

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold public meetings on emergency rule, WM-01-17(E) related to establishing migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations. The rules would revise Ch. NR 10 Wis. Admin. Code. The meetings will be held at the time and places shown below.

Meeting Information

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dates and locations:

March 13 - La Crosse, Wis. - State Office Building, Rooms B-19 and B-20, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd.

March 14 - Rice Lake, Wis - AmeriVu Inn, 1710 South Main Street

March 15 - Appleton, Wis - Agricultural Services Center, Main conference room, 3369 West Brewster St.

March 16 - Pewaukee, Wis - Wildwood Lodge, N14 W24121 Tower Place

Rule Information

These rules may modify season dates, bag limits, and other regulations for the duck and goose hunting seasons, most of which begin in September. These seasons are part of the federal migratory bird season frameworks and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service needs to be informed of the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board decisions on these seasons by late April, 2017.

This rule would reduce the daily bag limit for pintails from two to one.

This proposal would also eliminate 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.

The proposed modifications included in this rule order are consistent with the parameters and guidelines which are annually established by the USFWS in 50 CFR 20. Additional rule provisions may be added following finalization of the federal migratory bird season framework by the service.

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 writing to e-mail
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 information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call 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 Meeting and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 16, 2017. 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 meeting. 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

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRuleComments@wisconsin.gov

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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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Cathy Stepp, Secretary