

State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF WISCONSIN 88 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Anthony S. Earl, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. G-20-80 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on June 26, 1980. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this day of August, 1980.

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IN THE MATTER of renumbering sections NR 10.01(4)(d)2.c.,
NR 10.201(1) through (3) inclusive; amending sections
NR 10.01(4)(d)2.b., NR 10.01(4)(d)3.b., NR 10.04(1),
NR 10.06(2)(c) and (e) and NR 10.22(2)(b)3.a. and (c);
repealing and recreating NR 10.01(3)(d), NR 10.01 (3)
(e)9.e., NR 10.01(4)(c), NR 10.13(1)(b)5. and
OR 10.22(2)(b)1. & 2. inclusive and creating sections
NR 10.01(3)(h), NR 10.01(4)(d)2.c. and NR 10.201(1)
and (2) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code pertaining to the protection of game and fur bearing animals

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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

- 1. Deer quotas The state is divided into a series of management units defined by geographic features and encompassing areas of similar deer range. By previous agreement with representatives of Wisconsin sportsmen (the Conservation Congress), overwinter population goals are determined for each management unit. Following each spring, total deer mortality and production are determined and quotas (kill levels) are projected for the following fall. The annual quotas enable the Department to keep the deer herd in balance with its habitat while optimizing their recreational potential. Without reasonable harvest levels, crop damage, property damage, environmental damage (habitat deterioration) and loss of recreation/revenue would have severe impact on natural resources as well as having negative economic ramifications.
- 2. Bobcat harvest The proposed rule shortens the existing season by one month, limits the previous unrestricted bag limit to one per season and establishes a new permit system of regulation. Hunting and trapping seasons which were statewide in effect are restricted to an area north of state highway 64. The rule is designed to control the killing of bobcat in a rigid manner to insure population levels are not in jeopardy of deterioration. The permit and registration system will enable research to analyze population trends in an improved manner and result in improvement in regulation.
- 3. Beaver/otter seasons The proposed rule establishes an earlier beaver/otter season in northeastern Wisconsin, creates a closed season prior to the regular season and eliminates the option of trapping beaver within 15 feet of houses. The cut-off date for permit application is revised from November 23 to the third Friday in October. The rule is designed to eliminate or minimize environmental damage by beaver to Class I and II trout waters. At present record levels, beaver populations are causing multi-million dollar damage because of stream degradation and property damage. Road and railway flooding causes significant risk to public safety.
- 4. Experimental season regulations, Sandhill Wildlife Area The proposed rule offers an earlier season (by 2 weeks) for ruffed grouse, squirrel and woodcock. Forest game hunters will gain 2 weeks of recreation. The analysis of the results of the reason will enable the Department to determine the impacts of early seasons for ruffed grouse while offering normal, statewide opportunities for squirrel and woodcock.

- 5. Hunting hours This proposal is housekeeping in nature and an oversight from a previous administrative order. Presently, cottontail rabbits may be hunted at anytime during the month of February but not during the previous October January period because the hunting hours were not established for February when the season was extended in 1979. The proposal will provide rule consistency and insure public safety.
- 6. Coyote season Timber wolves, an endangered species in Wisconsin, are accidentally shot during the deer season because they look like coyotes. Certain area closures will improve this situation.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by sections 23.09, 29.085, 29.174, 29.255, 29.415 and 227.014, Wisconsin Statutes, the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board hereby renumbers, amends, repeals and recreates and creates rules interpreting sections 23.09, 29.174 and 29.255, Wisconsin Statutes, as follows:

SECTION 1 - Section NR 10.01 (3) (d) is repealed and recreated to read:

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Limit
(d) Bobcat (wildcat; hunting and trapping)	1	
1. All that part of the state lying north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through Decem- ber 31	One per season by permit
2. Remainder of the state	None	None

SECTION 2 - Section NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e. is repealed and recreated to read:

e. Deer management units and 1980 deer quotas.

Management .	1980 Deer	Management	1980 Deer
Unit	Quota	Unit	Quota
Unit 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 28 29A 30 31 32 33 35 6 37 38 39 42 43 44 45 46 47	Quota 150 500 100 100 100 100 550 500 500 500 500 500 500 450 450 450 350 300 400 250 250 250 350 350 350 350 350 350 350 150 100 250 350 150 100 100 350 150 100 250 350 150 100 350 150 100 350 150 100 350 350 150 100 350 150 100 350 350 150 100 350 . 350 .	## 48	Quota . 100 . 600 . 700 . 400 . 700 . 400 . 2200 . 300 . 300 . 150 . 250 . 750 . 200 . 350 . 2500 . 300 . 1300 . 1300 . 1300 . 1300 . 1300 . 300 . 250 . 700 . 1000 . 350 . 2300 . 700 . 150 . 300 . 350 . 250 . 700 . 1000 . 550 . 1000 . 800 . 500 . 550
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		85 units 3	39,170

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SECTION 3 - Section NR 10.01 (3) (h) is created to read:

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Limit
(h) Coyote. 1. Hunting		
a. Deer management units 1, 4, 8 and 32 as described in section NR 10.28, Wis. Adm. Code	Beginning on the day following the close of gun deer season as described in NR 10.01(3)(e) and continuing through the day preceding the gun deer season.	Non e
b. All other parts of the state	All year	None
2. Trapping. In all counties of the state	All year	None

SECTION 4 - Section NR 10.01 (4) (c) is repealed and recreated to read:

	Special season (both	Regular season (both	
Kind of animal and locality	dates inclusive)	dates inclusive	Limit

(c) Beaver.

1. Zone "A"
All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly and westerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the west boundary of the state, then easterly on highway 64 to its intersection with state highway 13, then northerly on highway 13 ending at the city of Ashland

a. Waters classified class I trout waters as published by the department in Wisconsin Trout Streams (Pub. 6-3600 (80)), tributaries thereto and certain problem water areas as published annually by the department

Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for hunting deer as established under NR 10.01 (3)(e)1. and continuing through the second Sunday in December

b. All of Zone "A"

Reginning the third None Saturday in December and continuing through the fourth Sunday in March

None

Kind of animal and locality	Special season (both dates inclusive)	Regular season (both dates inclusive)	Limit
2. Zone "B" All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly and easterly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the east boundary of the state, then westerly to its intersection with state highway 13, then northerly on highway 13 ending at the city of Ashland		•	
a. All of Zone "B"	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 25 and con- tinuing through the second Sunday in December	·	None
b. All of Zone "B"	1	Beginning on the third Saturday in December and continuing through the fourth Sunday in March	None
3. Zone "C" All that part of the state lying south of state highway 64			
Trout Streams (Pub. 3-3600 (80)), tributaries thereto and certain problem water areas as published annually by the department	following the close of the open season for hunting deer as estab- lished under NR 10.01		Nоп е
b. All of Zone "C"		Beginning the first Saturday in February and continuing through the first Sunday in March	None 1

SECTION 5 - Section NR 10.01 (4) (d) 2. b. is smended to read:

b. Zone "B" - one 2

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SECTION 6 - Section NR 10.01 (4) (d) 2. c. is renumbered to be NR 10.01 (4) (d) 2. d.

SECTION 7 - Section NR 10.01 (4) (d) 2. c. is created to read:

c. Zone "C" - one

SECTION 8 - Section NR 10.01 (4) (d) 3. b. is amended to read:

b. Applications for otter permits and tags must be received by the department no later than November-22-of the third Friday in October each year.

SECTION 9 - Section NR 10.04 (1) is amended to read:

(1) Goyotes, [0] possum, skunk and weasel.

SECTION 10 - Section NR 10.06 (2) (c) is amended to read:

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any species of game except deer and bear on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone, except as provided in Wist-Adm;-Gode section NR 10.25, Wis. Adm. Code. There are no hunting hour restrictions on coyote, fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established, except during the gun deer season when the general hunting hours shall apply.

SECTION 11 - Section NR 10.06 (2) (e) is amended to read:

(e) GENERAL HUNTING HOURS C.S.T.

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	September	October	November	December	January	<u>February</u>
	A.H. P.M.	A.M. P.M.	A.11 P.M.	A.M. P.M.	A.M. P.M.	A.H. P.M.
1	4:42 6:27	5:18 5:31	5:57 4:40	6:36 4:12	6:57 4:21	6:38 5:00
2	4:43 6:26	5:19 5:30	5:59 4:38		6:57 4:22	$6:37 \overline{5:02}$
3		5:20 5:28	6:00 4:37	6:39 4:11	6:57 4:23	6:35 5:04
4		5:21 5:26	6:01 4:36	6:40 4:11	6:57 4:24	6:34 5:06
5		5:22 5:24	6:03 4:34	6:41 4:11	6:57 4:25	6:33 5:08
6		5:24 5:22	6:04 4:33	6:42 4:10	6:57 4:26	6:32 5:10
7		5:25 5:21	6:05 4:32	6:43 4:10	6:57 4:27	6:31 5:11
8		5:26 5:19	6:07 4:31	6:44 4:10	6:56 4:28	$6:30 \ \overline{5:12}$
9		5:27 5:17	6:08 4:29	6:45 4:10	6:56 4:29	6:29 5:14
		5:29 5:15	6:10 4:28	6:46 4:10	6:56 4:30	6:28 5:16
11		5:30 5:13	6:11 4:27	6:47 4:10	6:55 4:31	6:26 5:17
12		5:31 5:12	6:12 4:26	6:47 4:10	6:55 4:32	6:25 5:18
		5:32 5:10	6:14 4:25	6:48 4:10	6:55 4:34	6:24 5:19
14		5:34 5:08	6:15 4:24	6:49 4:11	6:54 4:35	6:22 5:21
15		5:35 5:06	6:16 4:23	6:50 4:11	6:54 4:36	6:21 5:23
6		5:36 5:05	6:18 4:22	6:50 4:11	6:53 4:37	$6:20 \overline{5:24}$
7		5:38 5:03	6:19 4:21	6:51 4:11	6:53 4:39	6:18 5:25
8	5:02 5:56	5:39 5:01	6:20 4:20	6:52 4:12	6:52 4:40	$6:16 \overline{5:27}$
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	5:06 5:50	5:43 4:56	6:24 4:18	6:54 4:13	6:50 4:44	6:12 5:30
	5:07 5:48	5:44 4:55	6:25 4:17	6:54 4:13	6:49 4:45	6:10 5:32
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SECTION 12 - Section NR 10.13 (1) (b) 5. is repealed and recreated to read:

5. Trap placement. Set any trap or traps at any time within 50 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam except during the regular or special season for beaver, when it shall be lawful to set traps for beaver not less than 15 feet from any beaver house or beaver dam.

SECTION 13 - Sections NR 10.201 (1) through (3) inclusive are renumbered NR 10.201 (3) through (5) inclusive.

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- SECTION 14 Sections NR 10.201 (1) and (2) are created to read:
- (1) Tags and permits. (a) No person shall hunt or trap or attempt to hunt or trap any bobcat (wildcat) unless having first applied for and received, from the department, a special bobcat permit and tag.
- (b) Applications for bobcat permits and tags must be received by the department no later than the third Friday in October each year.
 - (c) Such permit shall be attached to each person's valid hunting or trapping license before hunting or trapping any bobcat.
 - (d) Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current hunting or trapping license and show the applicant's name and bobcat tag number.
 - (e) No person may apply for more than one bobcat tag per season.
 - (2) Tagging procedure. (a) Each person shall immediately upon possessing a bobcat, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.
- (b) No person shall have a bobcat pelt in possession or under control unless the person hunting or trapping the bobcat attaches the tag as required by this section.
- (c) Such tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at the time of preparation.
- SECTION 15 Sections NR 10.22 (2) (b) 1. and 2. are repealed and recreated to read:
- 1. Woodcock hunting shall begin on the Saturday nearest September 15 and all other migratory game bird hunting shall begin as established statewide.

 All migratory bird hunting continues through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening day of the deer season established in subpar. 3.

2. Ruffed grouse and squirrel hunting shall begin on the Saturday nearest September 15. Snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit hunting shall begin at the same time as all migratory bird hunting. All such hunting shall continue through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening day of the deer season established in subpar. 3.

SECTION 16 - Section NR 10.22 (2) (b) 3. a. is amended to read:

a. One hunting period shall be established beginning on the Saturday one week preceding the regular statewide gun deer season opening and continuing for 5 consecutive days or until such time during the 5-day period when approximately 100 80 animals have been registered.

SECTION 17 - Section NR 10.22 (2) (c) is amended to read:

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be limited to not more than \$50 200 hunters for deer, 75 hunters for squirrels, snowshoe hares, cottontail rabbits and ruffed grouse at any one time and 102 or less for migratory game birds depending on seasonal water conditions.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 26, 1980.

The rules contained herein shall take effect upon publication as provided in section 227.026(1) intro., Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin 18 August 1580

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Anthony S. Earl, Secretary

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IN REPLY REFER TO: _____1020

August 18, 1980

Mr. Orlan L. Prestegard Revisor of Statutes 411 West C A P I T O L

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. G-20-80. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism pursuant to s. 227.018, Stats.

You will note that this order takes effect upon publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely

Anthony\S. Earl

Secretary

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