

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on emergency rule, WM-01-16(E) related to establishing migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations. This proposed rule would revise Ch. NR 10, Wis. Admin. Code. The hearings will be held at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Date and location: September 7, 2016 in Room 608 of the Natural Resources State Office Building (GEF-2), 101 South Webster St., Madison, 53707.

Rule Information

Emergency rule order WM-01-16(E) related to establishing migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations will take effect upon publication in the official state paper on September 1, 2016.

This is an annual rulemaking project to revise migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations primarily in response to revisions of the federal framework established by the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Natural Resources Board order WM-01-16(E) eliminates the two periods for Canada goose hunting in the Horicon Canada goose management zone. The rule establishes one Canada goose hunting season and people will be allowed to hunt on any day of the continuous 92 day season instead of selecting either an early or a late permit period.

Under international treaty and Federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulations process.

Accessibility

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by letter or e-mail to Mr. Scott Loomans at the addresses described below.
2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.
3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Mr. Loomans with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before September 7, 2016. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Or email Mr. Loomans at: scott.loomans@wisconsin.gov

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1).

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