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Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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Note: Corrections made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, June, 1999, No. 522.

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

(1h) "Accompanied by", for the purposes of s. 29.304, Stats., means within sight and voice contact, without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(1k) For the purpose of s. 29.184 (3) (a), (bg) and (br), Stats., "activity" includes but is not limited to the use of electronic communications, telemetry devices, checking bear baits, supplying or handling dogs to track or trail bear, possession of dog handling equipment, possession of baiting equipment, dragging roads, checking for bear tracks, transporting hounds, equipment and other persons engaged in locating bear.

(1L) "Adult bear", means a bear measuring 42 inches or greater measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail.

(1m) "Assisting", for the purpose of bear hunting, means helping a bear harvest permittee hunt a bear by handling dogs, tracking, trailing or locating the bear, or otherwise aiding while with the permittee or baiting.

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

(3) "Bear eco−tourism" means the business of observing bear for compensation, but does not involve hunting.

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

(3m) "Black bear hunting zone" means a zone established in s. NR 10.30.

(3s) "Blind", for the purpose of goose hunting in zones established in s. NR 10.31, means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters.

(3t) "Bonus deer hunting permit" for purposes of s. 29.181, Stats., means any additional carcass tags issued under s. NR 10.117, any antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104 (6) (a) for gun deer season zone B as described in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e), and any antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104 (8) (c) and (d).

(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.

(5m) "Canada goose management zones and subzones" means those established in s. NR 10.31.

(5p) "Capable of drowning" means a set designed to allow the trapped animal to travel to water of sufficient depth to cause drowning. Slide wires or poles, locking devices, slip chains, weighted traps and traps staked in deep water are commonly used in drowning sets.

(5r) "Class A permit" means a permit as defined in s. 29.193 (2) (c) 1., Stats.

(5t) "Class C permit" means a permit issued to the visually handicapped as defined in s. 29.193 (2) (a) 5., Stats.

(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.

(6m) "Current validated deer carcass tag", for purposes of s. 29.347 (2), Stats., means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 10.103 (2).

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

(7m) "Deer management unit" means a zone established in s. NR 10.28.

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

(9) For the purposes of s. 29.314 (3) (b) 3. and (5) (b) 1., Stats., "educational purposes" means observing or studying bear in conjunction with a college or university or in conjunction with bear eco−tourism.

(9b) "Enclosed trigger trap" means any trap with a pull−activated trigger, inside an enclosure, and recessed 1 1/4 inches or more, from an opening that is no greater than 1 3/4 inches in diameter.

(9c) For the purposes of ss. 29.091, 29.089 (2), 29.621 (4), 29.861 (2) and 167.31, 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. 29.089 and 167.31, 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.

(9e) "Established range" means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.

(9m) For the purpose of administering the Canada goose hunting permit system, "Exterior goose management zone" or the "Exterior zone" means all that part of the state outside of the Collins and Horicon goose management zones described in s. NR 10.31, and includes the Mississippi River, Brown County, Burnett County, New Auburn and Rock Prairie subzones which shall be treated as separate management subzones for other purposes.

(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 or bear hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c.

(10m) "Fully automatic firearm" means any firearm which continues to fire or is manufactured to continue to fire as long as the trigger is depressed.

Note: This definition does not include a semi−automatic firearm which fires a single shot with each pull of the trigger, then ejects the spent cartridge case and reloads without effort on the part of the shooter.

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

(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. Muzzle−loading handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the breech face.

(19) "Nontoxic shot" means steel shot and copper, nickel, zinc chloride and zinc chromate plated steel shot with the plating not exceeding .0002 inches or 1% or less of shot by weight, or other shot approved by the U.S. fish and wildlife service for waterfowl hunting in 50 CFR 20.21.

(19m) "Openly exposed" means to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

(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.

(23m) "Shotgun" means a smoothbore barrelled firearm designed to shoot pellets. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18″ in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer or bear if they fire a single projectile and are of the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20, 28.

(24) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms, as provided in s. NR 10.09, loaded with a single slug or ball:

(a) For hunting deer, muzzle−loader, shotgun and handgun; or

(b) For hunting other game, muzzle−loader or shotgun.

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

(25e) "Snare" means a non−spring activated noose used for catching furbearers.

(25m) "Tag authorized for use on the type of deer killed", for purposes of s. 29.347 (2), Stats., means a tag issued to the hunter killing the deer or an individual satisfying the provisions of s. 29.324, Stats., which, based on the approvals of the person tagging the deer, is valid for the type of deer killed.

(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 rooming house used during a hunting trip.

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

(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.

(31) "Wild turkey hunting zone" means a zone established in s. NR 10.29.

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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. No person may hunt, take, catch or kill any animal specified in this section except during the specified open season.

(1) MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS. See Table (1).

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Table (1)

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(b) *All species of wild duck*	Entire state	As established by zone	As established by season and zone	Double the daily bag limit through the entire season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit.
	Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon— Nov. 27	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one canvasback taken according to par. (d), one pintail, one black duck, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, and 3 scaup. In addition 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	
	Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon— Nov. 27	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one canvasback taken according to par. (d), one pintail, one black duck, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, and 3 scaup. In addition 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	
(c) *Coots and gallinules*	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	10	20
(d) *Canvasback*	Entire state	Oct. 20 — Nov. 8	1	2
(e) *Sora and Virginia rails*	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	25	25
(f) 1. Snipe	Entire state	Concurrent with the opening season for ducks as established in par. (b)	8	16
2. Woodcock	Entire state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest Sept. 22 and continuing for 45 consecutive days	3	6
(g) *Geese* 1. Canada geese and its subspecies	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subd. 1. e.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	c. Burnett county subzone	None	None	None
	e. Brown county subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subd. 1. c. and g. to k.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	g. Horicon zone	Four permit periods:		The possession limit is equivalent to the number of carcass tags issued.
		Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Oct. 21;	1	
		Oct. 1 —Nov. 4;	1	
		Oct. 13 — Nov. 16;	1	
		Nov. 3 — Dec. 19	1	
	h. Collins zone	Four permit periods:		The possession limit is equivalent to the number of carcass tags issued.
		Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Sept. 30	1	
		Oct. 1 — Oct. 14;	1	
		Oct. 15 — Oct. 28	1	
		Oct. 29 — Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 — Nov. 30	1	
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14	1	2
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 13 — Dec. 21	1	2
	L. Early goose hunt subzone A as established in s. NR 10.31 (11)	Sept. 1 — Sept. 15 excluding the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend	5	10

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Kind of animal		Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
		m. Early goose hunt subzone B as established in s. NR 10.31 (11), excluding the Burnett county subzone as described under s. NR 10.31 (1) (b).	Sept. 1 — Sept. 15 excluding the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend	3	6
		n. Early goose hunt subzone A as established in s. NR 10.31 (11)	September 15. Youth waterfowl hunting season as described under par. (v).	5	Double the daily bag limit.
		Early goose hunt subzone B as established in s. NR 10.31 (11)	September 15. Youth waterfowl hunting season as described under par. (v).	3	Double the daily bag limit.
		Entire state	September 16. Youth waterfowl hunting season as described under par. (v).	1	Double the daily bag limit.
2.	Snow or blue and Ross' geese	Entire state	As established by zone	10	20
		a. All that part of the exterior zone lying established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subd. 1. e.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		c. Burnett county subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		e. Brown county subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		f. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subd. 2. c. and g. to k.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		g. Horicon zone	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Dec. 19		
		h. Collins zone	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 — Nov. 30		
		i. Rock Prairie subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 13 — Dec. 21		
		n. Entire state	Youth waterfowl hunting season as described under par. (v).	10	Double the daily bag limit.
3.	All other geese and brant	Entire state	As established by zone	1 white−fronted goose and 1 brant	2 white−fronted geese and 2 brant
		b. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subd. 1. e.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		c. Burnett county subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		e. Brown county subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		f. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subd. 3. c. and g. to k.	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		g. Horicon zone	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Dec. 19		
		h. Collins zone	Sept. 17 — Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 — Nov. 30		
		i. Rock Prairie subzone	Oct. 6 — Dec. 14		
		k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 13 —Dec. 21		
		n. Entire state	Youth waterfowl hunting season as described under par. (v).	1 white−fronted goose and 1 brant	Double the daily bag limit.
(h)	Mourning dove	Entire state	Sept. 1— Oct. 30	15	30

(u) *Falconry special season.* Any person possessing a valid falconry permit and hunting license shall be restricted to the following migratory game bird seasons:

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Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
1. All species of wild ducks, mergansers and coots	North zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 15 — Sept. 16 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Nov. 27	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.
		Jan. 25 — Mar. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 15 — Sept. 16 and Sept. 29 at 12:00 noon — Nov. 27 and Jan. 25 — Mar. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2.
2. Gallinules, Sora rail, Virginia rail, common snipe, woodcock and mourning dove	Entire state	Sept. 1—Dec. 16	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1.	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1.

(v) *Special youth waterfowl hunt event.* Persons 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age who possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.591, Stats., or its equivalent from another state or province, may hunt all species of wild duck, mergansers, geese, coots and gallinules for 2 consecutive days starting on the 14th day before the opening of the regular duck season. Approvals under ch. 29, Stats., are not required pursuant to s. 29.197 (1), Stats., except for registration in the harvest information program under s. NR 10.12 (11) and a Canada goose hunting permit, if hunting Canada geese. Daily bag limits are those described under s. NR 10.01 (1) (b), (c), (d) and (g) and all other waterfowl hunting regulations apply. Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters.

(2) GAME BIRDS. See Table (2).

Table (2)

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) *Ruffed grouse*		
1. Zone A as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Zone B as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag 5; possession 10
3. Zone C as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 8.	Daily bag 2; possession 4
(b) *Sharp−tailed grouse*		
1. All deer management units as described in s. NR 10.28 for which a sharp−tailed grouse harvest quota has been established under s. NR 10.26.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing for 23 consecutive days.	One sharp−tailed grouse per carcass tag issued. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued
Note: Reporting cards are available at most DNR license outlets within the areas open to sharp−tailed grouse hunting.		
4. *Reporting requirements.* Each person possessing a sharp−tailed grouse hunt reporting card shall complete and submit the reporting card to the department within 5 days after the close of the season.		
(c) *Pheasants*		
1. Cocks only		
a. In all counties of the state except the properties specified in subd. 2., subpar. b and s. NR 10.24.	Early season—Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 2 consecutive days	Daily bag 1; possession 2
	Late season—Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing through December 31	Daily bag 2; possession 4
2. Cocks and hens—Within the following named properties as posted with department signs:	Same as in subd. 1. a.	Same as in subd. 1. a.
a. Avoca (Iowa county) b. Blackhawk (Iowa county) c. Scuppernong (Waukesha county) d. Little Scarboro and Kewaunee (Kewaunee county) e. Pine River (Richland county) f. Vernon (Waukesha county) g. Blue River unit of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (Grant county) h. La Farge (Vernon county) i. Kettle Moraine state forest (Waukesha county) j. Tom Lawin wildlife area (Chippewa county)		
3. Permit and tag requirement. No person may hunt cock or hen pheasants within the posted areas established in subd. 2. without possessing a current pheasant hunting permit decal, pheasant tags and valid Wisconsin hunting license. Permits and tags are valid only for the year of issue.		
4. Permit application procedure. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant. No person may submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information.		
5. Permit and tag issuance procedure. Permits and tags are not transferable or replaceable and may not be reused, altered or defaced. The department shall issue a numbered pheasant hunting permit and 10 tags to each applicant.		
6. Permit validation. The numbered pheasant hunting permit decal shall be attached to the applicant's current year Wisconsin hunting license to be valid for use as described in this paragraph. Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and tags.		
7. Tagging requirement. When a cock or hen pheasant is killed on any lands described in subd. 2. and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall completely attach and seal the carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive, around the leg of the pheasant.		
8. Pheasant stamp. No person may hunt pheasants in the pheasant management zones established by s. NR 10.34 without a valid state pheasant stamp required under s. 29.191, Stats., with the signature of the licensee written in ink across its face and firmly affixed by its own adhesive to the back of a valid small game or sports license unless the person is carrying a valid conservation patron license, senior citizen recreation card, free military small game license or first year hunter education certificate.		

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Table (2)

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit

Note: Special rules for the Bong state recreation area are established in s. NR 10.24.

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Table (2) − Continued

Kind of animal and locality		Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(d)	*Gray (Hungarian) partridge*		
1.	In all counties of the state except in the areas listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
2.	Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties.	None	None
(e)	Bobwhite quail		
	In all counties of the state	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	Daily bag 5; possession 10
(f)	*Wild turkey.*		
1.	All wild turkey hunting zones as described in s. NR 10.29, excluding state parks for which a quota has been established under s. NR 10.25 (5).	Spring seasons beginning on Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 6 consecutive 5−day time periods, except on Ft. McCoy military reservation where the season continues for 40 consecutive days.	Only male or bearded turkeys may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued.
2.	All wild turkey hunting zones as described in s. NR 10.29, excluding state parks, for which a quota has been established under s. NR 10.25 (5).	Fall season beginning on the Saturday nearest October 10 and continuing for 30 consecutive days.	Either sex of turkey may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued.
3.	Zones 4A, 5A, 10A, 13A, 15A, 15C, and the Mill Bluff state park portions of zones 9 and 13 as described in s. NR 10.29.	Spring season beginning on the Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 3 consecutive 5−day time periods.	Only male or bearded turkeys may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued.
(g)	*Crow*		
	Statewide	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Thursday immediately preceding the gun deer season for Zone A. in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and reopening in January and continuing through March 20. The date of reopening in January shall be established each year by the department to allow for a 124−day crow season.	Daily bag 15; possession 30

(3) UPLAND GAME ANIMALS. See Table (3).

Table (3)

Kind of animal and locality		Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a)	*Gray and fox squirrels*		
	In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31.	Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 10
(b)	*Raccoon (resident hunting and trapping)*		
	In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31.	None
(bm)	*Raccoon (non resident hunting)*		
	In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31.	None
(c)	Cottontail, jackrabbit and snowshoe hare		
1.	Snowshoe hare in all counties of the state	All year	None
2.	Cottontail		
a.	All that part of Wisconsin lying north of U. S. highway 10 from Prescott to Waupaca and state highway 54 from Waupaca to Algoma	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through February 28.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
b.	In all other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing through February 28.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
c.	In addition, there shall be an open season for hunting cottontails, except with the use of firearms, in Milwaukee county	All year	None
3.	Jackrabbit		
	In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing through November 15	Daily bag 3; possession 6
(d)	*Bobcat (wildcat; hunting and trapping)*		
1.	All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31	One per season by permit
2.	Remainder of the state	None	None
(e)	*Gun deer season.* As established by county and deer management unit.		The season limit is one deer unless the hunter possesses additional antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
1.	Zone "A"		
	All that part of the state not otherwise listed in season zones "B" through "F".		
a.	In the counties or parts of counties and deer management units of Brown, Calumet, Dane, Dodge, Door (Detroit, Plum, Rock, and Washington Islands only), Dunn (unit 59B portion), Fond du Lac, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pierce (unit 59B, 60 and 60A portions), Racine, Rock, St. Croix (unit 59B and 60 portions), Sheboygan, Shawano (south of highway 29), Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, and Winnebago.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	Deer management unit 79 except Long island	Muzzleloading firearm season October 1−31.	One deer either sex.

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Kind of animal and locality		Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
c.	Deer management unit 82	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck deer with an unforked antler only or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
d.	The Pepin county portion of unit 59B.	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck deer or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
e.	All other parts of Zone "A".	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck deer or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
2.	Zone "B" Mississippi River Units		
	Deer management units 59D, 61, 61B, 74A and 74B.		
a.	The Buffalo, Trempealeau and Pepin county portions of deer management unit 61.	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	The Pierce county portion of deer management unit 61.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
c.	The Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe county portions of unit 59D, and the La Crosse county portion of 74A.	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
d.	Trempealeau national wildlife refuge.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by federal refuge facility.
e.	The Vernon county portions of deer management units 59D and 74A, and the Vernon and Crawford county portion of unit 74B.	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
3.	Zone "C"—State Parks		
a.	Governor Dodge (unit 70C), Blue Mound (unit 70D), Perrot (unit 61A) and Peninsula (unit 80C) state parks.	Muzzle loading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for up to 9 consecutive days as indicated on the permit.	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	Natural Bridge (unit 70F) and Wyalusing (73A) state parks.	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for up to 9 consecutive days as indicated on the permit.	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
c.	The following state parks and trails: Big Bay, Devil's Lake, Elroy−Sparta, Hartman Creek, Interstate, the Plum Island portion of Grand Traverse Islands, Kinnickinnic, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake, Newport, Rock Island, Tuscobia−Park Falls and Willow River.	The firearm type and season length is the same as authorized for the surrounding deer management unit.	The bag limit is the same as authorized for the surrounding deer management unit.
cm.	Rocky Arbor state park	The firearm type and season length is the same as authorized for the surrounding deer management unit.	The bag limit is the same as authorized for the surrounding deer management unit.
d.	Loew Lake Unit − Kettle Moraine state forest (unit 77D), Wildcat Mountain (unit 72A), Yellowstone (unit 75B), Rib Mountain (unit 57D), Harrington Beach (unit 69C) and Brunet Island (unit 23A) state parks.	Muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for up to 16 consecutive days as indicated on the permit.	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
e.	Council Grounds state park (unit 52A)	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days followed by a muzzle loading firearm season beginning on the following Monday and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One deer as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
4.	Zone "D"		
	Badger army ammunition plant in Sauk county, Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk field military facility in Juneau county.	Firearm season type as established by military permit and approved by the department by August 1 annually.	Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by military permit.
Note: The department does not issue deer hunting permits for Badger army ammunition plant, Fort McCoy and Volk field military facilities. Hunters must apply directly to these facilities for a deer hunting permit and are limited to the type of deer specified on the permit.			
5.	Zone "E"		
	Menominee county (unit 48)	Firearm season type as established by the Menominee tribe for tribal members only.	As established by the Menominee tribe.
6.	Zones M1, M2 & M3—Metropolitan Deer Units		
a.	M1—Deer management unit 59M.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days. Shotgun season beginning on the day immediately following the season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	M2—Deer management unit 76M.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck deer or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.

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c.	M3—Deer management unit 77M.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck deer or as authorized by hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
		Shotgun season beginning on the day immediately following the season described above and continuing through the second Sunday in December.	One antlerless deer per hunter's choice or antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
(em)	*Deer bow season*		
1.	Statewide except as established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) 2.	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season. Reopening on the second Saturday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through December 31.	One deer of either sex and one antlerless deer per hunter's choice and per bonus permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
2.	Badger army ammunition plant in Sauk county, Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk field military facility in Juneau county.	Bow season as established by military permit and approved by the department by August 1 annually.	Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by military permit.
3.	M−3 Deer management unit 77M	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Thursday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season and reopening on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through January 31.	One deer of either sex and one antlerless deer per hunter's choice and bonus permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
Note: The department does not issue deer hunting permits for Badger army ammunition plant, Fort McCoy and Volk field military facilities. Hunters must apply directly to these facilities for a deer hunting permit and are limited to the type of deer specified on the permit.			
(es)	*Muzzleloader deer season*		
	Entire state, except for the areas described in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
2.	Zone B as described in sub. (3) (e) 2.	Beginning the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One deer of either sex and additional deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
(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 February 15	None
2.	South zone—All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through February 15	None
(g)	*Black bear (gun and bow seasons).*		
1.	Those portions of bear management zones A and B as described in s. NR 10.30 where the use of dogs for bear hunting is authorized as described in s. NR 10.10 (1) (b).	With aid of dogs only, beginning on the first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 28 consecutive days in odd−numbered years and beginning on the second Wednesday following Labor Day for 28 days in even−numbered years.	One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102.
		All methods not utilizing the aid of dogs, beginning on the first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 28 consecutive days in even−numbered years and beginning on the second Wednesday following Labor Day for 28 days in odd−numbered years.	One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102.
2.	Those portions of bear management zones A, B and C as described in s. NR 10.30 where the use of dogs for bear hunting is prohibited as described in s. NR 10.10 (1) (b).	All methods not utilizing the aid of dogs, beginning on the first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 35 consecutive days.	One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102.
(h)	*Coyote*		
1.	Hunting		
a.	Wolf management zone 1, as described in s. NR. 10.20.	All year except closed during the gun deer seasons as established under ss. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and (es) and 10.117.	None
b.	Remainder of the state	All year	None
2.	Trapping		
a.	North zone—All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Concurrent with the fox season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (f) 1.	None
b.	South zone—All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Concurrent with the fox season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (f) 2.	None

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(4) FURBEARING ANIMALS. See Table (4).

Table (4)

Kind of animal and locality		Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a)	*Muskrat trapping.*		
1.	'North zone'—All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through the last day of February	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 51to 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 the last day of February	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
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 second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1., whichever occurs first, and continuing through the last day of February.	None
5.	'South zone'—All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through the last day of February	None
(b) *Incidental take of muskrats.* During the closed season for muskrats, licensed trappers may retain for salvage any muskrats taken incidentally while trapping for beaver in the portions of the state open to beaver trapping as described in par. (c).			
(c)	*Beaver trapping.*		
1.	Zone A as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through April 30.	None
2.	Zone B as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through April 30.	None
3.	Zone C as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through April 30.	None
4.	Zone D as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1. and continuing through March 15.	None
(d)	*Otter trapping.*		
1.	North zone as described in s. NR 10.36	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through April 30.	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
2.	Central zone as described in s. NR 10.36	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March.	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
3.	South zone as described in s. NR 10.36	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March.	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
(dm)	*Fisher trapping.*		
1.	Management zone A—Deer management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 22, 78 and 79 as described in s. NR 10.28	Nov. 1−Dec.31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
2.	Management zone B—Deer management units 6, 7, 13, 14, 18,19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29A and 30 as described in s. NR 10.28	Nov. 1−Dec. 31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
3.	Management zone C—Deer management units 29B, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 52 as described in s. NR 10.28	Nov. 1−Dec.31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
4.	Management zone D—Deer management units 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49A, 49B, 50, 51A and 51B as described in s. NR 10.28	Nov. 1−Dec. 31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
5.	Management zone E—Deer management units 27, 53, 55, 56, 57, 57A, 57B, 57C, 58 and 59A as described in s. NR 10.28	Nov. 1−Dec. 31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
6.	Management zone F—Remainder of the state	Nov. 1−Dec. 31	The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued.
(e)	*Mink trapping.*		
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 second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1., whichever occurs first, and continuing through January 15.	None
5.	'Sough zone' − All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through December 31.	None

History: 1−2−56; cr. (3) (e) 3. e., Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. a. to k., 2., 3., (u) 1. and 2, cr. (1) (g) 1. n., 2. n. and 3. n. and am. (1) (v) eff 9−1−00; r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. a. to k., (g) 2., 3., (u) 1. and 2., cr. (1) (g) 1. n., 2. n. and 3. n. and am. (1) (v), Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1−1−01; CR 01−006: am. (1) (g) 1. m., Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01; r. (1) (g) 1. d., (g) 2. d. and 3. d., cr. (1) (h), r. and recr. (3) (h) 1. a., eff. 5−1−01; am. (3) (es), eff. 11−18−00; Register, September, 2000, No. 537; emerg. r. and recr (1) (b), (g) 1. a. to k., 2.a. to b., 3. a. to e., cr. 1. and 2., cr. (1) (d), am. (1) (v), eff. 9−1−01; CR 01−008: am. (1) (g) 1. h., (2) (f) 3., (3) (e) 1. d., 2., 3. c., (es), Register October 2001 No. 550, all eff. 4−1−02 except for (2) (f) 3. which is eff. 11−1−01; **CR 01−066: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1. a. to k. and n., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., (u) 1. and 2. and cr. (1) (d), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 12−1−01.**

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 12−1−73 through 7−31−85 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in the July, 1985 Register. For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 8−1−85 through 5−31−2000 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in the May, 2000 Register.

NR 10.02 Protected wild animals. The following wild animals are designated protected. No person may take, attempt to take, transport or possess any protected wild animal at any time unless expressly authorized by the department.

(1) Cougar, Canada lynx, badger, moose, elk, wolverine and flying squirrel.

(2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.

(3) Albino or white deer which are white except for the hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head.

(4) Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.337, Stats.

(5) Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), swans, cranes, bitterns, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, herons, sandpipers and grebes.

(6) Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls except as provided in ch. NR 18.

(7) Hen pheasants except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(8) Any other wild bird not specified in this chapter.

(9) Timber rattlesnake, except that a timber rattlesnake may be killed in emergency situations involving an immediate threat to human life or domestic animals. It is requested that each person who kills a rattlesnake under this provision provide to the department no later than 48 hours after the kill, not to include Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, factual information related to the kill including the location, date of the kill and the name and address of the person who killed it.

Note: Possession of the timber rattlesnake or any part lawfully taken in Wisconsin prior to April 1, 1998, lawfully purchased or lawfully taken outside the state of Wisconsin is not prohibited by this section, but the person possessing it has an obligation under s. 29.971, Stats., to prove such facts.

Note: The department's conservation program for the timber rattlesnake, under s. 29.039 (1), Stats., includes a department response and assistance element for occupants or owners of land, or other persons, requesting assistance because of the presence of rattlesnakes. In addition, upon complaint, the department may, under s. 29.885, Stats., investigate and authorize removal, relocation or destruction if the species constitutes a nuisance. Requests for assistance, or complaints, should be directed to the Bureau of Endangered Resources, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, telephone 1−888−74SNAKE.

(10) Bullsnakes *Pituophis melanoleucus sayi*, black rat snakes *Elaphe obsoleta* and the racer snakes *Coluber constrictor.*

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; r. (3), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1−1−78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; am. (1), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; am. (1), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; cr. (intro.) Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; cr. (9), Register, March, 1998, No. 507, eff. 4−1−98; am. (1), Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98; cr. (10), Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; am. (5), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01.

NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals. The following wild animals are designated unprotected. No closed season, bag limit, size limit or possession limit applies to these animals.

(1) Opossum, skunk and weasel.

(2) Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.

(3) Any other wild animal not specified in this chapter.

Note: Persons taking unprotected animals must possess a hunting or trapping license and comply with all method of taking requirements of this chapter unless otherwise authorized by the department in writing or exempted under ch. NR 12.

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; r. and recr. Register, No. 251, eff. 12−1−76; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; am. (1), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11−1−80; cr. (intro.), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85.

NR 10.05 Highways. (1) GENERAL HUNTING. No person may hunt within 50 feet of a roadway's center except as provided in s. 167.31, Stats.

Note: The exceptions provided by s. 167.31, Stats., allows any person to legally hunting small game with a muzzle−loading firearm or shotgun loaded with shotshells containing shot size BB or smaller if the roadway is surfaced with anything other than concrete or blacktop.

(2) WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING. No person may hunt waterfowl or coot from any public roads or railroads including the respective rights−of−way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in s. NR 10.31 (3).

History: 1−2−56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9−1−57; r. (1) and (2) and recr. (1), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9−1−58; cr. (2), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10−1−60; cr. (3), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9−1−63; r. and recr. (2), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10−1−66; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9−1−67; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9−30−68; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8−30−69; am. (2), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.05; cr. (4) and (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9−19−73; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9−24−75; am. (2), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 6−1−76; r. and recr. (1) am. (2) and r. (3), (4) and (5), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6−1−77; am. (2), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3−1−78; am. (1), Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10−1−79; am. (2), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (2), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94.

NR 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) GENERAL HUNTING. 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.

(2) HUNTING ZONES. (a) *General.* Two general hunting hour areas are established as follows: Northern area: all of the following counties and all counties north of them; Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire, Clark, Marathon, Shawano, Oconto and Door. Southern area: remainder of state. In addition, the following zones are established across the northern and southern areas:

Zone

A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°−00F longitude.

B—all that part of the state lying between 88°−00F and 89°−00F long.

C—all that part of the state lying between 89°−00F and 90°−00F long.

D—all that part of the state lying between 90°−00F and 91°−00F long.

E—all that part of the state lying between 91°−00F and 92°−00F long.

F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°−00F longitude.

(b) *General prohibition.* Except as provided in subs. (6), (7) and (8), no person may hunt or shoot any game species on which an open season is prescribed on any day during the open season before the a.m. times or after the p.m. times established in sub. (5).

(5) HUNTING HOURS. Hunting hours for bear, bow deer, deer with firearms and small game are 30 minutes before sunrise through 20 minutes after sunset. Hunting hours for migratory

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game birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. All waterfowl hunting starts at 12:00 noon on the first day of the duck hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b). The department shall establish the specific opening and closing times annually in the hunting regulations pamphlets. Opening and closing times for zone A southern and northern areas shall be based on astronomical data collected by the U.S. naval observatory, Washington D.C., 20392−5420 for Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Powers, Michigan, respectively. The hunting hours for the other zones shall be obtained by adding minutes to the Zone A a.m. and p.m. columns as follows:

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Zone −−−− Adjustment

B−−−Add 4 minutes	E−−−Add 16 minutes
C−−−Add 8 minutes	F−−−Add 20 minutes
D−−−Add 12 minutes	

(6) PHEASANT HUNTING. Except as provided in this subsection, pheasant hunting hours are those hunting hours established for small game in sub. (5). Pheasant hunting hours shall close at 2:00 p.m. daily within the posted boundaries of the following state wildlife areas beginning the third day of the pheasant hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) and continuing through November 3.

(a) Allenton (Washington county)

(b) Brooklyn (Dane and Green counties)

(c) C.D. "Buzz" Besadny (Kewaunee county)

(d) Dunnville (Dunn county)

(e) Eldorado Marsh (Fond du Lac county)

(f) Goose Lake (Dane county)

(g) Grand River (Green Lake and Marquette counties)

(h) Holland (Brown county)

(i) Horicon (Dodge county)

(j) Jackson Marsh (Washington county)

(k) Killsnake (Calumet and Manitowoc counties)

(L) Mazomanie (Dane county)

(m) Mud Lake (Dodge county)

(n) New Munster (Kenosha county)

(o) Nichols Creek (Sheboygan county)

(p) Scuppernong (Waukesha county)

(q) Theresa (Dodge and Washington counties)

(r) Tichigan (Racine county)

(s) Vernon (Waukesha county)

(t) White River (Green Lake and Marquette counties)

(7) WILD TURKEY HUNTING. The hunting hours for pursuing wild turkeys shall be the same as the hours established in sub. (5) except that spring season hunting hours shall close at 5:00 p.m. daily.

(8) EXCEPTIONS. There are no hunting hour restrictions for pursuing coyote, fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established except as follows:

(a) *Bow bear and deer seasons*. Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply to archers pursuing any species during the bow bear season established in s. NR 10.01(3)(g) and during the bow deer season established in s. NR 10.01 (3)(em).

(b) *Gun deer season.* Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply to bow and gun hunters pursuing any species, except migratory game birds listed in s. NR 10.01(1), during the regular gun deer season established in s. NR 10.01(3) (e).

Note: The deer hunting with firearms hours do not apply to persons hunting coyote, fox, raccoon or other wild animals for which no closed season has been established during the muzzle−loader season or an extended gun deer season.

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, 1975, 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; am. (2) (c) and cr. (4) and (5), Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12−1−82; am. (2) (c) and cr. (6), Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 4−1−84; am. (2) (d), Register, April 1985, No. 352, eff. 5−1−85; cr. (6) (jm), Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11−1−86; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9−25−97; am. (2) (d), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1−1−88; r. and recr. (2) (b), (3) to (5), r. (2) (d), renum. (2) (e) to be (3) (b), cr. (7) and (8), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1−1−89; r. and recr. (4), Register, January 1989 No. 397 eff. 2−1−89; r. and recr. (2) (b), (3) (b), (7) and (8) (a) to (c), r. (2) (c) and (5), am. (3) (a), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; r. and recr. (4), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4−1−90; am. (8) (b), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10−1−90; am. (2) (b) and (3) (a), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9−1−91; r. and recr. (4) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; cr. (5), Register, January, 1992, No. 433, eff. 2−1−92; r. (4) (b), Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5−1−92; r. (6) (jm), Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7−1−92; emerg. cr. (4) (b), r. (4) (c), eff. 9−1−92; cr. (4) (b), r. (4) (c), Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; r. and recr. (6), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; r. and recr. (4) and (6), am. (8) (b), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; r. and recr. (6), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8−1−95; emerg. am. (8) (b), eff. 8−12−96; am. (6), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3−1−98; emerg. am. (8) (b), eff. 10−1−98; am. (7), Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98; emerg. am. (4), eff. 9−10−99; am. (4), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1−1−00; emerg. am. (8) (b), eff. 8−4−00; am. (2) (a), (b), (6), (7), (8) (a) and (b), r. (3) and (4), r. and recr. (5), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 11−18−00; r. Table in (5), Register August 2001 No. 548.

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.

3. While hunting with a firearm or bow, possess or accompany a person possessing, any turkey decoy or device which may be used to call or attract wild turkeys during the spring hunting season for wild turkeys described in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) unless that person possesses a valid, unused turkey hunting permit and carcass tag.

(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 or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood other than hollow stumps or other nondegradable materials.

2. Except as established in s. NR 10.12 (1) (h), for the purpose of hunting or training dogs, place, use or hunt over bait material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat or parts of animal carcasses, or in excess of 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent in a baited area.

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

4. Hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.

5. Hunt or pursue animals, or train dogs, in an area baited in violation of subd. 1. or 2. from July 1 through January 1 unless the area is completely free of baiting material for at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, pursuing animals or dog training.

6. This paragraph does not prohibit hunting over bait materials deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.

7. Hunt using bait during the closed hours for hunting small game, as established in s. NR 10.06 (5), unless the hunting involves the release of trailing dogs.

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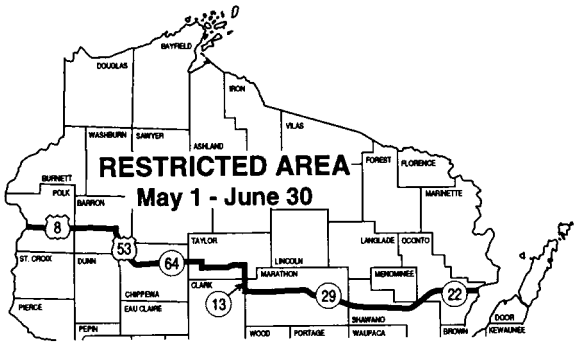
(i) *Dog use*. Hunt or pursue any free−roaming wild animal with the aid of dog or dogs May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map except for dog trials and training under permit as established by ch. NR 17:



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; r. and recr. (1) (g) 2., Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5−1−82; cr. (1) (i), Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11−1−87; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9−25−87; am. (2) (d), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1−1−88; r. and recr. (1) (g), r. (1) (h), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10−1−90; cr. (1) (b) 3. Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 3−1−92; cr. (1) (g) 7., Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; am. (1) (g) 2. and r. and recr. (1) (g) 5., Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3−1−98; correction in (1) (g) 7. was made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register August 2001 No. 548.

NR 10.08 Possession of game. (1) OPENING DAY LIMITS. On the first day of the open season, no person may possess or control more than one daily bag limit of any game species for which a bag limit is established.

(2) DAILY BAG. No person may take, or attempt to take, more than one daily bag limit in any one day.

(3) POSSESSION LIMIT. No person may possess more than 2 daily bag limits unless otherwise authorized by the department.

(4) FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person may possess more than one daily bag limit while at or between the place killed and the place to which the bag limit is taken.

Note: This rule does not authorize a person to take more than one daily bag limit. Further, it does not prohibit possession of double the daily bag limit when transporting game between a person's temporary abode and his or her permanent abode.

(5) KILLING REQUIREMENTS. Except as otherwise provided, no person may possess any live game. All game taken during the open season shall be killed immediately and made part of the daily bag.

History: 1−2−56; r. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; renum. to be NR 10.21; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (3) (a), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9−1−73; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9−1−78; renum. from NR 10.21, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; r. and recr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; am. (2), Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90.

NR 10.09 Guns, ammunition and other devices. (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 commencing on June 1 and ending 48 hours following gun deer season closure established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) or 10.117, whichever is later, except during the open season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b), (c), (d) and (g) when nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting migratory game birds.

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

b. Use or possess shells containing shot larger than no. 2 steel or no. 4 for lead or other no. 4 non−steel shot while hunting wild turkeys.

(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 and devices*. 1. 'Type.' Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder, bow and arrow or by falconry except:

a. Muzzleloaders may be used for hunting, except that any muzzleloader used in the muzzleloading season described in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) shall have a solid breech plug attached with threads, be capable of being loaded only from the muzzle, use black powder or other black powder substitute, and may not include a mounted telescopic sight.

b. Hare, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, fox, coyote, bobcat and unprotected wild animals may be hunted with handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

c. Deer or bear may be hunted with handguns loaded with centerfire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and that have a minimum barrel length of 5 ½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

Note: Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.597, Stats., respecting transportation.

d. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals issued a permit under s. 29.171 (4), Stats.

2. 'Deer or bear hunting.' Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim−fire, 5 mm rim−fire rifle, .17 caliber center−fire rifle, .410 bore shotgun or with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

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.

(d) *Automatic firearms*. Hunt with a fully automatic firearm.

(e) *Handguns*. Persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey and migratory game birds.

(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 waterfowl during the open season.

(3) BOWS AND ARROWS. No person may:

(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−eights of an inch in width. Such broad−head blades must be well−sharpened.

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

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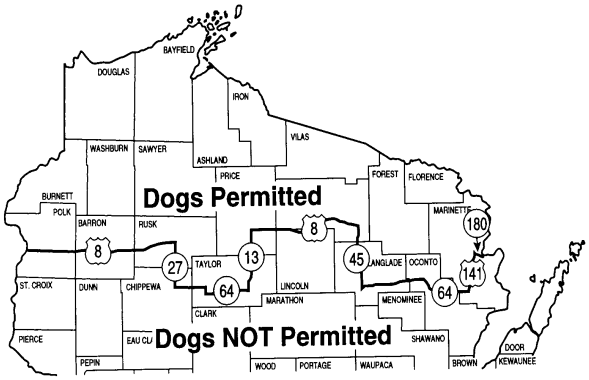
NR 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall hunt deer or bear by any of the following methods:

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of 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; am. (1) (b), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94.

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

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

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

(c) *Non−adult bears.* Shoot, shoot at or kill a bear that is accompanied by a bear that is not an adult bear.

(2) 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 1 through August 31.

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

(c) *Pack size.* No more than 6 dogs in a single pack may be used to pursue bear regardless of the number of bear hunters assisting the bear harvest permittee and regardless of the dog ownership.

Note: Only a bear hunting licensee with a bear harvest permittee may pursue bear during the open season on bear.

(e) *Bait use.* Persons hunting bear with dogs may use bait in accordance with s. NR 10.07 (1) (g) during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2.

Note: This rule does not permit a person to hunt bear over bait without using dogs as a hunting aid.

(3) BEAR CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Validation.* Any person killing a bear shall immediately validate the carcass tag by slitting the mark designating the month, day, time of kill and bear sex.

(b) *Attachment.* Immediately following validation, the carcass tag shall be attached to the bear at any location on the bear.

(c) *Removal and retention.* A bear carcass tag attached under par. (b) and department registration tag may be removed from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering or when prepared by a licensed taxidermist, but the person who killed or obtained the bear shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.

(d) *Exceptions.* Except as provided under par. (c) or s. 29.867 (6) (a) or (c), Stats., no person may possess, control, store or transport a bear carcass unless it is tagged as required under s. 29.184 (5), Stats., and pars. (a) and (b).

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; am. (intro.), cr. (1) (c), (3) (e) and (4), r. and recr. (3) (c), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (2) (c) 3., Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; cr. (4) (d), Register, August, 1988, No. 392, eff. 9−1−88; am. (3) (b), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; r. (2), renum. (3) and (4) to be (2) and (3), Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; CR 01−008: am. (1) (c), r. (2) (d), Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02.

NR 10.102 Bear hunting quota and license issuance. (1) BEAR QUOTAS. Bear quotas are based on the status of zone black bear populations in relation to established population goals as determined by inventories.

(a) *Purpose.* The department shall issue Class A bear licenses in sufficient numbers to assure maintenance of bear populations for each zone indicated in par. (d).

(b) *Quota formula.* In each black bear management zone, the number of Class A bear licenses to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of bear shall be based on hunter success rates from previous seasons. In establishing licenses for a zone without an adequate history of licenses, the average success rates of similar zones shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate. The license number formula is:

$$\text{License number} = \frac{\text{Bear to be harvested}}{\text{Hunter success rate}}$$

(c) *Success rate formula.* Hunter success rates used to compute the number of Class A bear licenses to be issued for each zone shall be those calculated by the department from annual bear season harvest reports except where no previous history of success rates exist. The license rate formula is:

$$\text{Hunter success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of bear harvested}}{\text{Number of licenses issued}}$$

(d) *Population goals.* The fall pre−hunt black bear population goal is as follows:

Zone	Population Goal
A	4,600
A1	3,300
B	2,200
C	800

(e) *Temporary bear harvest subzones.* 1. The department may establish temporary bear harvest subzones within each black bear management zone to increase or decrease harvest within specific subzones to assure maintenance of bear populations at a density level equivalent to that of the bear management zone.

2. The department may require that a portion of the Class A bear licenses available within a bear management zone be specific to a temporary bear harvest subzone to assure maintenance of bear populations at a density level equivalent to that of the bear management zone.

3. Class A bear licenses for the temporary subzones shall be used only within the subzone.

4. Temporary subzone boundaries shall follow deer management unit boundaries as identified in s. NR 10.28.

5. Temporary subzones may be established to increase bear harvest when either of the following 2 conditions exist within the area considered for a subzone:

a. The bear population density within the subzone for the previous 3 year period exceeds by 20% the zone population density goal as indicated by indices or models, or both.

b. Bear nuisance or agricultural damage complaints per square mile within the subzone exceed the zone average by 20% or more for the previous 3 year period.

6. Temporary subzones may be established to decrease harvest when either one of the following conditions exist:

a. The mortality rate of adult bears within the subzone exceeds 22% for the previous 3 year period.

b. The bear population density within the subzone for the previous 3 year period is below the zone population density goal by 20% or more as indicated by indices or models, or both.

7. Each temporary bear harvest subzone may be established for a period not to exceed 2 years.

(f) *Permanent bear harvest subzones.* Class A bear licenses for subzones shall be used only in the subzone.

(2) APPLICATION PROCEDURE. (a) *Application submittal.* Application for Class A bear licenses shall be on forms provided by the department. Applicants shall indicate their black bear hunting zone preference. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest January 15 or received by the department customer service and licensing bureau, 101 South Webster, P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707 no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(b) *Group applications.* Group applications for a maximum of 4 hunters may be submitted for Class A bear hunting licenses provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside. The group's preference standing shall be that of the member with the lowest number of preference points. If the group is selected, the group shall accept or reject Class A bear licenses for all members of their group.

(3) LICENSE ISSUANCE. The department shall select successful applicants and issue Class A bear license approval notices no later than February 15 of each year. The department may reissue a Class A bear license if the license is returned or if the applicant fails to or cannot comply with s. 29.184, Stats. Selection shall be by random drawing.

(4) FEES. A successful applicant shall submit the appropriate license fee established by s. 29.563 (2) (a) 6. or 7. or (b) 4. or 5., Stats., to the department before receiving a Class A bear license. The fees shall be mailed and postmarked no later than the Friday nearest March 1 or received by the department customer service and licensing bureau, 101 South Webster, P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707 no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(5) BEAR PURSUIT. No person may handle a dog or dogs used for tracking or trailing bear unless he or she possesses a Class A or Class B bear license.

(6) EDUCATIONAL PERMIT ISSUANCE. Upon receipt of proper application, the department shall issue an educational permit for bear observation. The applicant shall include the location to the quarter section, times and dates of the activity, name of person and bear eco−tourism business or educational institution they are representing. The educational permit authorizes the permittee to observe or shine bear for educational purposes only pursuant to s. 29.314 (3) (b) 3. and (5) (b) 1., Stats.

(a) No person may be engaged in shining bear for educational purposes without being in possession of an educational permit.

(b) Only the named person on the permit may possess a firearm when participating in the actions authorized by the permit.

(c) The permit is restricted to use in a ground blind or elevated stand.

(d) The permit is not valid during the seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and (g) and the 7 consecutive days prior to those seasons.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (1) (a) to (d), Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; am. (1), Register, June, 1988, No. 390, eff. 7−1−88; r. and recr. (1) (a), renum. (1) (b) to (e) and (2) to be (2) to (6), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1−1−89; am. (1) (b), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; am. (1) (d), Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; cr. (1) (e), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; am. (1) (d), cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (1) (a) to (c), (e) 2., 3., (f), (3) and (4), renum. (2) to be (2) (a), cr. (2) (b), r. and recr. (5) and (6), Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98.

NR 10.103 Deer hunting. (1) TAGS. A back and carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license. While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag including bonus and special carcass tags unless it is attached to a legally killed deer.

(2) VALIDATION. Any person who kills a deer or if s. 29.324, Stats., applies, the person providing the carcass tag, shall immediately validate the carcass tag by slitting the marks on the carcass tag as designated by the department. 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. 29.347 (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; renum. from NR 10.102, Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (1), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11−1−91; am. (2), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6−1−93; am. (2), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8−12−96; am. (1) and (2), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; CR 01−006: am. (1), Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01.

NR 10.104 Deer population management. (1) DEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The department shall manage the state deer population by:

(a) Establishing deer management unit boundaries within the state;

(b) Establishing deer population goals for each deer management unit;

(c) Monitoring the performance of the deer population within each deer management unit; and

(d) Establishing deer hunting seasons and annual harvest quotas with the objective of maintaining deer populations at the established deer population goals for each deer management unit.

(2) DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS. (a) The deer management unit boundaries are as described in s. NR 10.28.

(b) *Management unit size and configuration.* Deer management unit boundaries shall be established to encompass areas of similar land use, soils and vegetative cover, and be of sufficient size to permit accurate monitoring of herds.

(c) *Unit boundaries.* Unit boundaries shall be readily identifiable features of the landscape such as roads and rivers. When road boundaries are used, the department shall give priority to use of numbered and lettered highways.

(3) THREE YEAR REVIEWS. The department shall review, and seek public comment, regarding the need to modify the boundaries or population goals for all deer management units every 3 years. For deer management units in the ceded territory as defined

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by s. NR 13.02 (1), the department shall also consult with the Wisconsin Chippewa bands in a government to government manner.

(4) DEER POPULATION GOALS. (a) *Deer range.* The department will calculate the area of deer range in each unit based on estimates of the amount of wetland, woodland at least 10 acres in size, and cropland within 330 feet of woodlands.

(b) *Unit goals.* The deer population goals for each deer management unit described in s. NR 10.28 shall be expressed as the number of deer per square mile of deer range in January and are as follows:

Management Unit	Deer Goal
1	20
1M	10
2	18
3	12
4	10
5	20
6	12
7	15
8	20
9	20
10	25
11	20
12	17
13	15
14	14
15	25
16	25
17	15
18	20
19	20
20	18
21	25
22	20
22A	20
23	20
24	20
25	20
26	20
27	20
28	11
29A	12
29B	12
30	15
31	20
32	21
33	20
34	17
35	20
36	25
37	25
38	20
39	20
40	20
41	25
42	20
43	15
44	17
45	20
46	25
47	25
48	20
49A	25
49B	25
50	20
51A	25
51B	25
52	20
53	25
54A	25
54B	25
54C	25
55	25
56	30
57	22
57A	25
57B	25
57C	30
58	25
59A	20
59B	15
59C	25
59D	20
59M	10
60A	20
60B	20
60M	10
61	15
62A	25
62B	25
63A	25
63B	25
64	20
64M	10
65A	30
65B	30
66	25
67A	25
67B	25
68A	30
68B	30
69	25
70	25
70A	25
70B	25
70E	25
70G	30
71	25
72	20
73B	20
73D	20
73E	22
74A	15

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Management Unit	Deer Goal
74B	20
75A	20
75C	20
75D	20
76	20
76A	25
76M	10
77A	20
77B	15
77C	15
77M	10
78	15
80A	15
80B	20
81	15

(5) ANNUAL ANTLERLESS DEER KILL QUOTAS. (a) *Annual population estimate.* The department shall annually calculate an estimate of the overwinter deer population for each deer management unit using the sex−age−kill method for calculating deer densities. The sex−age−kill method uses the following quantitative data for each deer management unit: proportion of yearling bucks in the harvest, proportion of yearling does in the harvest, proportion of males and females at birth, the number of fawns seen per doe during the summer, the proportion of total buck mortality due to hunting harvest, and the harvest by sex as registered during the hunting seasons.

(b) 1. 'Quota objective.' Using the overwinter deer population estimate established under par. (a), expected fawn production and overwinter mortality, the expected archery harvest of antlerless deer excluding those harvested under authority of hunter's choice and antlerless deer hunting permits, and the deer population goal in sub. (4), except in units 67A, 67B, 70B, 70E and 78 in 2001, 2002 and 2003 as described in subd. 2., the department shall annually calculate an antlerless deer kill quota for each unit with the objective of maintaining the deer herd at the established deer population goal or temporary overwinter target population density.

2. 'Quota objective.' In deer management units 67A, 67B, 70B and 70E, the department shall annually calculate an antlerless kill quota as outlined in subd. 1. for the years of 2001, 2002 and 2003 using the temporary overwinter target population density of 30 deer per square mile of deer range. In deer management unit 78, the department shall annually calculate an antlerless kill quota as outlined in subd. 1. for the years of 2001, 2002 and 2003 using the temporary overwinter target population density of 20 deer per square mile of deer range.

(c) *Quota adjustment in ceded territory units.* For deer management units in the ceded territory as defined in s. NR 13.02 (1), expected tribal harvest shall be deducted from the antlerless deer kill quota established in par. (b).

(6) ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS. (a) *Purpose.* The department shall issue deer hunting permits in sufficient numbers to achieve the state quota determined under sub. (5).

(b) *Permit formula.* In each deer management unit, the number of permits issued by the department shall be determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Permit number} = \frac{\text{State Quota}}{\text{Predicted hunter success rate}}$$

(c) *Success rate prediction.* The predicted hunter success rate used by the department to compute the number of permits for each deer management unit shall be based upon the percentage of permitted hunters harvesting an antlerless deer in that unit during previous seasons. In new deer management units or units with significant boundary changes, the predicted hunter success rate shall be based upon the harvest history of similar units.

(7) ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES. All applications shall be on department forms and no person may submit more than one application.

(a) *Application deadline.* All applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on those dates to be considered for selection. The department may not establish the annual application deadline to be earlier than July 1.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7926, Madison, WI 53707.

(b) *Group applications.* Group applications up to and including 4 hunters will be honored for deer hunting established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside.

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

(a) *Preference system.* If the number of qualified applicants for antlerless deer permits and hunter's choice permits in a deer management unit exceeds the number of permits available, the department shall issue those antlerless deer permits and hunter's choice permits for that deer management unit according to the preference system established under s. 29.177 (5), Stats.

(b) *Initial permit.* Successful applicants for deer hunting permits shall be determined by random selection from all eligible applications received for each deer management unit.

(c) *Additional permits.* If the number of deer hunting permits in any management unit exceeds the number of applications for the permits, the department may issue the remaining permits available for that unit as antlerless deer hunting permits to its 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.

(d) *Unallotted permits.* The department may issue any remaining antlerless deer permits to interested permit applicants on a first−come, first−served basis who possess a valid deer hunting license.

(e) *Bonus permits for farm owners.* Eligible resident farm owners under s. 29.181, Stats., will receive one free bonus permit for each one they purchase in deer management units with additional permits as described in s. NR 10.104 (8) (c). Where there are joint owners or vendee names under a land contract, only one of the owners or vendees is eligible. To be an eligible farm under this section, a majority of the land must be used on a commercial basis, to produce income.

(9) 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.

(10) 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, 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 and except during the archery season where the permit authorizes the taking of an antlerless deer only under the authority of an archery hunting license.

(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) and

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(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; renum from NR 10.115, Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; r. and recr. (2) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; cr. (7), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; cr. (2) (d), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (7) (d), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; r. and recr. (7) (b) and (c), Register, August, 1990, No. 416, eff. 9−1−90; am. (7) (d), Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9−1−91; am. (2) (c), r. (4), renum. (5) and (6) to be (4) and (5), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. (2) (intro.) to (c), (3) (c), renum. (2) (d) to be (2) (b), am. (7) (d), Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; am. (5) (a), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95; emerg. am. (5) (b), cr. (5) (c), eff. 8−12−96; r. and recr. August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; cr. (8) (e), Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98; am. (4) (b), Register, June, 1999, No. 522, eff. 7−1−99; emerg. cr. (11) eff. 8−4−00; am. (4) (b), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (b) 1. and am., cr. (5) (b) 2., Register, March, 2001, No. 543, eff. 4−1−01; CR 00−118: am. (4) (b), Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 1−1−02.

NR 10.105 Transportation of deer and bear. No person may transport a deer or bear from the time the deer or bear is killed to the time it is registered under s. NR 10.106 that is tagged with the carcass tag of another person unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9−1−60; renum. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., renum. to be NR 10.103, Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10−1−84; renum. from NR 10.103 and am. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; renum. to be (1) and am., cr. (2), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11−1−88; emerg. cr. (3), eff. 8−12−96; CR 01−008, r. (1), renum. (2) to be NR 10.105; Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02.

NR 10.106 Recording deer and bear. (1) CARCASS CONDITION AND TRANSPORTATION. Deer shall be intact except they may be field dressed. Deer may be skinned and quartered by persons holding a Class A or B disabled hunting permit. Bear may be skinned and quartered. These animals or animal parts may not be removed from the area specified in this section unless exhibited, registered and tagged.

(2) EXHIBITION AND REGISTRATION. Each person who has killed a deer or if s. 29.324, Stats., applies, the person who has tagged the deer, during the open seasons for hunting deer with guns or bear during the open seasons for hunting bear with guns or bows shall exhibit and register the deer with the deer carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.347 (1), Stats., and s. NR 10.103, or the bear with the bear carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.184 (8), Stats., and s. NR 10.101 (3) at an authorized registration station as follows:

(a) *Gun license deer.* Gun license deer shall be registered within the open season zone in which the deer was killed no later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the season's close.

(b) *Special permit deer.* Party permit deer, bonus permit deer or antlerless deer taken under the authority of a hunter's choice permit, a gun deer license or special deer permit shall be registered within the deer management unit in which the deer was killed no later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the season's close unless transported on federal or state highways directly to the authorized registration station in an adjoining deer management unit.

(c) *Lake Superior islands deer.* Any gun killed deer taken on any of the islands in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in Ashland and Bayfield counties shall be registered within the deer management unit in which the deer was killed or within the city of Bayfield no later than 5:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season.

(d) *Bow killed deer.* 1. 'Time deadline.' A deer killed under an archery deer license shall be registered no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third day after it was killed.

2. 'Registration station restrictions.' Except as provided under subd. 3., bow killed deer may be registered at any department designated registration station.

3. 'Additional deer restrictions.' All bowhunters authorized to kill an additional antlerless deer shall register it within the deer management unit designated on the deer carcass tag or in an adjoining deer management unit. All such deer shall not be transported outside the unit in which it was killed or an adjoining unit until it is registered.

(e) *Bear license (bow and gun).* Bear shall be registered within the county in which the bear was killed or adjoining county and within the black bear management zone in which it was killed no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

(3) REGISTRATION TAGGING. Upon verification of license and deer hunting permit information, the station operator shall:

(a) Complete and retain the registration portion of the hunter's license;

(b) Lock a registration tag to the carcass or part of the deer or bear; and

(c) Remove the validation portion of the carcass tag.

Note: The portion of the carcass tag remaining attached to the animal contains a number corresponding to the registrant's hunting license and backtag.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (2) (intro.), r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (1) and (2) (d), r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1990, No. 416, eff. 9−1−90; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9−1−91; am. (3) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. (2) (d) 3., Register, August 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92**;** correction in (3) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 1., Stats., Register, February, 1996, No. 482; emerg. am. (1) and (2) (b), eff. 8−12−96; am. (2) (b), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (2) (b), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; correction in (2) (intro.) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, August, 1999, No. 524; am. (1), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99.

NR 10.117 Deer season modification. (1) POWERS. (a) The department may, upon making the findings in sub. (2), modify the deer hunting seasons and deer permit issuance procedures as established in this chapter for any farmland deer management unit described in sub. (5) or any group of farmland deer management units to reduce the deer population nearer to the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.104.

(b) The department may modify the deer seasons, deer registration and permit issuance procedures by doing one or more of the following:

1. Increasing a season's length.

2. Increasing the bag and possession limits.

3. Establishing either−sex or antlerless−only deer seasons.

4. Authorizing and encouraging the harvest and donation of antlerless deer to charitable food distribution programs, including the issuance of special deer permits for this purpose.

(2) FINDINGS. The department shall, prior to exercising powers under sub. (1), find all of the following:

(a) It is unlikely the deer population for the deer management units will be reduced to within 20% of the overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.104 under the established deer hunting rules. In making this determination, the department shall compare the deer harvest required to reduce the deer population to goal to the deer harvest likely to occur under the existing season structure.

(b) Upon review of available deer damage or over−winter loss data, 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 agricultural and forest lands, or a waste of the resource.

(c) The department has held a public informational meeting in affected deer management units to seek public comment on the need to modify the deer hunting rules and consulted with the conservation congress, according to s. 15.348, Stats.

(3) MODIFICATION DEADLINE. The department may implement the modification under sub. (1) by order, if an order is approved by the natural resources board and issued by the department before May 1 prior to the affected deer season.

(4) NOTICE. Modification by the department under sub. (1) shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper. In addition, a notice of the order shall be provided to newspapers, legislators and hunting license outlets in the area affected.

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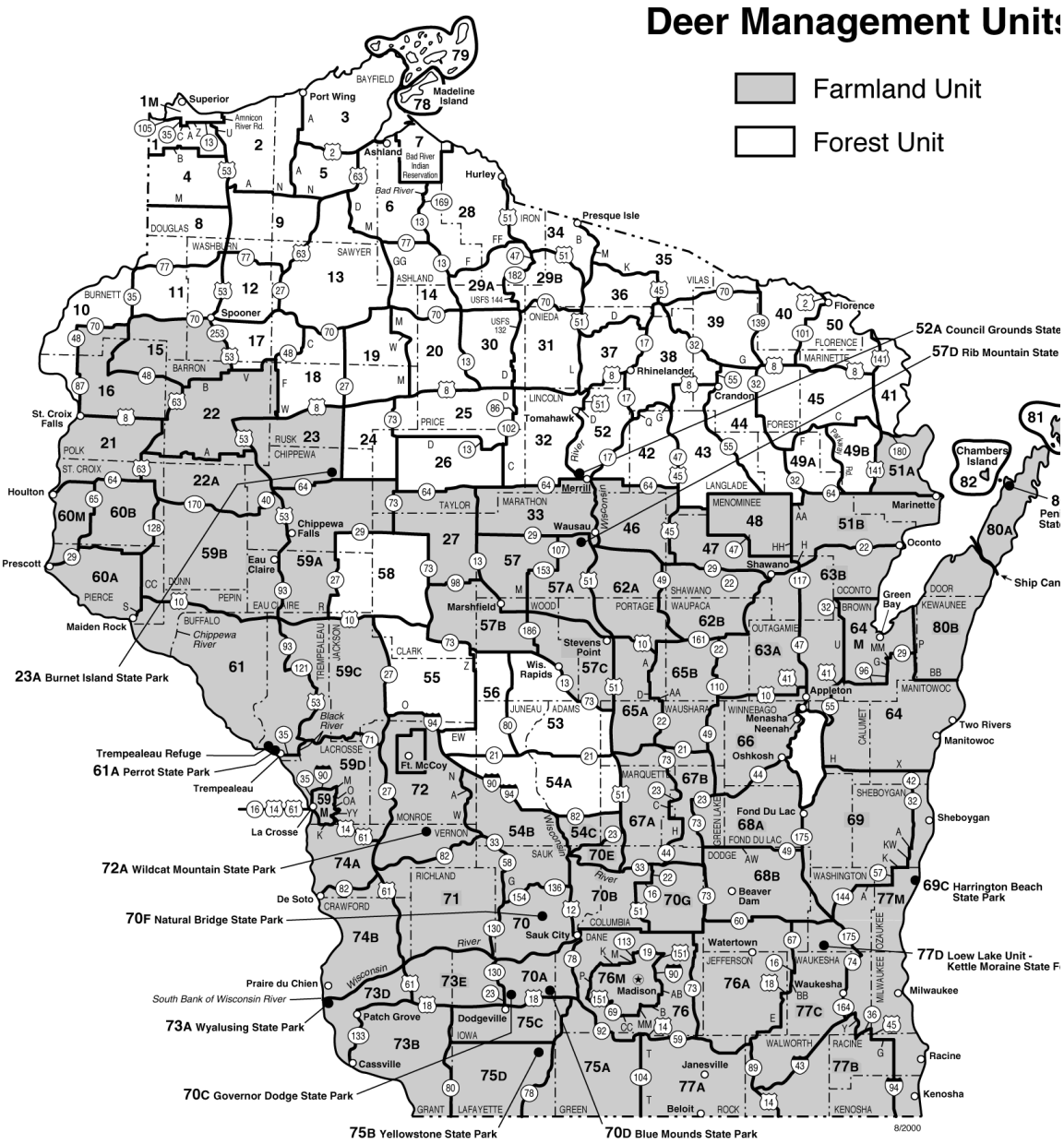
(5) FARMLAND DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS.



History: Cr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; am. (1) and (2)(a), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; r. and recr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; r. and recr. (5), Register, June, 1999, No. 522, eff. 7−1−99; r. and recr. (5), Register, March, 2001, No. 543, eff. 4−1−01.

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, except disabled persons under the authority of a class A permit issued by the department.

(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 tame or captive ducks or geese for decoy purposes regardless of the dis-

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tance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter. All live tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals these live birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

(g) *Decoy use.* By the use or aid of decoys which are or have been:

1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located.

2. Placed in the water more than one hour before the open hunting time.

3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

4. Left in the water unattended.

(h) *Baiting.* By the aid of baiting as described by the U.S. fish and wildlife service in 50 CFR 20.21(i).

(2) POSSESSION. No person shall possess any live or crippled migratory game bird reduced to possession by means of hunting. Such bird shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

(3) OPEN WATER RESTRICTIONS. No person may hunt waterfowl in open water from any blind which may include any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance or similar device except:

(a) *Mississippi river.* Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi river and adjoining counties provided the blinds are securely anchored and located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline including islands. Blinds in open water in Grant county and the Lake Pepin portions of the Mississippi river are permitted regardless of the distance from shore provided the blinds are securely anchored.

(b) *Great Lakes and Big Green lake.* Blinds in open waters of Big Green lake, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Green Bay beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline. Blinds do not have to be anchored in these areas.

(c) *Lake Winnebago and Petenwell flowage.* Blinds in open waters of Lake Winnebago and Petenwell flowage (north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73) if more than 1,000 feet from any shoreline including islands provided blinds are securely anchored.

(d) *Blind removal.* All open water blinds shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.

(4) SPECIAL BLIND RESTRICTIONS. The department may restrict hunters to certain blind locations within the Collins, Eldorado, Grand River, Pine Island and Theresa state wildlife areas by posted notice. If posted, maps shall be provided by the department indicating where blind sites are located. The following blind restrictions apply to goose hunting in the Horicon zone:

(a) *Zone restrictions.* On any land within the Horicon intensive management subzone established in s. NR 10.31 (3) (b), no person may hunt geese except from a blind unless the person is a disabled person located no more than 20 feet from the blind and in possession of a class A permit issued by the department, except that no person is required to hunt geese from a blind during the early goose hunt established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g) 1. L.

(b) *Hunter limits.* No more than 2 hunters may occupy any blind at one time nor may any person hunt waterfowl from a blind placed within 200 yards of any other blind occupied by one or more waterfowl hunters or within 100 yards of the property boundary on which the blind is located.

(c) *Game retrieval.* Downed game birds may be retrieved outside blinds with the aid of guns and dogs or by hand.

(5) TAKING METHODS. No person shall hunt any migratory bird:

(a) *Guns and devices.* With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, crossbow other than in s. 29.171, Stats., swivel gun, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, stupefying substance or shotgun of a larger bore than a no. 10 gauge.

Note: The s. 29.171, Stats., reference authorizes disabled persons under department permit to hunt any migratory bird on which an open season is established in s. NR 10.01 (1) with crossbows meeting s. 29.171, Stats., standards.

(b) *Shotgun capabilities.* With any automatic−loading or hand−operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one−piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than 3 shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined.

(c) *Legal means.* By any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, or by falconry.

(d) *Non−toxic shot requirements.* While hunting waterfowl and coot within any areas of the state, no person may:

1. Take, catch, kill or pursue waterfowl and coot with any shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzle−loading, other than non−toxic shot.

2. Possess any shotshell or muzzle−loading firearm loaded with any material other than non−toxic shot.

(6) TAGGING. No person may give, put or leave migratory game birds at any place, other than at that person's permanent abode, or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged individually or collectively with tags bearing the following information:

(a) The hunter's signature,

(b) The hunter's address,

(c) The total number of birds tagged, by species, and

(d) The dates the birds were killed.

Note: Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

(7) DRESSING. No person may completely dress any migratory game bird and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing shall remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported from the field to the person's permanent abode or a preservation facility.

(8) SHIPMENT. No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:

(a) The name and address of the person sending the birds,

(b) The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and

(c) The number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

(9) IMPORTATION. (a) One fully−feathered wing shall remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and the possessor's permanent abode or to a preservation facility.

(b) No person may import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

(10) WATERFOWL STAMP. No person 16 years of age and older may hunt for waterfowl without a valid state waterfowl stamp with the signature of the licensee written in ink across its face and firmly affixed by its own adhesive to the back of a valid small game or sports license unless the person is carrying a valid conservation patron license, senior citizen recreation card, free military small game license or first−year hunter education certificate.

Note: Violation of state migratory game bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations. Importation restrictions do not prohibit the importation of legally taken, fully feathered migratory game birds for mounting purposes by a taxidermist holding a valid federal permit and licensed by the U.S. department of agriculture to decontaminate birds.

(11) HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM. Before hunting any migratory game birds each year, hunters shall register with the department by supplying their names, addresses, date of birth and other necessary information requested by the department in a manner prescribed by the department. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird until registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of registration while hunting migratory game birds.

(12) WATERFOWL BLIND IDENTIFICATION. No person may maintain, occupy or use a blind situated on state−owned property for hunting waterfowl unless the owner's name, address and customer identification number, in the English language and in letter-

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ing one−inch square or larger, is affixed permanently to the blind. The name and address shall be readily visible on the blind and shall be kept legible at all times.

History: 1−2−56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; am. (1) (e) and (2) (c) and r. (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9−1−58; am. (1) (b); r. and recr. (1) (d); cr. (1) (f) and (g); am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10−1−60; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1961, No. 68. eff. 9−1−61; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10−1−63; r. (5) (c) Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9−1−65; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10−1−65; am. (1) (f), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10−1−66; am. (2) (b); cr. (2) (d), (e) and (f), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9−1−67; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9−1−67; am. (2) (b) and (e), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9−30−68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10−11−68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8−30−69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10−1−70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10−1−71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10−10−72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9−24−75; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7−1−76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2−1−77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1−1−78; r. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (c), and cr. (5) (b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3−1−78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6−1−78; r. and recr. (3) (d) and (5) (d) 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1−1−79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5−1−80; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2., Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7−1−81; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (d), eff. 9−12−81; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4−1−82; am. (3) (d) (intro.), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5−1−82; am. (5) (d) 2. b., Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7−1−84; am. (3) (b), cr. (3) (e) and r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5−1−85; am. (1) (b), (f) and (h) 1., (5) (d) 2. c. and d., r. and recr. (5) (a), cr. (6) to (9), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; renum. (2) (d) 2. d. to be 2. e. and cr. (2) (d) 2. d., Register, January, 1986, No. 361, eff. 3−1−86; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (a) 2. d., eff. 9−12−86; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, January, 1987, No. 373, eff. 2−1−87; r. and recr. (3), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1−1−88; r. and recr. (4), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), eff. 9−15−89; am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4−1−90; emerg. am. (4) (a), eff. 9−15−90; am. (4) (a), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4−1−91; emerg. am. (3) (b), eff. 9−16−91; cr. (10), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11−1−91; am. (3) (b), Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5−1−92; am. (4) (intro.), Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; emerg. am. (10), eff. 9−1−93; am. (10), Register, January, 1994, No. 457, eff. 2−1−94; r. and recr. (1) (g), am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; am. (4) (a), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3−1−98; cr. (11), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1−1−98; emerg. am. (1) (h) (intro.), eff. 9−10−99; am. (1) (h) (intro.), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1−1−00; cr. (12), Register, September, 2000, No. 537 eff. 3−1−01; r. and recr. (1) (h) and am. (5) (d), Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1−1−01.

NR 10.125 Canada goose hunting. (1) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Permit possession required.* No person may hunt Canada geese in any area of the state without having on his or her person a valid Canada goose hunting permit.

(b) *Maximum allowable harvest.* The total number of Canada goose permits and carcass tags issued by the department annually under this section and under s. NR 19.84 shall be based upon the maximum allowable harvest assigned by the U.S. fish and wildlife service. The assigned harvest shall be distributed within established zones and by time periods based upon historical data on the distribution of geese within the state and hunter success rates.

(c) *Validity.* All permits are valid only in the zones and for the time periods specified on the permit during the open season established for Canada geese. The department shall use the following procedure when specifying the permit zones:

1. If the maximum allowable harvest is 160,000 birds or less, all permits shall be restricted to one zone.

2. If the maximum allowable harvest is between 160,000 and 210,000 birds, the department may:

a. Issue Horicon and Collins zone permits that are also valid for the exterior zone during a time period specified by the department.

b. Issue exterior zone permits that are also valid for the Horicon zone during a time period specified by the department.

c. Establish a permit processing deadline for exterior zone permits receiving the 2 zone authorization described under subd. 2. b.

3. If the maximum allowable harvest exceeds 210,000 birds, all permits shall be valid in any zone.

(d) *Permit validation procedures.* When a Canada goose is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall validate the permit by slitting, tearing or punching holes in the permit in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and renders any goose in the person's possession illegal.

(2) APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Forms.* Applications shall be on forms supplied by the department.

(b) *Deadlines.* 1. All applications for the Horicon and Collins zones shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the forms or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date to be considered for selection. The annual application deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

2. Exterior zone and early goose hunt subzone permit applications may be obtained by mail or in person at department regional offices and service centers during normal office hours throughout the open season.

Note: Normal office hours are 8:00 a.m.−4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(c) *Application limitations.* 1. No person may submit more than one application per year except that:

a. Persons who submitted an invalid permit application for the Collins or Horicon zones may reapply, provided the goose season is open, for an Exterior zone permit.

b. Persons applying for an early goose hunt subzone permit may also apply for a Collins, Horicon, or Exterior zone permit.

2. If 2 or more persons wish to hunt together in the Collins or Horicon zones, each shall fill out an application form and submit them together in one envelope clearly marked "group application" on the outside. A group application shall be considered one application.

(d) *Selection preference.* When applications exceed the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected with first preference given to persons who unsuccessfully applied for a permit during the previous year.

(e) *Undersubscribed zones.* If the number of permit applications is less than the number of permits available for any time period, the department may issue the remaining permits to successful applicants by random selection.

(f) *Permit limits.* The department may not issue more than 425 permits for any time period for the Collins zone.

(3) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS. Unless otherwise directed by the department, the following requirements apply to the Horicon and Collins zones:

(a) *Tagging.* When a Canada goose is killed within Horicon and Collins zones, the hunter shall:

1. Completely attach and seal the permit, utilizing its own adhesive, to the neck or leg of the goose before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner.

2. Keep the permit attached to the goose until the meat has been processed for cold storage or human consumption.

(b) *Possession.* No person may possess or transport a dead wild Canada goose unless it is tagged with a validated permit.

(c) *Transportation restrictions.* The hunter shall transport any tagged goose in a motor vehicle so that the permit attached to the goose cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(4) REPORTS. (a) *Harvest reports.* The department may require each successful exterior zone and early goose hunt subzone applicant to submit a harvest report in a manner prescribed by the department within 48 hours of harvesting a goose.

Note: The Canada goose harvest reports are used to calculate total harvest estimates in those zones where hunter participation is unlimited.

(b) *Season reports.* The department may require any permit holder to provide the department a goose hunting report. The selected hunter shall be required to complete the report and mail it within 48 hours of receipt.

Note: The hunting report forms will be mailed to certain hunters only.

(5) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS. (a) *Bag limit.* The aggregate daily bag limit for persons hunting in both the exterior zone and a subzone within the exterior zone in the same day is equal to the

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larger of the respective daily bag limits established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g).

(b) *Daily possession limit.* No person may possess or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either the person's permanent abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or a commercial preservation facility.

(6) SEASON CLOSURE. The secretary of the department may close a portion or all of any Canada goose season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g) upon a finding by the department that the harvest for that season will exceed the level authorized by U.S. fish and wildlife service. Closure shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

History: Cr. (1) to (5), (6) renum. from NR 10.01 (1) (h), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 9−21−88; am. (1) (c), Register, January, 1989, No. 397 eff. 2−1−89; am. (5) (a) 2., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; emerg. renum. (1) (c) to be (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), eff. 9−15−89; renum. (1) (c) to (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4−1−90; r. and recr. (1) (b), (d) to (e), am. (5) (a) (intro.), r. (5) (a) 2., renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (b) 1., cr. (1) (f) to (h) and (5) (b) 2., Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; emerg. am. (1) (e) 1., cr. (7), eff. 9−15−90; am. (1) (e) 1., cr. (7), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4−1−91; r. (3) and (4), renum. (5) to (7) to be (3) to (5), Register, April, 1992, No. 436, eff. 5−1−92; r. and recr. Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; emerg. am. (4) (a), eff. 9−1−95; am. (4) (a), Register, February, 1996, No. 482, eff. 3−1−96; am. (2) (b) 1., 2. and (4) (a) 1., r. (4) (a) 2., Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1−1−98; am. (3) (a) 1., Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1−1−01.

NR 10.13 Furbearing animals. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person may:

(a) *Hunting*. Hunt any beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat, or otter with the aid of any spear, gun or dog except that:

1. The owner or occupant of any land and members of their families may shoot or trap beaver on their respective lands without license as established in s. 29.337, Stats.

2. Agents or employees possessing written authorization from the landowner, land lessee or responsible governmental body may use firearms to shoot beaver under s. NR 12.10.

(b) *Trapping*. 1. 'Traps.' Set out or place traps or snares, whether set or sprung, during the closed season.

2. 'Bait or scent.' Set out or place any bait or scent for attracting furbearing animals during the closed season. During the open season, no person may use sight exposed bait consisting of feathers, animal flesh, fur, hide or entrails within 25 feet of any trap.

4. 'Watersets.' Take, capture or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any furbearing animals at any time by means of watersets except during that period when and in those areas where there is an open season for trapping muskrat, beaver, or otter or when using a commercially manufactured, enclosed trigger trap. In addition, persons removing beaver under s. NR 12.10 may use watersets.

5. 'Trap and snare placement.' Set any snares or traps at any time within 15 feet of any beaver dam, except when trapping under the landowner authority established by s. 29.337, Stats., or with a commercially manufactured, enclosed trigger trap.

Note: The rule exception allows trapping on beaver dams by landowners.

6. 'Trap and snare use.' Set, place, operate or possess while on or adjacent to waters of this state, any trap other than a steel−jawed trap, live traps or snare other than that defined in s. NR 10.001 (25e) for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing furbearing animals. Live traps shall be constructed so that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any single trap setting.

7. 'Artificial structures.' No person shall construct or place on the ice of any of the waters of this state any artificial house or den for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any fur−bearing animals, or place or set therein any trap or traps of any kind which might take, catch, or kill fur−bearing animals.

8. 'Killer traps and snares.' a. Set, place, or operate any killer type trap of the conibear type larger than 7″ x 7″ or any snare regardless of the size of the noose unless one−half of the set trap or set snare is located underwater at all times.

b. Set, place or operate any 7″ x 7″ killer, 220 conibear type, trap; as a water set unless one−half of the trap is located underwater at all times; as an elevated set unless the trap is placed at least 5 feet above the surface; as a baited and/or scented set in or on the ground unless the trap trigger is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 50 square inches for a 7 inch minimum recess; 8 inch height x 10 inch width opening with a 10 inch minimum recess from the enclosure openings; as an unbaited and/or unscented trail set in or on the ground unless the trap is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 10 inches in height and 10 inches in width and is recessed a minimum of 15 inches from the enclosure openings; or as a bottom entry enclosure set unless the entire opening of the enclosure is no more than 7 inches above the surface. The measurement to the surface is the distance to the first surface beneath the trap or opening, where the surface is ground, ice, crusted or packed snow or any other hard material. For the purposes of this paragraph, an enclosure means any device that creates a barrier to the trap allowing entry only through designated openings.

9. 'Steeljawed traps.' It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jaw trap with a spread width of more than 8 inches.

10. 'Toothed traps.' No person may set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth unless it is located completely underwater at all times.

11. 'Minimum waterset.' Except when the muskrat or mink season is open, no person may set, place or operate any waterset smaller than $5^1/_2$″ jaw spread for steel jaw traps and $6^3/_4$″ x $6^3/_4$″ for killer traps of the conibear type.

12. 'Trap placement.' Set, place or operate any killer trap of the conibear type greater than 6″ x 6″ or any snare regardless of the size of the noose in the following locations:

a. Within 3 feet of any federal, state or county road rights−of−way culvert unless completely submerged in water.

b. Within 3 feet of any woven or welded wire mesh type fence.

c. Within 100 yards of any building devoted to human occupancy without the owner's consent.

13. 'Snare specifications.' Set, place or operate any snare unless the noose cable and noose attachments conform to the following specifications:

a. Five feet or less of non−stainless steel metal cable or wire with a diameter not exceeding $^1/_8$″.

b. All snares shall include a relaxing mechanical lock and anchor swivel. In addition, all snares shall be tagged with a metal tag stamped or inscribed with the name and address of the owner.

(2) MOLESTING. While hunting or trapping, no person shall:

(a) *Raccoon.* Molest any raccoon den or den trees.

(b) *Mink.* Molest any mink den.

(c) *Muskrat and beaver.* Molest any muskrat house, muskrat feeding house, or beaver dam. However, beaver dams may be altered by persons removing beaver causing damage under s. NR 12.10.

(3) TRAPPING HOURS. (a) *Legal time period.* The trapping hours shall be from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CST).

(b) *Illegal time period.* No person may set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (CST).

(c) *Set tending interval.* 1. 'Dry land and non−drowning sets.' Any set capable of capturing an animal and not capable of drowning the animal shall be tended at least once each day and the animal captured shall be removed from the set.

2. 'Open water drowning sets.' Any set capable of drowning the captured animal shall be tended within a 4 day period following the last tending of the set. Any animal captured shall be removed from the set. Water levels shall be monitored to ensure effective drowning sets.

3. 'Under ice sets.' Any set made under the ice is exempt from the checking periods.

(4) TRAP PLACEMENT. "Lawfully placed" for the purposes of s. 29.331 (5) (a), Stats., refers to when the trap was initially placed by the owner or operator of the trap.

History: 1−2−56; am. (1), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9−1−62; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9−1−64; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9−1−66; renum. to be NR 10.13; am. (3), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (1), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8−1−71; am. (3), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9−1−75; emerg. am. (1), eff. 4−3−76; r. and recr. Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10−1−79; r. and recr. (1) (b) 5., Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11−1−80; am. (1) (b) 2., Register, May, 1983, No. 329, eff. 6−1−83; am. (1) (intro.) and (b) 2., Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; (1) (b) 6. to 12. renum. from NR 10.14 (2) to (8), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 12−1−84; am. (1) (a) and r. and recr. (1) (b) 5., Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; r. and recr. (1) (a), am. (1) (b) 4., 5., 11. and (2) (c), Register, June, 1988, No. 390, eff. 7−1−88; am. (1) (b) 8. and 10., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (1) (a) 2., (b) 1., 3. to 6., 8., 12. intro., (2) (c) and (3) (b), cr. (1) (b) 13., Register, May, 1990, No. 413, eff. 6−1−90; am. (1) (b) 8., 12. intro. and 13. b., Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11−1−91; r. and recr. (3) (c), Register, July, 1993, No. 451, eff. 8−1−93; am. (1) (b) 13. b., Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; r. (1) (b) 3., Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 5−1−98; renum. (1) (b) 8. to be 8. a., cr. (1) (b) 8. b., Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98; correction in (1) (b) 8. b. made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 1., Stats., Register, June, 1999, No. 522; am. (1) (b) 8 a., Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; am. (1) (b) 8. a., cr. (4), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 8−4−00; am. (3) (a), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01; CR 01−006: am. (1) (b) 11., Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01; CR 01−008: am. (1) (b) 4. and 5., Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02.

NR 10.145 Bobcat, fisher and otter. No person may hunt or trap, or attempt to hunt or trap, any bobcat, fisher or otter unless having first applied for and received from the department a permit and any associated pelt tags.

(1) HARVEST QUOTAS. The number of bobcat, fisher and otter permits issued annually shall be determined by the department. The department shall base its determination upon:

(a) Population estimates and trends.

(b) The population goals established in sub. (2).

(c) Trends in hunter or trapper success rates.

(2) POPULATION GOALS. (a) *Fisher.* The overwinter population goal for fisher management zones A, B, C, and D described under s. NR 10.01 (4) (dm) is one fisher per 2 square miles of fisher range.

(b) *Bobcat.* The overwinter population goal north of state highway 64 is one bobcat per 10 square miles of bobcat range.

(c) *Otter.* The statewide overwinter population goal is 13,000 otter.

(3) APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES. (a) *Forms.* Applications for permits shall be made on forms provided by the department.

(b) *Deadlines.* All permit applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on those dates to be considered for selection. The annual application deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(c) *Application limit.* No person may apply for more than 1 permit for each species.

(d) *Random selection.* If the number of applications for permits exceeds the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected.

(e) *Pelt tag issuance.* The department shall issue pelt tags to successful permit applicants as follows:

1. 'Oversubscribed zones.' If the number of applications for permits is equal to or more than the number of permits available, each successful applicant shall be issued a pelt tag.

2. 'Undersubscribed zones.' If the number of applications for permits is less than the number of permits available, the department may:

a. Randomly issue successful applicants additional pelt tags; or

b. Make available to any person the remaining permits on a first−come, first−served basis; or

c. Use both procedures described in subd. 2. a and b.

(4) TAGGING REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Field tagging.* When a bobcat, fisher or otter is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the permittee shall immediately validate the pelt tag by slitting, tearing or punching the pelt tag in the manner indicated by the department and attach and seal the pelt tag to the animal in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to validate and attach and seal the pelt tag invalidates the permit.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may transport or possess a bobcat, fisher, otter, or a raw pelt of these species unless it has been tagged in accordance with par. (a).

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

(5) RECORDING OF HARVEST. (a) 1. 'Bobcat, fisher and otter.' Unless authorized by the department, each person who has killed a bobcat, fisher or otter during the respective open season shall exhibit the pelt to an authorized department representative no later than 5 days after the month of harvest.

(b) The department may require each person exhibiting a bobcat, fisher or otter pelt to exhibit and provide the skinned carcass to the department.

(c) *Department tagging.* The department shall inspect the pelt, attach and lock a registration tag to the head of all lawfully taken and possessed bobcat, fisher and otter.

(d) *Mounting.* Persons who intend to have a bobcat, fisher or otter mounted by a taxidermist may exhibit the bobcat, fisher or otter to the department for registration in whole carcass condition without separating the pelt and shall surrender the skinned carcass to the department within 30 days of registration.

(6) POSSESSION AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. No person may:

(a) Possess raw bobcat, fisher or otter pelts after the 5th day following closure of the open season for each species and the respective opening date of the next trapping or hunting season without a registration tag attached and locked to the head of the animal.

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

(7) SEASON CLOSURE. The secretary of the department may close a portion or all of any bobcat, otter or fisher season established in s. NR 10.01, upon a finding by the department that the harvest for that season will exceed the level authorized by the department under sub. (1). Closure shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9−1−73; am. Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3−1−75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; r. and recr., Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5−1−80; renum. (1) to (3) to be (3) to (5) and cr. (1) and (2), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11−1−80; renum. from NR 10.201, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; am. (1) (b), Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11−1−83; r. and recr. (3), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; r. and recr. Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; r. and recr. (5) (a), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8−1−95; am. (intro.), (3) (e) (intro.), 1., 2. a., (4) (a) and (c), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (5) (a) 1., Register, October, 1997, No. 502 eff. 11−1−97; r. and recr. (2) (a), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 5−1−98; cr. (2) (c) and (7), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; except (7), eff. 3−1−00; am. (5) (a) 1., (d) and (6) (b), r. (5) (a) 2., Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01 except (6) (b), eff. 3−1−01.

NR 10.15 Horicon national wildlife refuge. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. (a) *Firearm and bow possession.* Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap any wild animal or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon the area known as the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

(b) *Unprotected animal control.* Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employees in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

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(2) SHOTGUN SEASON. A shotgun season shall be established for hunting deer except for posted closed areas, pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3).

(3) BOW AND ARROW SEASON. An open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow in areas designated by posted notice shall be established pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3).

(4) SMALL GAME SEASON. (a) *Game birds and rabbits*. The open season for hunting upland game birds and rabbits shall begin as established by s. NR 10.01 (2) and (3), and continue through the end of the pheasant season each year pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (2) (c), and shall be subject to all other rules covering hunting set forth in this chapter.

(b) *Season closure*. With the written approval of the department, such season may be closed at any time upon request by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(5) TRAPPING. (a) *Furbearers*. With the written approval of the department, an open season may be declared for trapping fur bearing animals.

(b) *Permits*. If permits are required, they shall be issued by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(c) *Trap limits*. The legal number of traps allowed for each trapper shall be prescribed by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(d) *Other restrictions*. All other rules covering trapping are set forth in this chapter.

(6) WATERFOWL SEASON. No person may place a hunting blind within 75 yards of the Horicon national wildlife refuge boundary during the open season for hunting waterfowl.

History: 1−2−56; am. (2) (a) and r. (2) (b) to (e), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10−1−71; am. (5), (6) and (7), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; am. (6), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2−1−77; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; cr. (6), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88.

Note: For a complete history of NR 10.15 see the history note for NR 10.15 as it appeared in Register, August, 1973.

NR 10.16 Necedah national wildlife refuge, Juneau county. Except as provided in subs. (1), (2), (3) and (4), it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon that area known as the Necedah national wildlife refuge, Juneau county, Wisconsin. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents or employees in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

(1) TRAPPING. Within the discretion of the U.S. fish and wildlife service, an open season for the taking of fur−bearing animals may be declared within the Necedah national wildlife refuge upon written approval of the department, which shall designate the species to be taken and establish opening and closing dates. Trapping on the Necedah national wildlife refuge shall be conducted under written permit from the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Such permit shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing trapping set forth in this chapter.

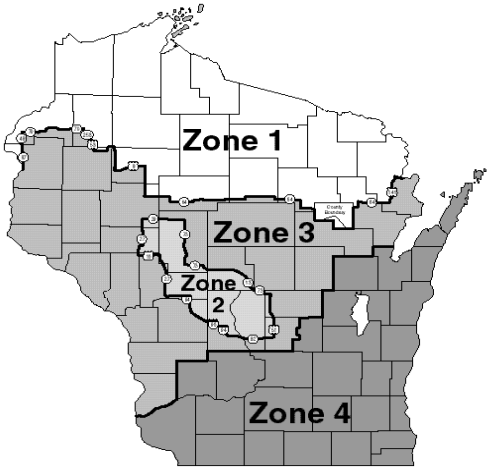
(2) BOW SEASON. An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with bow and arrow shall be established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge and said season shall be concurrent with the state−wide season for bow and arrow established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

(3) FIREARM SEASON. An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with firearms shall be established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge and such season shall fall within the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notice of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

(4) TURKEY SEASON. An open season for hunting wild turkeys as listed in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) is established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge, and such season shall be concurrent with the open season for hunting turkeys as described in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Hunting on the Necedah national wildlife refuge shall be restricted to only those persons holding a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit issued by the department.

History: 1−2−56, am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9−1−57; r. intro, par., (1) and (2), and recr. intro. par., (1) and (2), and cr. (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9−1−58; am. (3), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10−1−59; r. and recr., Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9−1−62; am. intro. par. and cr. (4), Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4−1−67; renum. to be NR 10.16, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (4), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11−1−75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76.

NR 10.20 Wolf management zones.



History: Cr. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01.

NR 10.22 Sandhill wildlife demonstration area, Wood county. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case upon that area known as the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area in Wood county, Wisconsin, except as provided in this section.

(2) SANDHILL OUTDOOR SKILLS CENTER. (a) *Purpose*. The primary purpose of the Sandhill outdoor skills center is to teach wildlife−related outdoor skills. Wildlife−related outdoor skills are those relating to fishing, hunting, viewing, tracking, trapping, photography, management, study and conservation of wildlife.

(b) *Demonstration area use*. The department may limit use of the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area to persons participating in outdoor skills training programs.

(c) *Training authorization*. Subject to state law and federal regulations, the department may modify or waive hunting, trapping and property use rules respecting participants in a Sandhill

outdoor skills training program. The modification or waiver shall be writing delivered to each participant upon a finding that it is necessary to achieve the objectives of the training program and consistent with the purpose in par. (a).

(d) *Program participation limits.* The department may limit the number of participants and establish application deadlines and prerequisites for programs at the Sandhill outdoor skills center. The department shall publish any applicable participation limits and program prerequisites as a part of any training program application forms or program guides developed by the department.

(e) *Application procedures.* Applications to participate in any Sandhill outdoor skills center program shall be on forms supplied by the department. No person may submit more than one application per program. All applications shall be mailed or delivered to: Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413.

(f) *Participant selection.* If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the program participation limit, the department may select program participants using either a first−come, first−served or random selection process.

(g) *Fees.* The department may charge program participants fees equivalent to the costs of providing the program training. All fees shall be paid in advance of program participation.

(3) HUNTING. (a) *Permit restrictions.* No person may hunt on the demonstration area without first obtaining a permit issued by the department. Permits shall be issued without charge.

1. 'Effective dates.' Permits are valid only for the date of issue and shall be returned to the established check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

2. 'Compartment limits.' All hunting is restricted to the type of game and compartment designated on the permit.

3. 'Quotas.' Daily hunting permits shall be limited by the department based upon environmental conditions and annual research objectives.

4. 'Exhibition required.' All harvested game shall be exhibited at the established check−out station as described on the permit.

5. 'Limitations.' Permits issued to an individual are not transferrable and may not be altered or defaced.

6. 'Reports.' Permit holders may be required to provide hunt information on department forms at the established check−out station.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* Any person possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license may apply for a hunting permit.

1. 'Forms.' Application shall be made on department forms.

2. 'Issuance period.' Daily permits may be issued by the department at established check−in stations on a first−come, first−served basis or by random selection of mailed applications. Mailed applications are subject to the following restrictions:

a. No person may submit more than one application. Submission of more than one application shall disqualify the application permit eligibility.

b. Group applications up to and including 4 hunters will be honored provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside.

3. 'Self−completed permits.' Applications for hunting any game species except deer shall be completed by the applicant in person the day of the hunt. The self−completed permit portion of the application shall be retained by the applicant until the hunt is completed.

4. 'University of Wisconsin research.' Permits may be issued to the university of Wisconsin for research purposes under a cooperative agreement with the department.

5. 'Waiting procedure.' Hunters waiting to apply for permits shall form a single line. Each vehicle in line may contain no more than 5 applicants and shall be occupied at all times by all persons applying for permits that day.

(c) *Season and bag limits.* The hunting season and bag limits for all game species are established in s. NR 10.01 and may continue no longer than the Sunday immediately prior to the deer season established in subd. 2. with the following exceptions:

1. 'Rabbits and hares.' Snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit hunting shall open on the Saturday nearest September 15.

2. 'Deer.' Deer hunting shall be established at the discretion of the department and continue until the annual harvest objective is obtained. The sex and type of legal deer shall be established by permit.

3. 'Extended seasons.' The seasons for any game species may be resumed at the discretion of the department and continue through December 31.

(d) *Hunting hours.* The hunting hours for all species shall be the hours established in s. NR 10.06.

(e) *Information.* Information on the availability of hunting and trapping permits, permit application procedures, species which may be taken and other applicable conditions of taking on the demonstration area for each calendar year, except for extended seasons, shall be made available by the department at the demonstration area, district and Madison offices no later than August 1 of that year. Information relating to extended seasons shall be made available in the same manner prior to the extended season opening.

(4) TRAPPING. (a) *Permits.* Trapping will be allowed by permit only and may be issued on a seasonal basis dependent upon furbearer population levels.

(b) *Annual assessment.* Each year the department shall determine:

1. The number of permits to be issued.

2. The number of animals to be harvested.

3. The time when such trapping may take place.

4. The deadline date for receipt of applications.

5. Such additional restrictions as are necessary to preserve, protect and utilize the furbearing resources on this area.

(c) *Permit selection procedure.* If applications for permits exceed the number of permits available, random selection shall be used to determine successful applicants.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10−1−62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9−1−63; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9−1−64; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1965. No. 116, eff. 9−1−65; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9−1−66; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9−1−67; r. and recr. (2) (intro. par.) and (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.22; r. and recr. (2) intro. par. and (a); cr. (2) (h), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (1) and (2), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8−1−71; r. and recr., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9−1−72; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9−1−73; am. (2) (b), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3−1−75; am. (b) and (c), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6−1−77; r. and recr. (2) (a), (b) and (c), Register, July, 1977, No. 259, eff. 8−1−77; cr. (3), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6−1−78; am. (2) (b) 3.a., Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11−1−78; am. (2) (b) (intro.), 1. and 2. and (2) (c), r. and recr. (2) (b) 3., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10−1−79; r. and recr. (2) (b) 1. and 2., am. (2) (b) 3. a. and (2) (c), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11−1−80; r. and recr. (2) (b) 3.e., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11−1−81; am. (2) (a), (b) 3.a. and b., Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10−1−82; am. (2) (a) and (2) (b) 3.b., r. and recr. (2) (b) 3.a., cr. (2) (i), Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11−1−83: r. and recr. (2), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10−1−84; am. (2) (a) 2., r. (2) (c) 3., renum. (2) (c) 4. to be 3., Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; renum. (2) and (3) to be (3) and (4), cr. (2), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91.

NR 10.23 Grand River experimental hunting area. **(1)** DESCRIPTION. The area described in s. NR 11.02 (6) and (7), shall be called the Grand River experimental hunting area.

(2) RESTRICTIONS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow unless it is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case upon that area known as the Grand River experimental hunting area except as provided in this section.

(b) Hunting in the Grand River experimental hunting area shall be from blinds as may be located on the area by the department. The department may further limit the number of blinds to be occupied each day.

(3) PERMIT AND TAG REQUIREMENT. In order to hunt Canada geese pursuant to this section, the applicant must comply with s.

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NR 10.01 (1) (L) and possess a special goose blind permit issued by the department.

(a) A goose blind application shall be completed and submitted by the applicant on a 3″ x 5″ postcard bearing the name, address and current year hunting license number of each applicant.

(b) Applications must be received by the department no later than September 10 of each year.

(c) No more than 2 persons may apply on a single application card.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information.

(4) REGISTRATION. (a) Each permit issued shall be validated by the department registration station located on the area prior to occupying any blind.

(b) Registration station hours shall begin one hour before the start of hunting hours. Hunters shall report to such station immediately after the close of hunting hours each day as established in sub. (6).

(c) All blinds will be assigned by one−half hour prior to shooting hours. Permittees numbered 1−20 who do not report prior to this time period shall be assigned blinds as they become available on a first−come, first−served basis.

(d) The department shall assign blinds by random selection at the registration station.

(e) Permits shall be returned to the registration station immediately upon completion of the permittee's hunt and all Canada geese bagged shall be presented for registration.

(5) GOOSE BLIND PERMIT RESTRICTIONS. (a) Goose blind permits shall be valid for a single, specified date and entitle each permittee to the daily bag limit of Canada geese.

(b) No more than 2 persons shall hunt from any blind.

(c) It shall be unlawful to hunt from any blind except those assigned to the hunter by the department.

(d) Goose blind permits are not transferable or replaceable and shall not be reused, altered or defaced.

(e) Permits and numbers assigned to such permits shall be issued on a random basis with priority of use as follows:

1. Thirty permits shall be issued for each day.

2. Permits numbered 1−20 shall be validated first each day pursuant to sub. (4).

3. Permits numbered 21−30 shall be validated as blinds become available.

(6) SEASON AND HUNTING HOURS. (a) The open season for hunting Canada geese shall begin October 2 and continue through November 16.

(b) The commencement of the daily hunting hours shall conform to those in s. NR 10.06 except that hunting hours shall terminate at noon each day unless otherwise indicated by signs posted at the registration station.

(7) Dogs are not permitted on the experimental hunting area described in sub. (1).

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1−1−79; correction in (1) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, August, 1999, No. 524; correction in (1) was made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register August 2001 No. 548.

NR 10.24 Bong state recreation area hunting zone.

(1) DESCRIPTION. The area described in s. NR 45.13 (17) (a) 1., shall be called the hunting zone.

(2) RESTRICTIONS. (a) *General prohibition.* No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow unless it is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case in the hunting zone except as provided in this section.

(b) *Firearms.* All rifles and pistols, except starter pistols loaded with blanks, are prohibited except when they are transported unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case in a vehicle or automobile.

(c) *Other hunting methods.* Methods of hunting other than by use of rifles and pistols shall comply with those established in this chapter.

(3) PERMIT AND TAGS. (a) *General prohibition.* No person may hunt or trap within the hunting zone without first obtaining a permit issued by the department.

(b) *Limitations.* Permits and associated carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable and are valid only for the date and area specified on the permit.

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be issued as follows:

1. During the first 14 days of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to individuals may not exceed 300.

2. Beginning with the 15th day of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to individuals may not exceed 300 until 10:00 a.m. After 10:00 a.m., additional hunting permits may be issued on a first−come, first−served basis.

3. During the pheasant season, a maximum of 250 permits may be reserved for pheasant hunting.

(d) *Waterfowl.* Until the pheasant season opens, no more than 16 waterfowl permits may be issued each day for the area north of state highway 142.

(e) *Trapping.* The number of seasonal trapping permits may not exceed 10.

(f) *Legal game.* Permits are only valid for hunting or trapping the species specified on the permit.

(g) *Disposal.* Permits and unused carcass tags shall be returned to a department check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

(4) RESERVATIONS. (a) *Application period.* Hunting and trapping permit reservations may be obtained by applying on department forms between August 1 and August 31 each year.

(b) *Application limit.* No one may submit more than one application for a single date.

(c) *Random selection.* If the number of applications exceeds the number of permits available, a random drawing shall select successful applicants.

(d) *Application after deadline.* Applications received after August 31 shall be approved on a first−come, first−served basis if permits are available. Applications may be made in person, by mail or by telephone a minimum of 2 days prior to the desired hunting date.

(e) *Reservation limit.* No person may receive more than 5 waterfowl and 5 pheasant hunting reservations per season.

(f) *Check−in deadline.* Any person who obtains a hunting permit reservation and arrives at the department's check−in station after the opening of hunting hours shall forfeit such reservation. Any person with a waterfowl hunting permit reservation shall report at the department's check−in station no later than one−half hour before the opening of hunting hours or forfeit the reservation. Any person may obtain a daily permit on a first−come, first−served basis provided a permit is available.

(g) *Other standards.* All hunting permits are reservable and nontransferable.

(5) HUNTER IDENTIFICATION. Armbands or other means of identification issued with permits shall be worn on the outermost garment at all times and shall be returned to a department check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

(6) SEASON AND HOURS. (a) *General restrictions.* The open season and limits for hunting and trapping are established in s. NR 10.01, except the pheasant limits which shall be:

1. Daily bag—one, either sex for the first 14 days; 2, either sex, thereafter.

2. Possession—one the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.

(b) *Waterfowl and deer hours.* The daily opening of hunting hours for waterfowl and deer are established in s. NR 10.06.

(c) *Pheasant season exception.* The daily opening of hunting hours shall be in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06 except during the pheasant season. During the pheasant season the daily opening of hunting hours shall be as follows:

1. Waterfowl and deer hunting shall be in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06.

2. Pheasant hunting and all other species except waterfowl and deer hunting:

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a. The Saturday nearest October 17—in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06.

b. The Sunday nearest October 17 and continuing through the end of the pheasant season as established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c)—9:00 a.m.

(d) *Special closure.* The daily closing of hunting hours for all species is established in s. NR 10.06 except during pheasant season when all hunting except waterfowl south of state highway 142 and archery deer shall end at 2:00 p.m. after the Saturday nearest October 17.

(e) *Trapping hours.* Trapping hours shall be the hours established in s. NR 10.13 (3).

(7) PHEASANT HUNTING. (a) *Tagging.* When a pheasant is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall completely attach to the bird's leg a carcass tag issued by the department.

(b) *Tag retention.* The carcass tag shall remain attached to the pheasant until it is prepared for consumption.

(8) WATERFOWL HUNTING SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 142. (a) *Blind requirement.* Hunting shall be restricted to blinds or locations assigned by the department except for the retrieval of crippled waterfowl. In assigned locations without a department blind, the hunter may assemble a blind using existing natural vegetation at the assigned site or use a portable blind. Individuals are required to hunt within 20 feet of the poles. All portable blinds shall be removed at the end of the day.

(b) *Blind limitation.* No more than 2 persons may hunt from any blind or location assigned by the department.

(9) TRAPPING. (a) *Permit duration.* Trapping permits are valid for the entire season.

(b) *Other limitations.* Areas shall be determined by the department and no more than one permittee or helper may trap in any one area.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9−1−81; r. and recr. (3) (c), (4) (g) and (6) (a) and (b), am. (3) (g), (4) (a), (d), (e) and (f), renum. (6) (c) to (6) (e), cr. (6) (c) and (d), Register, August, 1984, No. 344, eff. 9−1−84; am. (3) (c) 2. and (6) (c) 2. b., r. (6) (c) 3., Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7−1−87; am. (4) (f), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (1), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; am. (6) (b) 2. b. and (d), r. (6) (b) 2. c., Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95; am. (8) (a) and (b), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99.

NR 10.25 Wild turkey hunting. (1) LICENSES, STAMPS AND CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Authorization to hunt.* 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., no person may hunt wild turkey unless he or she possesses a wild turkey hunting license and stamp issued by the department and turkey carcass tag issued by the department or Ft. McCoy military reservation. All licenses, stamps and carcass tags shall be valid for the current hunting season.

2. Persons possessing a senior citizen recreation card issued prior to January 1, 1992 do not need to possess a turkey hunting license or stamp.

3. No person may hunt wild turkey without attaching the stamp to his or her turkey hunting license. The stamp shall be signed in ink across the face of the stamp by the licensee and attached to the license by either stapling or using the adhesive on the back of the stamp.

(b) *Landowner preference.* Qualified Wisconsin resident landowners or persons assigned eligibility under s. 29.164, Stats., may request first preference when applying for authorization to hunt wild turkeys provided the zone applied for:

1. Is open to wild turkey hunting.

2. Contains at least 50 acres in one parcel owned by the Wisconsin resident applicant.

(c) *License application procedures.* Persons applying to hunt wild turkeys on the Ft. McCoy military reservation shall apply to that facility. All other applicants shall apply for a turkey hunting license as follows:

1. Application for authorization to purchase a turkey hunting license shall be made on forms provided by the department.

2. All fall and spring hunting season applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on those dates to be considered for selection. The annual deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

3. If a maximum of 4 persons wish to hunt together, each shall complete an application form for individual licenses and submit them together in a single envelope clearly marked "group application". The group application shall be treated as one application for purposes of random selection or consideration for a license. Landowner preference may be requested by group applicants provided all individuals are eligible under par. (b).

(d) *Licensee selection procedures.* If the number of applications for licenses for a wild turkey hunting zone exceeds the available quota of licenses, successful applicants shall be randomly selected in accordance with any statutorily established landowner preference system.

(e) *License purchase requirement.* No person may purchase a turkey hunting license without presenting the license vendor with the department−issued purchase authorization.

(f) *Carcass tag issuance.* 1. 'Oversubscribed zones.' Each successful applicant for a turkey hunting license shall be issued a carcass tag by the department.

2. 'Undersubscribed zones.' If the number of applications for licenses for a wild turkey hunting zone is less than the available quota of licenses, the department may:

a. Randomly issue successful applicants additional carcass tags in accordance with any statutorily established landowner preference system; or

b. Make available to any person the remaining licenses for the zone on a first−come, first−served basis; or

c. Use both procedures described in subd. 2. a. and b.

(g) *License and carcass tag restrictions.* 1. License and carcass tags issued under this section are only valid for the zone and time period indicated on the license.

2. Licenses or carcass tags issued under this section may not be transferred to or used by any person other than licensee.

3. Persons successful in obtaining a turkey license and tag for any numbered zone are not eligible to receive a Ft. McCoy military reservation turkey hunting license.

Note: Any person may apply for a state and Ft. McCoy wild turkey hunting license simultaneously. The Ft. McCoy drawing of successful applicants will occur after successful state applicants are listed by the department. As a result, Ft. McCoy officials will be able to reject Ft. McCoy applicants appearing on the department list.

(2) TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) *Carcass tag use.* In wild turkey hunting zones, when a wild turkey is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Validate the license by tearing or cutting the carcass tag in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the license.

2. Completely attach and seal the carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive, around the leg of the turkey.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may possess or transport a wild turkey taken in any wild turkey hunting zone established in s. NR 10.29 unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

(3) REGISTRATION. A person who possesses a wild turkey killed in a wild turkey hunting zone shall exhibit and register the bird at a department registration station as follows:

(a) *Spring season.* A wild turkey taken during the spring seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) shall be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed.

(b) *Fall season.* A wild turkey taken during the fall season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f), shall be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

(4) RESTRICTIONS. No person may hunt wild turkeys:

(a) By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle−loading shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow.

(b) With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(c) With the aid of dogs.

(d) With live decoys for the purposes of enticing wild turkeys.

(e) By the aid of bait or on or over a baited area in a manner prohibited by s. NR 10.12 (1) (h).

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(5) HARVEST QUOTA. The number of wild turkey hunting licenses or carcass tags issued annually for the spring and fall seasons shall be determined by the department. The department shall base its determination for each wild turkey hunting zone upon;

(a) The abundance and distribution of wild turkeys;

(b) Trends in hunter success rates;

(c) Hunter distribution and density; and

(d) Zone size and forested acreage.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4−1−66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4−1−67; am. (3), (5) and (7) (a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4−1−68; renum. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; r. and recr., Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12−1−82; am. (1) (c) 2. and (3), Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4−1−85; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; am. (1) (a), (2) (a) (intro.), (b) and (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; r. and recr. (1) (c) 2. and 3. and (3), cr. (1) (c) 4., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1−1−89; am. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (c) (intro.), cr. (1) (e) 3., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4−1−89; cr. (4) (e), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; am. (1) (c) 2. and 3., Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2−1−91; cr. (5) Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; am. (1) (c) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7−1−92; am. (1) (c) 3. and (3) (a), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; am. (3) (a), r. and recr. (4) (e), Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98.

NR 10.26 Sharp−tailed grouse hunting. (1) PERMITS AND CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Authorization to hunt.* No person may hunt sharp−tailed grouse unless he or she possesses a valid sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit and carcass tag issued by the department, in addition to an approval authorizing small game hunting.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* Persons applying to hunt sharp−tailed grouse shall apply for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit as follows:

1. Application for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit shall be made on an application form provided by the department.

2. All applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the application form or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on those dates to be considered for selection.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, hunting license outlet handouts, and pertinent hunting regulation pamphlets. The department license section address is 101 South Webster St., P. O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

3. If a maximum of 4 persons wish to hunt together, each shall complete an application form for individual permits and submit them together in a single envelope clearly marked "group application" on the outside. The group application shall be treated as one application for purpose of random selection or consideration for a permit. If a group contains persons who unsuccessfully applied for sharp−tailed grouse hunting permits in the previous year, and persons who successfully applied or did not apply for sharp−tailed grouse permits the previous year, the group will be placed in the preference category of those who successfully applied in the previous year.

(c) *Permittee selection procedures for oversubscribed units.* If the number of applications for permits for a management unit exceeds the number of available permits in that unit, successful applicants shall be randomly selected according to the preference system established in s. 29.192 (2), Stats.

(d) *Carcass tag issuance.* 1. 'Oversubscribed units.' Each successful applicant for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit shall be issued a carcass tag by the department.

2. 'Undersubscribed units.' If the number of applications is less than the available permits for a management unit, the department may:

a. Randomly issue successful applicants additional carcass tags; or

b. Make available to any person the remaining permits for the unit on a first−come, first−serve basis; or

c. Use both procedures described in subd. 2. a. and b.

(e) *Permit and carcass tag restrictions.* 1. Permits and carcass tags issued under this section are only valid for the unit indicated on the permit during the open season established for sharp−tailed grouse.

2. Permits or carcass tags issued under this section may not be transferred to or used by any person other than the permittee.

(2) TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) *Carcass tag use.* When a sharp−tailed grouse is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Immediately validate the carcass tag in the manner indicated by the department on the carcass tag. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the tag.

2. Completely attach and seal the carcass tag around the leg of the sharp−tailed grouse in the manner indicated by the department on the carcass tag.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may possess or transport a sharp−tailed grouse unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

(3) HARVEST QUOTA. The number of sharp−tailed grouse hunting permits or carcass tags issued annually for units described in s. NR 10.28 shall be based on the annual sharp−tailed grouse harvest quotas established for these units. The department shall base its determination of the annual harvest quota for each unit upon:

(a) The estimated size and distribution of sharp−tailed grouse populations.

(b) Trends in sharp−tailed grouse hunter numbers and hunter success rates.

(c) A maximum allowable harvest of no more than 25% of the projected fall population.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1997, No. 498, eff. 7−1−97.

NR 10.27 State park deer hunting. No person may hunt deer on the state owned portions of state parks and recreation areas except as provided in this section. Portions of the properties listed may be posted closed to deer hunting.

(1) MUZZLELOADER SEASON. Deer hunting by muzzleloader is allowed in Blue Mound, Governor Dodge, Harrington Beach, Peninsula, Wildcat Mountain and Perrot state parks during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).

(2) FIREARM SEASON. Deer hunting by firearm is allowed in Natural Bridge and Wyalusing state parks during the season specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3.

(3) EARLY AND LATE BOW SEASONS. Deer hunting by bow and arrow is allowed in Buckhorn state park as specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em).

(4) FIREARM AND BOW SEASONS. Deer hunting by firearm and bow and arrow is allowed in the Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Islands state park and that part of Big Bay state park located on Madeline Island west of a north−south line beginning at the park entrance on Haines road during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. and (em) except that archery deer hunting would begin on October 15 at Big Bay state park.

(5) FIREARM AND LATE BOW SEASONS. Deer hunting by firearm and bow and arrow is established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. and the December portion of s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) for the following:

(b) Devil's Lake state park

(c) Elroy−Sparta state trail

(d) Hartman Creek state park

(e) Interstate state park

(f) Kinnickinnic state park

(g) Mirror Lake state park

(j) Tuscobia−Park Falls state trail

(L) Willow River state park

(m) Rocky Arbor state park

(6) LATE BOW AND MUZZLELOADER SEASON. Deer hunting by bow and arrow is established for the December portion of s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) and by muzzle loader during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. for Wildcat Mountain, Yellowstone, Rib Mountain, Harrington Beach and Brunet Island state parks. Hunting and the bag limit is authorized by unfilled hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.

(7) FIREARM, MUZZLELOADER AND LATE BOW SEASON. Deer hunting by firearm, muzzleloader and bow and arrow is established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3., (es) and for the December portion of s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) for Newport, Rock Island and Mill Bluff

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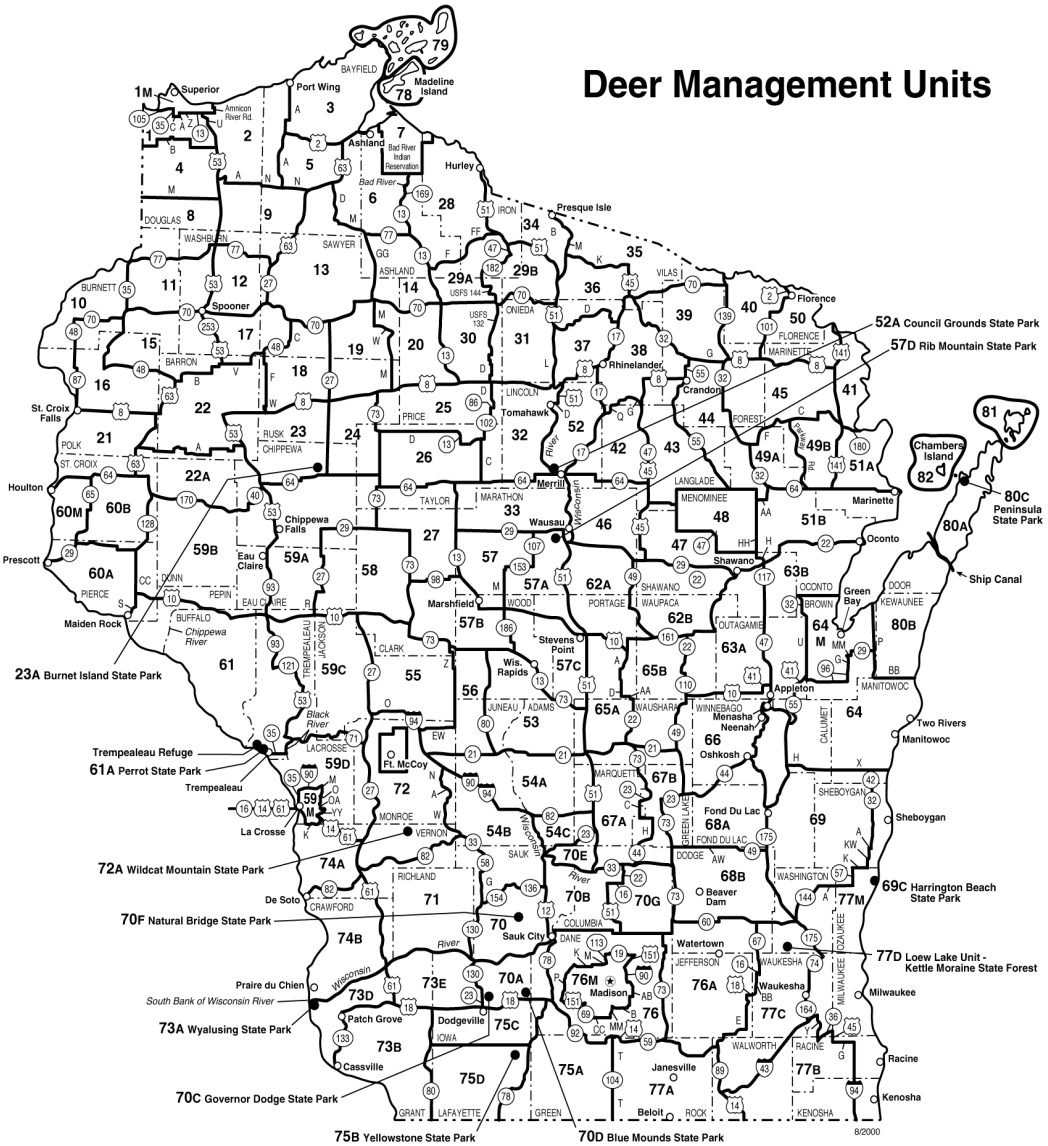
state parks. Additionally, deer hunting by bow and arrow shall begin on October 15 and continue for the remainder of the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) for Rock Island and Mill Bluff state parks.

(8) SHOTGUN, MUZZLELOADER AND LATE BOW SEASON. A shotgun season and a muzzleloader season for deer hunting is established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. and deer hunting by bow and arrow is established for the December portion of s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) for Council Grounds state park. Hunting and the bag limit is authorized by unfilled hunter's choice and antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 10−11−68; cr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.27; am. intro, par., Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (1) Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9−1−72; am. Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 12−1−72; am. (2), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4−1−75; emerg. renum (3) to be (4) and cr. (3) eff. 9−24−75; renum. (3) to be (4), cr. (4), Register, September, 1975, No. 237, eff. 10−1−75; am. (1) and (2), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12−1−76; am. (2), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6−1−77; am. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9−1−78; am. (1), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4−1−79; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1981, No. 308. eff. 9−1−81; r. and recr. Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; renum. (2) to (4) to be (3) to (5), cr. (2), Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11−1−85; r. and recr. Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; r. and recr. (1), am. (2), (4) and (5) (intro.), Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; am. (1) and (4), r. (5) (a), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95; am. (1), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; cr. (5) (m), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; am. (1) and r. (5) (h) and (k), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3−1−98; cr. (6) and (7), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3−1−98; r. (5) (i), am. (6) and (7), Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98; cr. (8), Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; am. (intro.) Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10−1−00; CR 01−008: am. (3) and (7), Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. date for (3), 4−1−02 and for (7), 11−1−01.

NR 10.28 Deer population management units. Deer population management units are established as designated on the following maps:

(1) STATEWIDE DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS.



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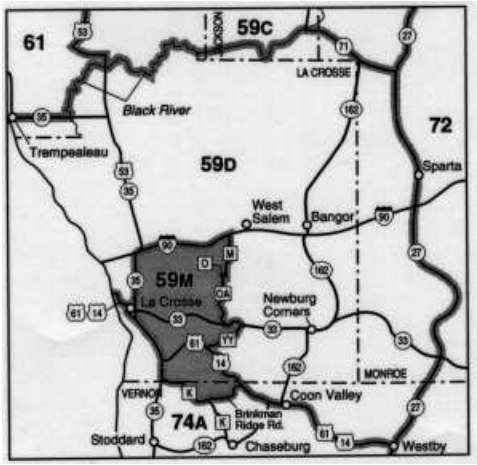
(2) METROPOLITAN DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS. (a) *Unit 59M.*



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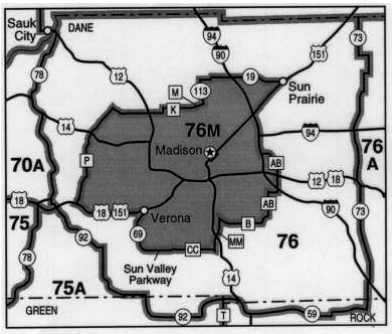
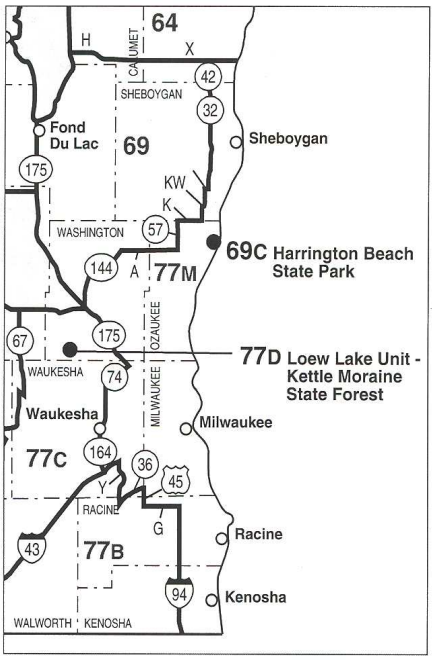


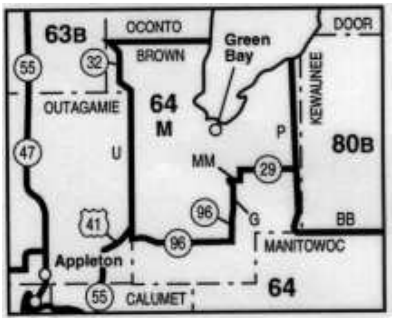
(c) *Unit 77M.*



Note: The metropolitan deer management units are also indicated on the statewide deer management map in sub. (1). They are shown separately in this subsection for purposes of map clarity.

(d) *Unit 60M.*

(e) *Unit 64M.*



History: Cr. Register, August, 1964. No. 104, eff. 9−1−64; am. map. Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; r. and recr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.24; am. (1), Register, June, 1970. No. 174. eff. 7−1−70; am. (1), and map Register, August, 1971. No. 188, eff. 9−1−71; am. (1). Register, September, 1972. No. 201, eff. 10−1−72; am. (1), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10−1−73; am. (1), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; am. (1), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12−1−76; am. Register, October, 1977, No. 262, eff. 11−1−77; renum. from NR 10.24 and am., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10−1−79; r. and recr., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11−1−81; emerg. am. eff. 9−9−82; r. and recr. Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11−1−83; r. and recr. Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11−1−84; r. and recr. Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; r. and recr. October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11−1−85; r. and recr. October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11−1−86; r. and recr. October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; am. map, Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10−1−90; r. and recr. Register August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; r. and recr. (intro.), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96**;** r. and recr. (1), cr. (2) (d) and (e), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97**;** r. and recr. (1) map, Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98; r. and recr. (1), Register, June, 1999, No. 522, eff. 7−1−99; r. and recr. (1), Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; r. and recr. (1) and (2) (c), Register, March, 2001, No. 543, eff. 4−1−01.

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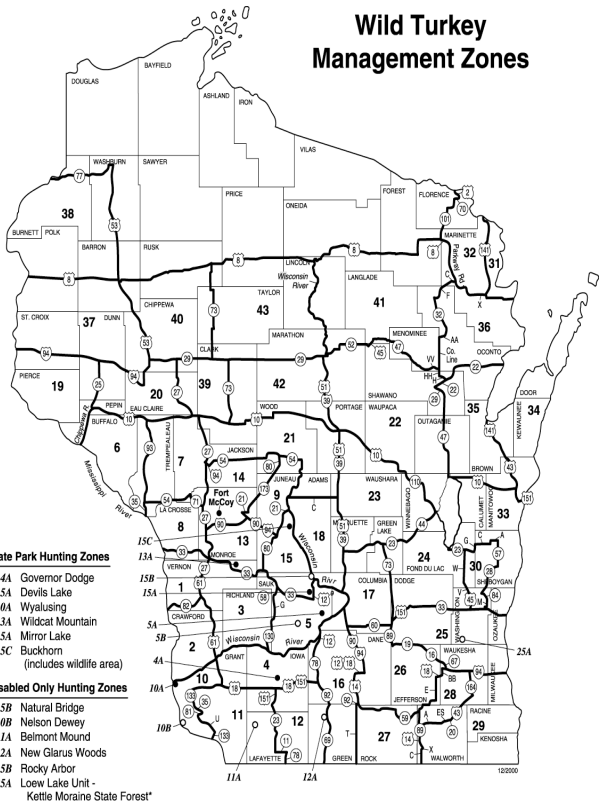
NR 10.29 Wild turkey hunting zones. (2)



History: Cr. Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12−1−82; r. and recr. Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 4−1−84; r. and recr. Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4−1−85; r. and recr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11−1−85; r. and recr., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11−1−87; r. and recr. Register, January, 1988, No. 385, eff. 2−1−88; r. and recr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4−1−89; r. and recr. Register, January, 1990, No. 409, eff. 2−1−90; r. and recr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2−1−91; r. and recr. Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; r. and recr., Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7−1−92; r. and recr., Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8−1−95; r. and recr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 12−1−97; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 1−1−98; CR 01−008: r. (1), r. and recr. (2), Register October 2001 No. 550 eff. 4−1−02.

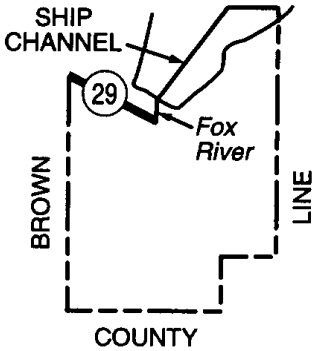
NR 10.30 Black bear hunting zones. Black bear hunting zones are established as designated on the following map:

History: Cr. Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; r. and recr. map, Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; r. and recr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96.

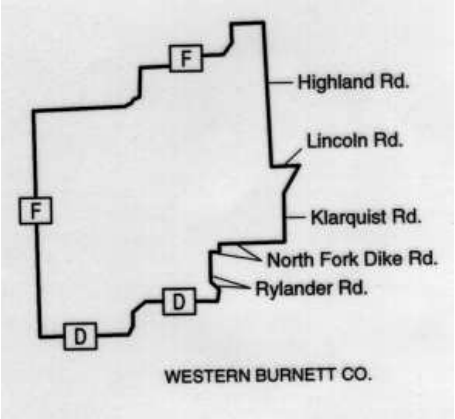
NR 10.31 Canada goose management zones. Canada goose management zones are established by the following maps:

(1) EXTERIOR ZONE. The exterior goose management zone is defined in s. NR 10.001 (9m) and includes the following subzones:

(a) *Brown county subzone.*

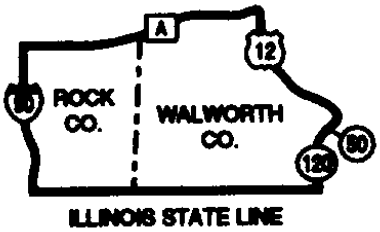


(b) *Burnett county subzone.*



(c) *Mississippi river subzone.*

(e) *Rock prairie zone.*



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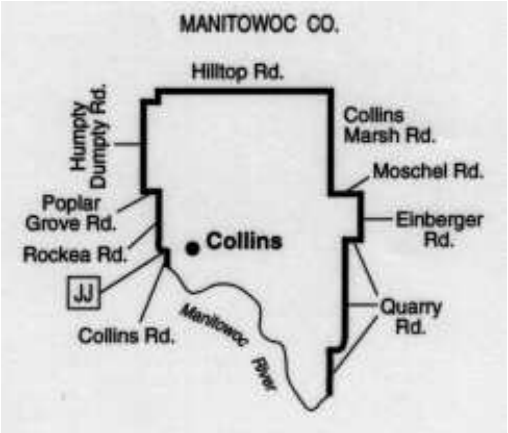
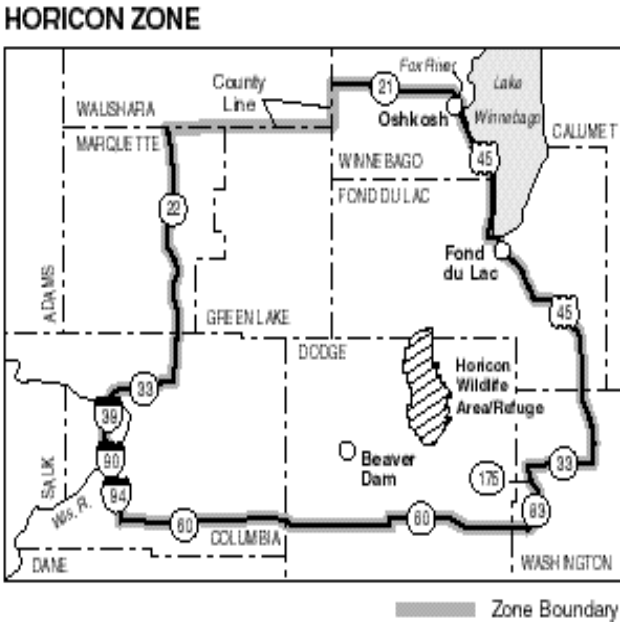
(2) COLLINS ZONE.

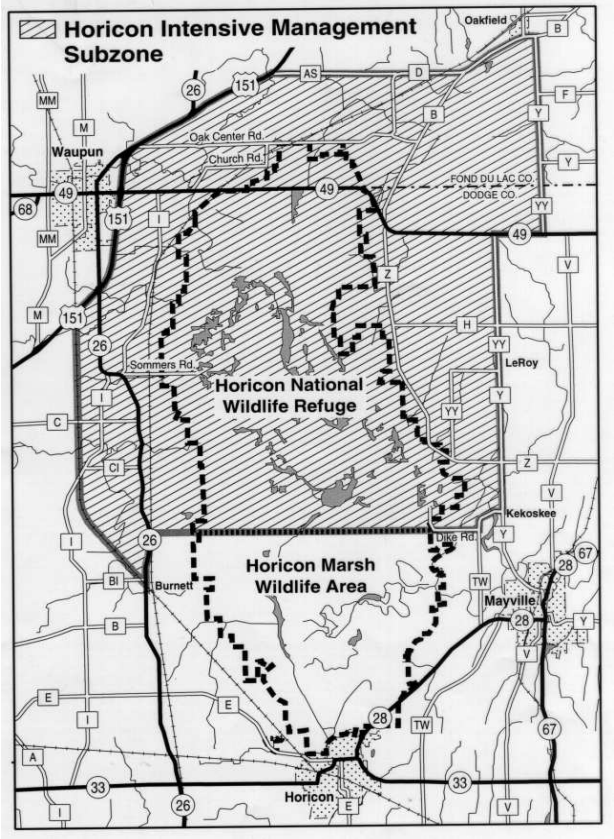


(3) HORICON ZONE. The Horicon goose management zone is defined in s. NR 10.001 (9m) and includes one subzone.

(a) *Horicon zone boundaries.*



(b) *Horicon Intensive Management subzone boundaries.*



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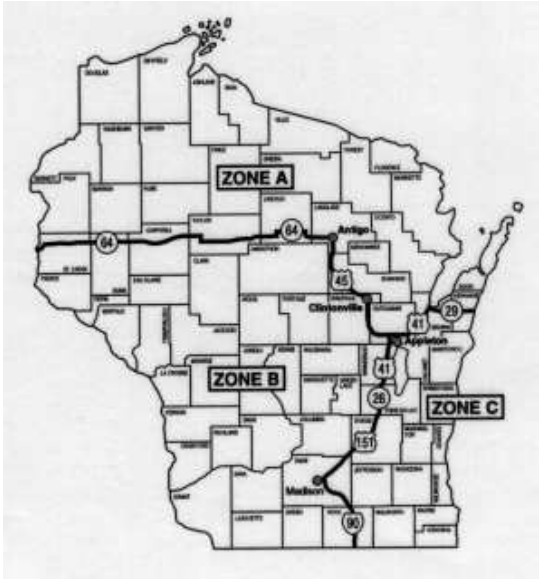
(11) EARLY SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE SUBZONES.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; emerg. renum. (1) to (6) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b) and (1) (c), cr. (1) (intro.), eff. 9−15−89; r. and recr. (7), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; renum. (1) to (10) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b), (1) (c) and (d), (4), (1) (e) and (5), cr. (1) (intro.) and (3) (intro.), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4−1−90; r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7−1−90; cr. (11), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; am. (2) and (3) (a), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. (3), r. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; r. and recr. (1) (b), (2) and (11), cr. (3) (b), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94, except (11), eff. 1−1−95; r. and recr. (11), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; emerg. r. and recr. (1), eff. 9−10−99; r. and recr. (11), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 3−1−00; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1−1−00; r. (1) (d), r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01.

NR 10.32 Migratory game bird hunting zones.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 9−21−88; cr., Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2−1−89; r. and recr. May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6−1−96.

NR 10.33 Ruffed grouse management zones.



History: Cr. Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90.

NR 10.34 Pheasant management zones. (1) PRIORITY HABITAT MANAGEMENT ZONES.

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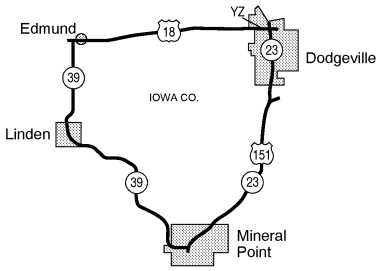
(2) IOWA COUNTY RESTRICTED SEASON ZONE.

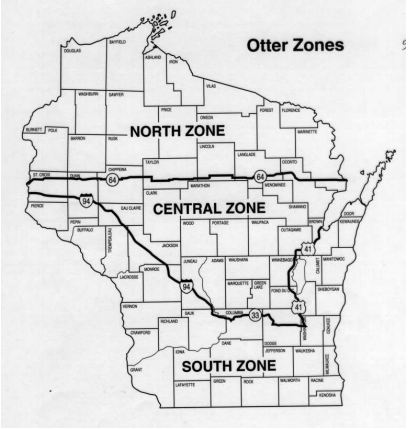


History: Cr. Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; r. and recr. Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; r. and recr. (1), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95; r. and recr. (1), Register, October, 1997, No. 3−1−98; r. and recr. (1), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01.

NR 10.35 Beaver management zones.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1991, No. 425, eff. 6−1−91; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 5−1−98.

NR 10.36 Otter zones.



History: Cr. Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95.

NR 10.40 Disabled hunters; special hunt authorizations. (1) PURPOSE. Pursuant to s. 29.053 (3), Stats., the natural resources board establishes this section to provide additional recreational hunting opportunities to the citizens of Wisconsin and to establish procedures for conducting special hunts that will encourage greater hunting participation by persons with physical and visual disabilities.

(2) DEFINITION. "Special gun deer hunt" means a department authorized local firearm season for deer conducted outside the regular gun deer hunting seasons established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).

(3) SPECIAL GUN DEER HUNTS. (a) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications to conduct a special gun deer hunt shall be on department forms and be submitted to the designated department office for the county within which the hunt will be conducted by June 1.

2. All applications shall include:

a. The authorization of the host landowner to conduct a special gun deer hunt; and

b. A legal description of the lands on which the hunt is to be conducted.

3. The applicant shall provide a final list of the names, addresses and Class A or C permit numbers of all participating hunters and the names of their designated assistants to the department by September 1.

Note: Application forms may be obtained at department region and service center offices.

(b) *Participation limits.* No person may participate in more than one special gun deer hunt in the same calendar year and all participants must possess a valid gun deer license and either a Class A or C permit as defined in s. 29.193 (2), Stats., that was issued on or after August 9, 1989.

(c) *Participant selection.* No person may be refused participation based on their age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, development disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

(d) *Dates.* All special gun deer hunts shall be conducted during the 9 consecutive day period that begins on the first Saturday of October.

(e) *Hunter participation limits.* The department may not authorize a special gun deer hunt if the number of participating hunters is less than 3 or if the hunter density will exceed 2 per 40 acres of land described on the application.

(f) *Rule compliance.* Unless otherwise provided by the department, all disabled hunters and accompanying persons shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular gun deer season specified under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). The bag limit is one deer per hunter's choice and per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104, and per special permit issued under s. NR 10.117.

Note: Firearms are limited to those approved for use during the regular gun deer season in that county as specified under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and blaze orange clothing meeting the requirements of s. 29.301 (2), Stats., must be worn by all disabled hunters and accompanying persons. Participants must use their regular gun deer season license, backtag and carcass tag.

(g) *Authorizations to assistant.* The designated assistant of the special gun deer hunt participant may use a firearm while retrieving a deer shot by a participant.

(h) *Other hunting prohibited.* Within the dates specified under par. (d), no person other than the special gun deer hunt participant may hunt on the lands described on the application during the big and small game hunting hours specified under s. NR 10.06.

(i) *Posting requirement.* The applicant shall post, at intervals not to exceed 100 yards, the boundary of all lands open to public hunting at least 7 days prior to the start of the hunt with a notice that indicates the dates on which the special gun deer hunt will be conducted on those lands and the dates and hours during which hunting by nonparticipants is prohibited. All such notices shall be removed by the applicant within 2 days of the close of the special gun deer hunt.

(j) *Reports.* If requested by the department, the applicant shall complete a special gun deer hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(k) *No fees.* The landowner or applicant shall not charge any form of a fee to a person participating in a special gun deer hunt.

(4) SPECIAL TURKEY HUNTS FOR DISABLED HUNTERS. (a) *Authorized state properties.* Turkey hunts for disabled hunters possessing a Class A or Class C permit are permitted at the following state

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owned properties: Belmont Mound (Lafayette county), Natural Bridge (Sauk county), Nelson Dewey (Grant county), New Glarus Woods (Green county), Rocky Arbor (Juneau county) and Loew Lake unit − Kettle Moraine state forest (Washington county).

(b) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications shall be on department forms and shall be postmarked no later than December 10 or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that day.

2. All applications shall include the applicant's Class A or C permit number.

Note: The License section address is 125 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(c) *Participant selection.* If the number of applications for permits exceeds the number of permits, successful applicants shall be determined by random selection.

(d) *Assistant identification.* All successful applicants shall provide the park supervisor or property manager the name and address of their designated assistants at least 1 week prior to hunting.

(e) *Dates.* All special turkey hunts shall be conducted during season dates established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 3. Turkey hunting at Loew Lake unit (Kettle Moraine state forest) shall be conducted during dates established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. and 2.

(f) *Regulation compliance.* All disabled hunters and their assistants shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular spring turkey season specified under s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. unless otherwise exempted through written authorization by the department.

(g) *Authorizations to assistants.* The designated assistant of the special spring turkey hunt participant may use a firearm while retrieving a turkey shot by a participant.

(h) *Reports.* If requested by the department, the applicant shall complete a special spring turkey hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(5) DISABLED TURKEY HUNTS ON PRIVATE LANDS. (a) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications to conduct a disabled turkey hunt on private land shall be on department forms and be submitted between September 10 to December 10 of the year prior to the hunt to the department office designated on the application form for the county within which the hunt shall be conducted.

2. An application shall include all of the following:

a. The written authorization of the host landowner to conduct a disabled turkey hunt; and

b. The turkey management zone and a legal description of the lands on which the hunt is to be conducted, including government lot or quarter−quarter section, section, township, range and county; and

c. A list of the names, addresses and Class A or C permit numbers of all participating hunters and the names of their designated assistants.

Note: Applications may be obtained from department regional offices and the department license section. The department license section address is 101 South Webster St., P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(b) *Participation limits.* No person may hunt in more than one disabled turkey hunt in the same calendar year and all special hunt permit applicants shall possess a valid turkey hunting license and stamp and either a Class A or C permit as defined in s. 29.193, Stats., that was issued on or after August 9, 1989. Participants may hunt only on the land described in the application and only during the time period described in the application. A person who is on the list of participating hunters for a disabled turkey hunt may not apply for a permit through the regular spring turkey hunting drawing in that year.

(c) *Participation selection.* No person may be refused participation based on their age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

(d) *Dates.* Each disabled turkey hunt shall be conducted during any one of the 5 day time periods listed in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. The dates of the disabled turkey hunt shall be listed on the application.

(e) *Hunter participation limits.* The department may not authorize disabled turkey hunts when the number of participating hunters will exceed 50 in any one wild turkey management zone or a total of 1,000 statewide in a calendar year. The department shall approve applications in the sequence in which they are received.

(f) *Rule compliance.* Unless otherwise provided by the department in a written condition of the application approval, all disabled hunters and designated assistants shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular spring turkey season specified under s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1.

(g) *Authorizations to assistant.* The designated assistants of a disabled turkey hunt participant shall possess a valid hunting license for hunting of any species and may use the participant's firearm in compliance with s. NR 10.09 (1) while retrieving a turkey shot by a participant hunter.

(h) *Other hunting prohibited.* No person other than the disabled turkey hunt participant may hunt on the lands described on the application during the disabled turkey hunt.

(i) *Reports.* If requested by the department, applicants shall complete a turkey hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(k) *No fees.* The landowner or applicants shall not charge any form of a fee to a person participating in a disabled turkey hunt.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; cr. (4), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; am. (3) (e), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6−1−93; am. (3) (d), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (4) (a), (d) and (e), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 1−1−98; cr. (5), Register, August, 1999, No. 524, eff. 9−1−99; am. (3) (f), Register, September, 2000, No. 536, eff. 10−1−00.