

Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

NR 10.001 Definitions. (1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, "bait" means honey and any solid or nonliquid material attractive to wildlife.

(3) "Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

(4) "Waterfowl" means any migratory game bird of the family *Anatidae* including wild ducks, geese and brant.

(5) "Migratory game birds" means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

- (a) *Anatidae* (wild ducks, geese and brant),
- (b) *Rallidae* (rails, coots and gallinules),
- (c) *Scolopacidae* (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).

(6) "Liquid scent" means any nonsolid material except honey.

(7) For the purpose of hunting bear:

(a) "Hunter" means any person shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, killing or pursuing a bear and any person who aids, assists, abets or acts in concert with such a person in the pursuit of the bear whether or

not such person possesses a weapon or other means capable of reducing a bear to possession.

(b) "Pursuit" means the activity by a person or persons in concert designed or for the purpose of overtaking and reducing a bear to possession.

(8) "Bow" means any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

(9) "Crossbow" means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

(10) "Molest" means any activity which results in physical damage or destruction of an object.

(11) "Firearm season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: rifle, muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(12) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with either of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(13) For the purpose of hunting deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any smoothbore muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .45 caliber and any rifled muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .40 caliber, discharged from the shoulder.

(14) For the purpose of hunting wild animals other than deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any caliber of any muzzle-loading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

(15) "Daily bag" or "bag limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in one day.

(16) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in 2 days or more.

(17) "Water set" means any trap which is set or staked in such a manner as to permit the trap or trapped animal to reach water at any point.

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NR 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established for each species of wild animal and bird named herein extending during all the time of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates both inclusive. Such open season shall apply to all of the area described in each locality except as otherwise provided in Wis. Adm. Code chs. NR 11 and NR 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue, shoot, or trap any wild animal or bird at any time other than the open season and the established hunting hours therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the daily bag limit designated for each species, nor have any such protected wild animal or bird in his possession or under his control in excess of the possession limit. Whenever open and closed seasons are defined

E—all that part of the state lying between 91°-00' and 92°-00' long.
 F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°-00' longitude.

(b) The hunting hours for small game in Zone A are listed in the following table in (e). Hunting hours in Zone B are established by adding 4 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A for each day; for Zone C by adding 8 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone D by adding 12 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone E by adding 16 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; and for Zone F by adding 20 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A.

(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 s. NR 10.25, Wis. Adm. Code. There are no hunting hour restrictions for 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.

(d) The hunting hours for migratory game birds shall be the same as those established for small game hunting.

(e) General Hunting Hours C.S.T.

	September		October		November		December		January		February	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	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	6:37	4:11	6:57	4:22	6:37	5:02
3.....	4:45	6:24	5:20	5:28	6:00	4:37	6:39	4:11	6:57	4:23	6:35	5:04
4.....	4:46	6:22	5:21	5:28	6:01	4:36	6:40	4:11	6:57	4:24	6:34	5:06
5.....	4:47	6:20	5:22	5:24	6:03	4:34	6:41	4:11	6:57	4:25	6:33	5:08
6.....	4:48	6:18	5:24	5:22	6:04	4:33	6:42	4:10	6:57	4:26	6:32	5:10
7.....	4:49	6:16	5:25	5:21	6:05	4:32	6:43	4:10	6:57	4:27	6:31	5:11
8.....	4:50	6:15	5:26	5:19	6:07	4:31	6:44	4:10	6:56	4:28	6:30	5:12
9.....	4:52	6:13	5:27	5:17	6:08	4:29	6:45	4:10	6:56	4:29	6:29	5:14
10.....	4:53	6:11	5:29	5:15	6:10	4:28	6:46	4:10	6:56	4:30	6:28	5:16
11.....	4:54	6:09	5:30	5:13	6:11	4:27	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:31	6:26	5:17
12.....	4:55	6:07	5:31	5:12	6:12	4:26	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:32	6:25	5:18
13.....	4:56	6:05	5:32	5:10	6:14	4:25	6:48	4:10	6:55	4:34	6:24	5:19
14.....	4:57	6:03	5:34	5:08	6:15	4:24	6:49	4:11	6:54	4:35	6:22	5:21
15.....	4:59	6:01	5:35	5:06	6:16	4:23	6:50	4:11	6:54	4:36	6:21	5:23
16.....	5:00	6:00	5:36	5:05	6:18	4:22	6:50	4:11	6:53	4:37	6:20	5:24
17.....	5:01	5:58	5:38	5:03	6:19	4:21	6:51	4:11	6:53	4:39	6:18	5:25
18.....	5:02	5:56	5:39	5:01	6:20	4:20	6:52	4:12	6:52	4:40	6:16	5:27
19.....	5:03	5:54	5:40	5:00	6:22	4:19	6:52	4:12	6:51	4:41	6:15	5:28
20.....	5:04	5:52	5:41	4:58	6:23	4:18	6:53	4:13	6:51	4:42	6:13	5:29
21.....	5:06	5:50	5:43	4:56	6:24	4:18	6:54	4:13	6:50	4:44	6:12	5:30
22.....	5:07	5:48	5:44	4:55	6:25	4:17	6:54	4:13	6:49	4:45	6:10	5:32
23.....	5:08	5:46	5:45	4:53	6:27	4:16	6:55	4:14	6:48	4:46	6:09	5:33
24.....	5:09	5:45	5:47	4:52	6:28	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:47	4:48	6:08	5:34
25.....	5:10	5:43	5:48	4:50	6:29	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:46	4:49	6:06	5:35
26.....	5:12	5:41	5:49	4:49	6:30	4:14	6:56	4:16	6:46	4:51	6:04	5:37
27.....	5:13	5:39	5:51	4:47	6:32	4:14	6:56	4:17	6:45	4:52	6:02	5:38
28.....	5:14	5:37	5:52	4:46	6:33	4:13	6:56	4:17	6:44	4:53	6:01	5:39
29.....	5:15	5:35	5:53	4:44	6:34	4:13	6:57	4:18	6:43	4:55		
30.....	5:16	5:33	5:55	4:43	6:35	4:12	6:57	4:19	6:42	4:56		
31.....			5:56	4:41			6:57	4:20	6:40	4:58		

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear during the open season on any day during the open season before the time listed in the a.m. column, and after the time listed in the p.m. column in the following table:

HUNTING HOURS Big Game

Period	C.S.T.	
	A.M.	P.M.
September 1-17.....	5:00	6:15
September 18-October 1.....	5:15	6:00
October 2-9.....	5:30	5:45
October 10-16.....	5:30	5:30
October 17-25.....	5:45	5:15
October 26-November 6.....	6:00	5:00
November 7 through the day before the gun deer season.....	6:15	4:45
First day of gun deer season through December 31.....	6:30	4:30

History: 1-2-56; am. (2); cr. (2m), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (2m), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), (2m) and (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59, am. (2), cr. (2m) Register, Sept. 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. (2) and r. (2m), Register, September 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; am. (2), cr. (2m), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; r. and recr. (2) and (2m), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (3), emerg. eff. 9-5-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. cr. (2); cr. (4) Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; r. and recr. (2) and (3), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.06; r. (4), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (3), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (2), (3), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (3), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (2) (d) (eff. 6-1-76), am. (2) (c), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (2) (d) and (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (2) (c) and (e), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

NR 10.07 General hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

(a) *Aircraft.* Hunt with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive wild animals for hunters on the ground.

(b) *Devices.* 1. Place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare wild animals.

2. Use or possess any snare, trap or device designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(d) *Molesting.* Molest the nest or den of any squirrel.

(e) *Ferret.* Use or possess any ferret while hunting.

(f) *Retrieval.* Fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all wild animals killed or crippled; and until such effort is made, such wild animals shall be included in the daily bag.

(g) *Baiting.* 1. Place, use or hunt over bait contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood or other nondegradable materials.

2. Use any bait material for attracting wild animals other than apples, pastry or liquid scent. Such apples and pastry shall be confined to a hole in the ground measuring no more than 2 feet square.

3. Place or hunt over bait or liquid scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

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4. Exception: This subsection does not prohibit hunting over bait materials deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.

(h) *Salt*. Hunt by the use or aid of salt.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; cr. (8), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; am. (1), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.07; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (a), r. and recr. (3) and cr. (9) (a) and (b), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3) (a) and (b) and (9) (b), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), (2) (b), and (9) (a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (9) (b), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (9), eff. 8-2-74; r. and recr. (9), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (3) (a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (7) (a), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; cr. (10), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; renum. (1) to be (1) (a), cr. (1) (b), r. (3) (a) to (c), renum. (3) (d) to be (3) and am. (9), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; renum. (1) (b) to be (1) (c) and am., am. (3) and r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78, renum. (1) (c) to be 10.001 (8) and (9) am. (8), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. (1) (c), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

NR 10.09 Guns and ammunition. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

(a) *Shotshells*. 1. Slugs or balls. Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun season for deer or bear.

2. Size. Possess or have in control, while hunting, shells containing shot larger than no. BB during the period beginning June 1 through December 31.

3. Game bird hunting. Hunt any game bird with a rifle or shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than no. BB.

(b) *Incendiary shells*. Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, or incendiary shells or cartridges. Distress flares are exempt from this section.

(c) *Guns*. 1. Type. Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow or by falconry.

2. Deer or bear hunting. Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire rifle, 5 mm rim-fire rifle, .17 caliber center-fire rifle or .410 bore shotgun.

3. Exceptions. a. Handguns and pellet guns. .22 rim-fire handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions as .22 rim-fire rifles.

b. Muzzle-loaders. Muzzle-loaders may be used for hunting as defined in NR 10.001 (13) and (14).

c. Disabled person. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals qualified under permit issued pursuant to s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

4. Possession. Possess any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in areas wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.

(2) **SPECIAL ONE-DAY RESTRICTION.** During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with guns, no person shall possess a gun wherein there is an open season for deer with guns unless the gun is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions:

- (a) Target shooting at established ranges.
- (b) Hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves.
- (c) Hunting migratory game birds during the open season.

History: 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (6), (6), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am (4) and (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (4), (5), (6), and r. (7), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. (1); am. (3); r. and recr. (5), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; am. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr. (4), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

NR 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall hunt deer or bear by any of the following methods:

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear in that portion of the state lying northerly of a line beginning with U.S. highway 8 on the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along highway 27 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along highway 13 to its junction with U.S. highway 8, thence easterly along highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 45, thence southerly along highway 45 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to the eastern boundary of the state during the seasons established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., Wis. Adm. Code.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8-2-74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-76; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. (1) (a), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

NR 10.101 Bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

- (a) *Denned bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.
- (b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill.

(2) **DOG PERMIT. (a) Permit requirement.** No person may use a dog to hunt bear without being in possession of a bear-dog permit and valid state hunting license.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* 1. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit an application containing false information.

(c) *Permit issuance procedures.* 1. Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

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2. Permits are not transferable and shall not be altered or defaced.
3. Permits are valid only during the season of issuance.
4. Duplicate permits may be issued to replace lost or destroyed permits.

(3) **DOG USE RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Identification.* No person shall hunt or pursue bear with any dog unless such dog is tattooed or wears a collar with the owner's name and address attached.

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing bear is prohibited except during the period of July 10 through August 20.

(c) *Pack size.* No person or persons shall hunt bear with the aid of more than 6 dogs in a single pack, regardless of the ownership of the dogs.

(d) *Dog replacement.* Until the maximum of 6 dogs are released in pursuit of a bear, dogs may be added to the pack. However, no dogs engaged in the pursuit of such bear may be replaced by another dog.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; cr. (1) (b) 5., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and rec. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80.

NR 10.102 Shining deer. **History:** Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

NR 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting. (1) (a) Immediately upon killing a deer, any person having killed a deer with a bow and arrow shall completely attach, seal and tie to the gambrel of either hind leg thereof, the deer carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive and string.

(b) Immediately upon tagging, the issued deer carcass tag shall be validated by cutting out notches on the tag designating the month, day, time of kill and sex of the animal. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner renders possession of the deer carcass illegal and the tag invalid.

(2) Any deer or bear killed during the open season for hunting deer or bear with bow and arrow showing evidence that it was shot with a fire-arm shall be an illegal game animal and it shall be unlawful for any person to have such animal in possession.

(3) No person shall use or have in their possession or under their control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any crossbow as defined in this chapter. Arrows used for hunting deer or bear shall have well-sharpened metal broad-head blades not less than seven-eighths of an inch in width, and not more than one and one-half inches in width.

(4) No person shall hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

(5) No person may possess a bow while in, on, or traversing areas inhabited by deer during the open season for hunting deer from one-half hour after the close of hunting hours established in Wis. Adm. Code s. NR 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before opening of hunting hours unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

History: 1-2-66; r. (1); am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3) and cr. (5), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff.

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9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.11, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; cr. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

NR 10.115 Deer hunting party permit. (2) Permit, tag and arm band. It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit unless such member is in possession of the deer tag and permit and is wearing the arm band on the sleeve of the outermost garment.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit except in the specified quota area for which such permit is issued.

(4) Permit issuance. Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party must accompany the application.

(5) First preference for permits shall be given to residents who applied for but were not issued permits in the preceding year. An application for first preference must include validated application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party from the preceding year along with application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party for the current year. Validation of application stubs from the preceding year shall consist of stamping with the department seal. First preference application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(6) Second preference for permits shall be given to all other residents duly applying by applications postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(7) Validation of applications will be made by random selections from all eligible applications received for each quota area.

(8) All permits remaining unissued for any designated quota area after all applications filed pursuant to subs. (5) and (6) have been processed may be issued by the department on a first-come, first-served basis to deer hunting parties duly applying therefor.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; r. (1), (2) and (3) and recr. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (1), (2), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; emergency rule cr. (7), eff. 10-17-64; am. (1), (5) and (6); cr. (7), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) and (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; emerg. am. (5), eff. 9-1-67; am. (5) and (6) Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; am. (1), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.116, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; cr. (5) and (8), r. and recr. (6) and (7), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (6), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. (1), (2) and (4), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

NR 10.116 Deer hunting hunter's choice permit. (1) FINDING. The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer in the amount established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9.e. is necessary to properly manage the deer herd in the state.

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(2) **APPLICATION AND PERMIT ISSUANCE.** Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October. Validation of applications will be made by random selection from all eligible applications received for each quota area. No person shall submit more than one application.

(3) **PERMIT VALIDATION.** Two validation decals numbered to correspond with the permit are issued to each successful applicant. Validation shall consist of affixing a decal to the permit holder's valid Wisconsin deer hunting license and corresponding back tag. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

(4) **PERMIT AUTHORITY.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt antlerless deer in a quota area unless in possession of a hunter's choice permit, hunting license and back tag validated for that quota area.

(5) **BAG LIMIT.** Such permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current Wisconsin deer hunting license and tag for one deer of any age or sex in the quota area designated on the permit.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

NR 10.12 Migratory game bird hunting. (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall hunt any migratory game bird by any of the following methods:

(a) *Sinkbox.* From or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(b) *Boats.* From any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(c) *Structures.* From any pier, dam, dock or similar structure.

(d) *Rallying.* By the use or aid of any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance used for the purpose of or resulting in stirring up, driving or rallying.

(e) *Bird calls.* By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof.

(f) *Live decoys.* By using directly or indirectly any live ducks or live geese for decoy purposes regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter.

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