

Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(ss. 29.085 and 29.174, Stats.)

NR 10.001 **Definitions.** (1) "Antlerless deer" means any deer without antlers or with an antler less than 3 inches in length.

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

(3) "Bearded turkey" means a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast.

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

(5) "Buck deer" means any deer with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.

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

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

(8) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(9) For the purposes of ss. 29.224 (2), 29.56, 29.565 (2), 29.57 (4) and 350.06, Stats., "enclosed within a carrying case" for firearms means completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed.

Note: Subsection (9) does not remove the requirement of ss. 29.224 and 350.06, Stats., to enclose bows or crossbows in carrying cases. The rule does not apply to bows or crossbows only because the natural resources board recognizes that certain designed bow cases may allow portions of the bow, for instance the handle, to be exposed and yet still render the bow inoperable.

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(10) "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..

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

(12) 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.

(13) "Liquid" means a substance, neither solid or gaseous, that flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70°F.

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

(15) "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)).

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

(17) 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.

(18) 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.

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

(20) "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.

(21) "Permanent abode" means a person's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place as distinguished from a temporary abode.

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

(23) "Preservation facility" means any permanent abode, cold storage facility, locker plant, taxidermy establishment, hunting club or place of business which receives or possesses any game belonging to another person for the purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

(24) "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.

(25) "Sight exposed bait" means any bait which can be seen from above the bait.

(26) "Temporary abode" means a transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any clubhouse, cabin, tent, or trailer used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or roominghouse used during a hunting trip.

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

(28) "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.

(29) "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.

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

History: Cr. Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; cr. (2), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; cr. (3) to (5), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; cr. (6) and (7), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; renum. 10.07 (1) (c) to be (8) and (9), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; cr. (10) to (16), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; cr. (17), Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; emerg. cr. (18), eff. 9-12-81; cr. (18), (19) and (20), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82; am. (11), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (22), Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82; cr. (21), Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; cr. (23), Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; cr. (24), Register, May, 1983, No. 329, eff. 6-1-83; cr. (25), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; cr. (26) and (27), Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11-1-84; am. (23), Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4-1-85; renum. (1), (3) to (18), (20) to (27) to be (8), (20), (30), (15), (14), (12), (4), (6), (16), (10), (24), (17), (18), (7), (22), (29), (28), (11), (9), (27), (3), (25), (13), (5) and (1) and r. and recr. (7) and (22), cr. (21), (23) and (26), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

NR 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established year-round for each species of wild animal named in this section, except during the specified open season. Seasons open to legal hunting and trapping apply to the entire locality described, except as otherwise provided in chs. NR 11 and 15. Whenever open and closed season areas are defined by highways, the boundary shall be the highway center line.

(1) MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) <i>Canvasback duck</i>	All that part of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway and extending north from lock and dam 9 in Crawford county to the center line of the Chippewa river	None	None	None
(b) <i>All species of wild duck except as provided in par. (a)</i>	1. Entire state	As established by zone	The daily bag limit is reached when the last bird taken plus the total value of birds already taken during that day equals or exceeds 100 points	Double the daily bag limit through the entire open season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit
	2. North zone - All that part of Wisconsin lying north of a line beginning at the junction of the center line of the western state boundary on the Mississippi river and the center line of the Chippewa river, then north on the center line of the Chippewa river to its junction with state highway 35, then east on state highway 35 to its junction with highway 25, then north on highway 25 to its junction with U.S. highway 10, then east on U.S. highway 10 to its junction with the Manitowoc harbor in the city of Manitowoc, then east to the eastern state boundary in Lake Michigan	Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13	Point values - 100 points: canvasback, black duck and hen mallard 70 points: red-head, wood duck, hooded merganser and drake mallard 35 points: ring-neck, ruddy duck, goldeneye, buffle-head, pintail, and all other ducks not specifically listed 20 points: scaup, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, wigeon, gadwall, shoveler, and all other mergansers	
		Oct. 14 - Nov. 13	Point values - 100 points: canvasback, hen mallard and black duck 70 points: redhead, wood duck	

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
	Beginning on the Saturday immediately following the close of the gun deer season through December 31	One deer per season, either sex, except on Chambers island in Door county where the limit shall be one buck deer with an unforked antler or one antlerless deer.
(f) Fox, all species		
1. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31	None
2. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31	None
(g) Bear		
1. 'Firearm season' — In all counties of the state	None	None
2. 'Bow and arrow season' — In all counties of the state	None	None
(h) Coyote		
1. 'Hunting' — In all counties of the state	All year	None
2. 'Trapping'		
a. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31	None
b. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31	None
(4) Furbearing animals		
(a) Muskrat and mink		
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through December 31	None
2. 'Central zone' — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64 and north of the line beginning at the junction of U.S. highway 18 with the western boundary of the state, then east along highway 18 to its junction with U.S. highway 51, then north along highway 51 to its junction with state highway 60, then east along highway 60 to its junction with Ozaukee county highway "Q" extended east to Lake Michigan except as described in subd. 3	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through December 31	None
3. 'Winnebago zone' — All that part of Dodge county lying north of state highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through March 15	None

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| 4. 'Mississippi River zone' — All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway | Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b)1. and continuing through January 15 | None |
| 5. 'South zone' — All other parts of the state | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through December 31 | None |

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

Kind of animal and locality	Special season (all dates inclusive)	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) Beaver			
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64			
a. Intensive management zones published annually by the department	Concurrent with the open season for muskrat as established in par. (a) and continuing through April 30		None
b. All of the north zone		Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through March 31	None
2. 'South zone' — All that part of Wisconsin lying south of state highway 64			
a. Intensive management zones published annually by the department	Concurrent with the open season for muskrat as established in par. (a) and continuing through April 30		None
b. All of the south zone		Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	None
(d) Otter			
1. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	2 per season by permit	
2. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	One per season by permit	

3. **Exhibition required.** Each person who has trapped an otter shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized department representative in the county in which the animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but Register, January, 1986, No. 361

within the area open to otter trapping, no later than 5 days after the close of the otter season.

4. Registration. The department representative shall inspect the pelt, attach and lock a registration tag to the head of all lawfully taken and possessed otter.

5. Possession and transfer restrictions. No person may: a. Take more than a total combined season bag limit of 2 otter.

b. Possess raw otter pelts beginning 6 days after the close of the otter season to the opening date of the following otter season without a registration tag attached to the head of the otter and locked.

c. Transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any otter pelt without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(dm) Fisher (trapping)		
1. Management zone A - Units 2, 3, 5 and 9 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
2. Management zone B - Units 7, 20, 28, 29A, 29B, 30 and 34 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
3. Management zone C - Units 38, 40, 42, 43 and 44 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
4. Remainder of the state - In all other parts of the state including the closed areas described in s. NR 11.10	None	None

(e) *Recording of fisher and otter.* 1. Tagging and permits. a. No person may trap or attempt to trap any fisher or otter unless having first applied for and received from the department a trapping permit and tag or tags authorizing such trapping.

b. Applications for permits and tags shall be received by the department no later than the first Friday in October each year.

c. If the number of applications for fisher permits exceeds the number available in subd. 2, successful applicants shall be determined by random selection.

d. The trapper shall attach the permit to his or her trapping license before trapping any fisher or otter.

e. Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current trapping license and show the applicant's name and tag numbers.

f. No person may apply for more than one fisher permit or one otter permit.

2. Permit quota. The department shall issue the following numbers of permits for the 1985 fisher trapping season:

a. Management zone A - 100.

b. Management zone B - 125.

c. Management zone C - 75.

3. Tagging procedure. a. Each person shall immediately upon possessing a fisher or an otter, attach and lock 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 may have a fisher or an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping the animal attaches the tag as required by this subdivision.

c. The tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.

4. Fisher exhibition. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, each person who has trapped a fisher shall exhibit the pelt separated from the carcass along with the carcass to an authorized department representative in the management unit in which the animal was trapped, or in an adjoining unit, no later than 5 days after the close of the fisher season. The fisher carcass shall be retained by the department.

5. Otter exhibition. Each person who has trapped an otter shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized department representative in the county in which the animal was trapped, or in an adjoining county, but within the area open to otter trapping, no later than 5 days after the close of the otter season.

6. Registration. The department shall inspect the pelt, attach and lock a registration tag to the head of all lawfully taken and possessed fisher and otter.

7. Possession and transfer restrictions. No person may: a. Possess raw fisher or otter pelts later than 5 days after the close of the fisher and otter seasons to the opening date of the following fisher and otter seasons without a registration tag attached and locked to the head of the animal.

b. Transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any fisher or otter pelt without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of the pelt.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3) (g), Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; r. and recr. (intro.), (1) (n), (2) (b), (3) (d) 2. c. and (3) (e) 7., am. (2) (f) 1. and 2., (3) (e) 2. intro. and d. and 9. e., Register September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (g) 1.a, cr. (1) (g) 1. am., eff. 10-19-85; r. and recr. (4) (a) 4., am. (2) (f), Register, January, 1986, No. 361, eff. 2-1-86, except (4) (a) 4. eff. 3-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3., am. (1) (u) 1., Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86.

Note: For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 1-2-56 through 11-30-73 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in November 1973, Register. For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 11-30-73 through 7-31-85 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in the July, 1985 Register.

barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed. Handguns used for deer hunting are restricted to areas open to a firearm season. Hunters using such handguns may not possess any other gun while hunting deer.

Note: Persons under the age of 18 years, pursuant to s. 941.22, Stats., may not hunt with handguns. Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.224, Stats., respecting transportation. This rule only authorizes hunting deer with handguns in areas open to rifle hunting during the deer gun season.

d. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals issued a permit under s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

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. 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.
- (3) BOWS AND ARROWS. No person may:

(a) *Possession of strung bow.* 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 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.

(b) *Special restrictions.* Use, possess or have under control while hunting, any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips or any crossbow.

(c) *Arrow standards.* Use, possess or have under control while deer or bear hunting, any arrow with a metal broad-head blade less than seven-eighths of an inch in width. Such broad-head blades must be well-sharpened.

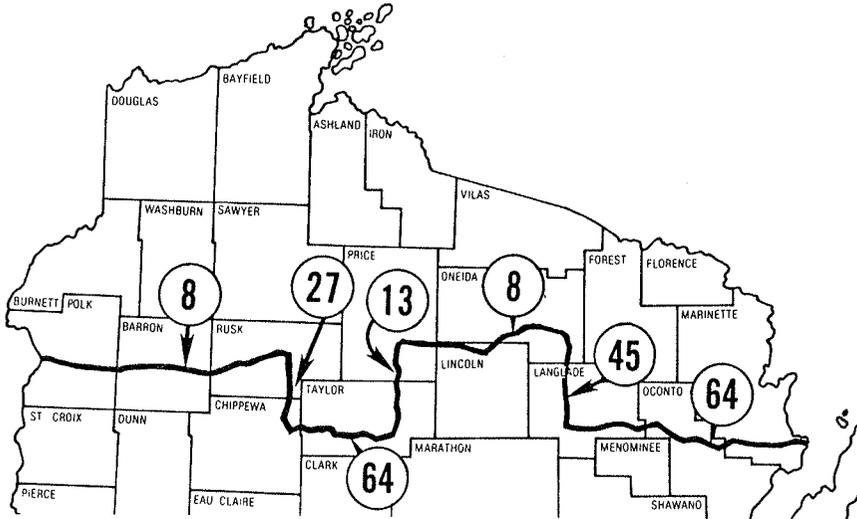
(d) *Bow size.* Hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

History: 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (5), (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; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (1) (c)2, and 3. and (3), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; am. (1) (a) 2. and (c) 1. a., Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

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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 during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 1. in that portion of the state north of the highways shown in the following map:



(2) **ILLEGAL GAME.** Any deer killed during the open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow showing evidence that it was shot with a firearm shall be an illegal game animal and no person may have such animal in possession.

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. 1-1-75; 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; (2) renum. from NR 10.11 (2), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84; am. (2), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

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

(a) *Dennded bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.

(b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill.

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(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.

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 wild bear is prohibited except July 10 through August 31.

Note: Bear dog trials and training are regulated by ch. NR 17.

(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 recr. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (b), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85.

NR 10.102 Deer hunting. (1) **TAGS.** A one-piece back and carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license and shall remain intact until the hunter kills a deer.

(2) **VALIDATION.** Any person who kills a deer shall immediately separate the issued carcass tag from the back tag and validate the carcass tag by slitting the mark designating the month, day, time of kill and type of deer. Failure to completely validate the carcass tag renders possession of the deer illegal and the carcass tag invalid.

Note: The carcass tag attachment procedures are also provided in s. 29.40 (2), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; r. and recr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

NR 10.103 Transportation of deer. It shall be unlawful for any person to transport any deer in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such deer is killed to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to s. NR 10.104 unless the deer is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the

deer tag attached to the deer cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; renun. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., renun. to be NR 10.103, Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84.

NR 10.104 Recording deer and bear. (1) **GUN SEASONS.** (a) *Exhibition and registration.* Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open seasons for hunting such animals with guns shall exhibit such deer with the deer tag attached as required by s. 29.40 (1), Stats., or such bear to an authorized registration station as follows:

1. Regular license deer shall be registered within the open season zone in which such deer was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season.

2. Party permit deer or antlerless deer taken under the authority of a hunter's choice permit shall be registered within the quota area in which such deer was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season. Exception: Deer taken under a deer party permit or antlerless deer taken under a hunter's choice permit may be transported on federal or state highways directly to the nearest authorized registration station in an adjoining quota area.

3. Any deer taken on any of the islands in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in Ashland and Bayfield counties shall be exhibited and tagged pursuant to sub. (1) at the registration station in the city of Bayfield.

4. Bear shall be registered within the season zone in which such bear was killed not later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

5. Such deer or bear shall be wholly intact except that they may be field dressed.

6. Such animal or part thereof shall not be removed from the area specified in par. (a) unless it has been exhibited, registered and tagged.

(b) *Registration tagging.* Upon verification of license information, the station operator shall attach and lock a registration tag to the bear or part thereof. For deer, the operator shall:

1. Complete and retain the registration portion of the hunter's license; and

2. Attach and lock a registration tag to the deer or part thereof through the carcass tag.

(2) **BOW AND ARROW SEASONS.** Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open season for hunting such animals with bow and arrow only shall exhibit and register such bear and deer as provided in sub. (1), except that the carcass shall be exhibited within the county or adjoining county where killed by 5:00 p.m. of the day after the animal was killed.

History: Cr. (1) (b), (1) (a) and (2) renun. from NR 10.20 (1) (a) and (2), (1) (a)6. renun. from NR 10.20 (1) (b)2., Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83.

NR 10.115 Deer hunting permits. (1) **FINDING.** The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer is necessary to reduce the Register, September, 1985, No. 357

deer herd to the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e. and properly manage the deer herd in the state.

(2) APPLICATION PROCEDURE. Permits shall be in accordance with ss. 29.107 and 29.108, Stats., issued to any person in possession of a valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license applying in the following manner:

(a) No person may submit more than one application.

(b) Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant.

(c) Applications shall be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(3) PERMIT ISSUANCE. Upon receipt of proper application, the department shall issue permits in the following manner:

(a) *Initial permit.* Successful applicants for hunter's choice or antlerless permits shall be determined by random selection from all eligible applications received for each deer management unit. Permits remaining unissued for any deer management unit after all initial applications have been processed may be issued by the department on a first-come, first-served basis, in accordance with any statutorily established landowner preference permit issuance system, or as established by par. (b).

(b) *Second permit.* If the number of hunters choice or antlerless permits in any management unit exceeds the number of applications for such permits, the department may issue the remaining permits available for that unit as antlerless deer hunting permits only to its successful initial deer hunting permit applicants. Permittees to be issued the second permit shall be randomly selected in accordance with any statutorily established landowner preference permit issuance system.

(4) PERMIT VALIDATION. Validation decals numbered to correspond with the permit shall be issued to each successful applicant. The permit holder shall affix a validation decal to his or her current deer registration stub and corresponding back tag immediately upon receipt.

(5) PERMIT AUTHORITY. No person may hunt antlerless deer in deer management units described as such in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) unless he or she possesses a current validated deer hunting permit.

(6) BAG LIMIT. Each issued deer hunting permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current valid Wisconsin deer hunting license, back tag and carcass tag for the killing of one deer in the deer management unit designated on the permit as follows:

(a) Hunter's choice deer hunting permit - Valid for the taking of one deer of either sex or age, except on Chambers Island in Door County where the bag limit shall be one antlerless deer or one buck deer with a forked antler as indicated on the permit.

(b) Antlerless deer hunting permit - Valid for the taking of one antlerless deer only.

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)

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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 10.115, 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; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 9-30-83; r. and recr., Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11-1-83; r. and recr. (2) to (6), Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11-1-84; am. (1), (3) (a) and (5), r. and recr. (3) (b) and (6), r. (3) (c), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

NR 10.116 Deer hunting hunter's choice permit. History: Cr. Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; am. (5), Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82; am. (5), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85, r. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

NR 10.117 Deer season modification. (1) **POWERS.** The secretary of the department may, upon making the findings in sub. (2), extend the gun deer season for any deer management unit or any group of deer management units to reduce or maintain the deer population to the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e.

(2) **FINDING.** The secretary shall, prior to exercising powers under sub. (1), find:

(a) It is unlikely the deer population for the deer management unit will be reduced to or maintained at the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e. during the established gun deer season. A minimum of 2 days of the gun deer season have been completed and the harvest data available has been reviewed and considered by the department;

(b) It is likely that a failure to reduce the deer population to the overwinter population goals in the unit will result in increased deer damage to commercial seedings or crops on agricultural lands, nurseries or orchards or a waste of the resource.

(3) **NOTICE.** Modification by the secretary under sub. (1) shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper. In addition, a copy of the order shall be provided to newspapers in the area affected and to all legislators.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

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 those propelled by paddle, oar or pole. When motors or sails are attached to the boat, the motor shall be completely shut off and the sail furled, and the boat's progress stopped before a firearm may be loaded.

(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.

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