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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

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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, shotgun or handgun for deer hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c..

(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.

(18) "Water" in non-toxic shot zones means lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, rivers, streams, and drainage ditches except for temporary sheet water. All county boundary waters and lakes partially within a non-toxic shot zone are totally included except the open water of Green Bay and Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin river outside Columbia county.

(19) "Non-toxic shot" means steel shot.

(20) "Goose zones and areas" means those established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (i) through (t).

(22) "Unforked antler" means a polished antler consisting of a single spike without branches or tines.

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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 chs. NR 11 and 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 by highways, the boundary shall be the center line of the highway except as otherwise provided.

(1) MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) <i>Canvasback duck</i>	The following lakes including a strip of land 100 yards wide adjacent to the shorelines thereof: Lakes Winneconne and Butte des Morts in Winnebago county including the connecting waters thereof, Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara counties, and all that part of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway and extending southerly from Prescott in Pierce county to the state line.	None	None	None
(d) <i>Coot and gallinules</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	15	30
(e) <i>Sora and Virginia rails</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	25	25
(f) 1. <i>Common snipe (jacksnipe)</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the opening season for ducks as established in par. (b)	8	16

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
2. Woodcock	Entire state	September 13 through November 16	5	10

Note: Migratory bird rules, including seasons, limits, hours and areas where authorized, are established by emergency rule procedure in September of each year. The emergency rules will be published in their entirety in the official state newspaper and published in summary form in the current year migratory bird regulation pamphlet. Copies of the emergency rules may be obtained by contacting: State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

(h) The daily bag limit on Canada geese statewide is not more than that permitted in any one zone within the state and no person may possess or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily limit, whichever applies, or migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either the person's personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or a commercial preservation facility.

(i) The following described area is established as the Horicon Intensive Management Zone:

All that part of the counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac enclosed by a line beginning at the junction of state highway 26, with the east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, thence eastward along said center line and continuing eastward along the east-west center of sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 in township 12 north, range 16 east to its junction with county highway TW, thence north and east on said highway TW to its junction with county highway Y, thence northerly on said highway Y to its junction with county highway YY, thence northerly on said highway YY to its junction with county highway Y, thence northerly on said highway Y to its junction with county highway B, thence southwesterly on said highway B to its junction with county highway D, thence westerly on said highway D to its junction with highway AS, thence westerly on said highway AS to its junction with U.S. highway 151, thence southwesterly on said highway 151 to its junction with the C.M.St.P. and Pacific railroad, thence southerly along said C.M.St.P. & Pacific railroad to its junction with state highway 26, thence north on said highway 26 to its junction with the east-west centerline of sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, which is the point of beginning.

(j) The following described area is established as the Horicon zone: All that part of the counties of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Washington and Dodge enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 175 and state highway 23 in Fond du Lac county, then southerly on state highway 175 to its intersection with state highway 33, then westerly on state highway 33 to the city of Beaver Dam, then northerly on state highway 33 to its intersection with county highway A, then northerly on county highway A to its intersection with county highway S, then easterly on county highway S and continuing easterly on county highway AS to its intersection with county highway E, then northerly on county highway E to its intersection with state highway 23, then easterly on state highway 23 to the point of beginning.

(k) The following described area is established as the Central zone: