); r. and recr. (1) (h) and (2) (a); am. (2) (e), (3) (b) and (c); r. and recr. (4) (c); am. (4) (d), Register, July, 1971,

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No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3) (e), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (e), eff. 9-1-71; and (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f); r. and recr. (1) (h) and (j); am. (3) (e) 1. Zone "E" and Zone "F" a; am. (4) (a) 4, Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (j) 2, eff. 10-14-71; r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, Nov. 1971, No. 191, eff. 12-1-71; r. and recr. (1) (e), am. (3) (b) 1, r. and recr. (3) (c) 2., cr. (3) (c) 3., am. (3) (d), cr. (3) (f), and am. (4) (a) 4., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (3) (e) 2., eff. 8-9-72; r. and recr. (1), r. and recr. (3) (e) 1., 2., am. (f), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (1) (f) and (3) (f), (4) (c) and (d), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 12-1-72; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (i), eff. 11-7-72; r. and recr. (2) (a) and (e); am. (3) (b) 1., (e) 1., (f) 1., Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (1), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

NR 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. White deer are only those deer which are monocolored white. Partially white deer are not included in the protected classification.

(2) There shall be no open season on prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, eagles, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, great blue herons, sandpipers, and all species of hawks and owls 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 NR 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 the Department of Natural Resources, Pyare Square Office Building, Madison, Wisconsin 53702: Application for falconry permit, No. 9400-157; Permit, No. 9400-158, Annual Report, No. 9400-159.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) emerg. eff. 9-20-58; am. (1), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), cr. (3), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. (1), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.02; am. (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72.

NR 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions. (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.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr., Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.03; r. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70.

NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals. (1) There shall be no closed season on coyotes, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in this chapter.

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

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; renum. to be NR 10.04; am. (1) and (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72.

NR 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 rights-of-way along or within the area described in Wis. Adm. Code section NR 10.01 (1) (h).

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any species of game during the gun deer season with any rifle or shotgun loaded with single slug or ball within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any lettered state forest road, and of any federal, state, or county highway.

(4) In the counties of Vilas and Oneida 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 highway or road surfaced with concrete or blacktop.

(5) In the counties of Vilas and Oneida it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any species of game during the gun deer season with any rifle or shotgun loaded with a single slug or ball within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any highway or road surfaced with concrete or blacktop.

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NR 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the daily opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) hours listed shall apply to the entire state.

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