

Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(ss. 29.085 and 29.174, Stats.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9) For the purposes of ss. 29.224 (2), 29.56, 29.565 (2), 29.57 (4) and 350.06, Stats., "enclosed within a carrying case" for firearms means completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose which is

fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed.

Note: Subsection (9) does not remove the requirement of ss. 29. 224 and 350.06, Stats., to enclose bows or crossbows in carrying cases. The rule does not apply to bows or crossbows only because the natural resources board recognizes that certain designed bow cases may allow portions of the bow, for instance the handle, to be exposed and yet still render the bow inoperable.

(10) "Firearm season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: rifle, muzzle-loader, shotgun or handgun for deer hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c..

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

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

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

(15) "Migratory game birds" means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

(a) *Anatidae* (wild ducks, geese and brant),

(b) *Rallidae* (rails, coots and gallinules),

(c) *Scolopacidae* (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).

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

(17) For the purpose of hunting deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any smoothbore muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .45 caliber and any rifled muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .40 caliber, discharged from the shoulder.

(18) For the purpose of hunting wild animals other than deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any caliber of any muzzle-loading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

(19) "Nontoxic shot" means steel shot and copper or nickel plated steel shot with the plating not exceeding .0002 inches or 1% or less of shot by weight.

(20) "Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

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

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

(23) "Preservation facility" means any permanent abode, cold storage facility, locker plant, taxidermy establishment, hunting club or place of

business which receives or possesses any game belonging to another person for the purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

(24) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with 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.

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

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

(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.

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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.

## (1) MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(b) <i>All species of wild duck</i>	1. Entire state	As established by zone	The daily bag limit is reached when the last bird taken plus the total value of birds already taken during that day equals or exceeds 100 points	Double the daily bag limit through the entire open season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit
	2. North zone - All that part of Wisconsin lying north of a line beginning at the junction of the center line of the western state boundary on the Mississippi river and the center line of the Chippewa river, then north on the center line of the Chippewa river to its junction with state highway 35, then east on state highway 35 to its junction with highway 25, then north on highway 25 to its junction with U.S. highway 10, then east on U.S. highway 10 to the city of Manitowoc, and continuing east to the state boundary in Lake Michigan	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 9	<p>Point values - 100 points: black duck and hen mallard</p> <p>70 points: red-head, wood duck, and hooded merganser</p> <p>35 points: drake mallard, ringneck, ruddy duck, goldeneye, bufflehead, pintail, and all other ducks not specifically listed</p> <p>20 points: scaup, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, wigeon, gadwall, shoveler, and all other mergansers</p>	

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	3. South zone - Remainder of the state	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 11; Oct. 21-Nov. 18	Point values - 100 points: black duck and hen mal- lard  70 points: redhead, wood duck and hooded merganser  35 points: drake mallard, ringneck, ruddy duck, goldeneye, bufflehead, pintail, and all other ducks not specifi- cally listed  20 points: scaup, blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, gadwall, wigeon, shoveler, and all other mergansers	
(c) <i>Scaup</i>	1. Within the north zone as de- scribed in par. (b), Shawano Lake, Lake Pepin, all state waters north of state highway 64 including Lake Superior and all that part of Lake Michigan located in the north zone and beyond 500 feet from the shoreline in the waters of Green Bay	Beginning the day after the season established in par. (b) 2. and con- tinuing for 16 days	5	10
	2. Within the south zone as de- scribed in par. (b), the waters of the Mississippi river in Grant county, all that part of Lake Michigan lo- cated in the south zone except waters adjacent to Mil- waukee county, and from shore or beyond 1,000 feet from the shoreline in Lake Winnebago	Beginning the day after the season established in par. (b) 3. and con- tinuing for 16 con- secutive days	5	10
(d) <i>Coot and gallinules</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as estab- lished in par. (b)	15	30

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Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(e) <i>Sora and Virginia rails</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	25	25
(f) 1. <i>Snipe</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the opening season for ducks as established in par. (b)	8	16
2. <i>Woodcock</i>	Entire state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest Sept. 15 and continuing for 65 consecutive days	5	10
(g) <i>Geese</i> . 1. Canada geese and its subspecies	a. Within the northwest zone except for subpars. b.-d. - All that part of Wisconsin lying north and west of a line beginning at the junction of the center line of the western state boundary or the Mississippi river and the center line of the Chippewa river, then north on the Chippewa river's center line to its junction with state highway 35, then east on state highway 35 to its junction with state highway 25, then north on state highway 25 to its junction with U.S. highway 10, then east on U.S. highway 10 to its junction with the east boundary of Clark county, then north along the east boundary of Clark county and continuing north along the east boundaries of Taylor, Price and Iron counties to the north state boundary.	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 20	1	2
	b. Mississippi river zone as described in par. (s) north of a line extending from the centerline of the Chippewa river	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 15; Nov. 25-Dec. 18	1 2	2 4

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	c. Burnett county zone as described in par. (m)	None	None	None
	d. New Auburn zone as described in par. (o)	None	None	None
	e. Within the northeast zone except for those areas described in subpar. f., all that part of Wisconsin lying east of the northwest zone described in subpar. a. and north of U.S. highway 10 and a line extending east from the city of Manitowoc to the state line.	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon-Oct. 12	1	2
	f. Brown county zone as described in par. (n)	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 12; Dec. 1-31	1 2	2 4
	g. Within the southeast zone except for those areas described in subpars. h.-L., all that part of Wisconsin lying south of the northeast zone described in subpar. e. and east of the boundaries of Clark, Jackson, Monroe, Vernon, Richland, Iowa, and Lafayette counties.	Oct. 21-Nov. 1	1	2
	h. Horicon zone as described in par. (j)	Two permit periods: Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 20; Oct. 12-Nov. 9	The daily and possession limits are restricted by a season limit of one	

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	i. Central zone as described in par. (k)	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 9		The daily and possession limits are restricted by a season limit of one
	j. Theresa zone as described in par. (t)	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon-Nov. 19 or until registered harvest reaches 2,000, whichever occurs first	Limited to one goose per 5-day period	The possession and season limits are 4
	k. Rock prairie zone as described in par. (p)	Oct. 21-Nov. 1; Nov. 7-Dec. 6	1	2
	l. Combined Horicon and Central zones	Dec. 1-10		The daily and possession limits are restricted by a season limit of 2
	m. Within the southwest zone except those areas described in sub-par. n., all that part of Wisconsin lying south of the northwest zone described in sub-par. a. and west of the southeast zone described in sub-par. g.	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 11; Oct. 21-Oct. 29	1	2
	n. Mississippi river zone as described in par. (s) south of a line extending from the centerline of the Chippewa river	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 11; and Oct. 21 - Nov. 24; Nov. 25-Dec. 18	1 2	2 4
2. All other species	a. Entire state	Concurrent with the wild duck and Canada goose seasons established in pars. (b) and (g)	A total of 5 including 2 white-fronted geese and not more than the established daily limit for Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese	A total of 10 including 4 white-fronted geese and not more than the established possession or season limit on Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese

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

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

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(i) *Horicon intensive management zone.* The following described area is established as the Horicon Intensive Management Zone:

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

(j) *Horicon zone.* The following described area is established as the Horicon zone: All that part of the counties of Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Washington and Dodge enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 45 and state highway 23 in Fond du Lac county, then south on state highway 45 to its intersection with state highway 33, then west on state highway 33 to the city of Beaver Dam, then north on state highway 33 to its intersection with county highway A, then north on county highway A to its intersection with county highway S, then east on county highway S and continuing east on county highway AS to its intersection with county highway E, then north on county highway E to its intersection with state highway 23, then east on state highway 23 to the point of beginning.

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

All of Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Green Lake, Marquette, Columbia and Dodge counties except for the Horicon zone as described in par. (j) and the waters of Lake Poygan in Waushara county and Lake Winnebago in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties.

(l) *Horicon and Central zone restrictions.* 1. Canada goose permit and tag requirement. It is unlawful to hunt Canada geese without being in possession of a current Canada goose hunting permit, Canada goose tags and valid state hunting license. Permits and tags are valid only in the zone and time period of issue.

2. Permit application procedures. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest September 15 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

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

b. In the Horicon and Central zones, applicants may indicate preference for the following seasons as established in par. (g):

- 1) Horicon Zone Oct. 1 (noon) - Oct. 20; or
- 2) Horicon Zone Oct. 12-Nov. 9; or
- 3) Central Zone Oct. 1 (noon) - Nov. 9; or
- 4) Combined Horicon and Central Zones Dec. 1-10.

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

3. Permit and tag issuance procedures. a. Permits and tags are not transferable or replaceable and shall not be reused, altered or defaced.

b. If applications for permits as required under subd. 2 exceed the number of permits available, successful applicants will be randomly selected and priority given to persons who applied for a permit but were unsuccessful the previous year under s. 29.174, Stats.

c. If the number of permit applications is less than the number of permits available, the department may issue the remaining permits to eligible applicants by random selection.

5. Permit quota. The department shall issue the following numbers of Canada goose permits for the 1987 hunting season:

- a. Horicon zone—26,000.
- b. Central zone—14,300.
- c. Combined Horicon and Central zones—3,000.

6. Tagging requirements. When a Canada goose is killed, captured or taken in any lawful manner and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner the hunter shall:

a. Completely attach and seal the paper tag, utilizing its own adhesive, to the neck of the goose.

b. Validate the permit by tearing or cutting out notches on the tag designating the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

c. No person may possess or transport a Canada goose unless it is tagged with a validated tag.

7. Transportation restrictions. The hunter shall:

a. Transport the goose in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the tag attached to the goose cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

b. Keep the tag attached to the goose until it reaches the personal abode of the person taking it.

8. Reporting requirements. Permit holders may be required to provide the department a goose hunting report. Such report forms will be mailed only to certain hunters. The selected hunter shall be required to complete the report and mail such report within 24 hours of receipt.

(m) *Burnett county zone*. The following described area is established as the Burnett county zone:

All that part of Burnett county lying northerly and westerly of a line beginning at the junction with state highway 70 with the west boundary of said county, thence easterly along said highway to its junction with county highway N, thence northerly along said highway to its junction with county highway D, thence northerly along said highway and continuing northerly along a town road to the south line of section 16, township 39 north, range 17 west, town of Lincoln, thence westerly along a town road to the southwest corner of said section, thence northerly along a town road on the west line of said section and continuing northerly along the west line of section 9, township 39 north, range 17 west to the west bank of the Clam river, thence westerly along the west bank of said river to its intersection with the west boundary of said county.

(n) *Brown county zone*. The following described area is established as the Brown county zone: The Brown county portion of Green Bay waters lying east of the ship channel and all that part of Brown county lying south and east of a line formed by state highway 29 in western Brown county and the center line of the Fox river.

(o) *New Auburn zone*. The following described area is established as the New Auburn zone: All those parts of Chippewa, Barron and Rusk counties enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 40 and state highway 64 in Chippewa county, thence westerly on said highway 64 to its intersection with U.S. highway 53, thence northerly on said highway 53 to its intersection with county highway D in Barron county, thence easterly on said highway D to its intersection with state highway 40 in Rusk county, thence southerly on said highway 40 to the point of beginning.

(p) *Rock Prairie zone*. The following described area is established as the Rock Prairie zone: All those part of Rock and Walworth counties enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of interstate 90 and the Illinois state line in Rock county, thence northerly on said interstate 90 to its intersection with county highway A, thence easterly on said highway A to the intersection with U.S. highway 12, thence southerly on said highway 12 to its intersection with state highway 50, thence southwesterly on said highway 50 to its intersection with state highway 120, thence southerly on said highway 120 to its intersection with the Illinois state line, thence westerly to the point of beginning.

(s) *Mississippi river zone*. The following described area is established as the Mississippi river zone: All that part of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway and extending southerly from Prescott in Pierce county to the state line.

(t) *Theresa zone*. The following described area is established as the Theresa zone: All that part of Dodge, Fond du Lac and Washington counties enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. highway 45 and state highway 67, then south on U.S. highway 45 to its intersection with state highway 33, then west on state highway 33 to its intersec-

tion with state highway 175, then north on state highway 175 to its intersection with state highway 67, then west on state highway 67 to its intersection with county highway AY, then north on county highway AY and continuing north on county highway Y to its intersection with county highway H, then east on county highway H and continuing east on state highway 67 to the point of beginning.

(tm) *Theresa zone restrictions.* Theresa goose management zone restrictions. 1. Canada goose permit and tag requirement. No person may hunt or possess Canada geese without possessing a Canada goose hunting permit, Canada goose carcass tags and valid state hunting license. Permits and tags are valid only in the zone of issue.

2. Permit application procedures. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed in person by each applicant at the department station located adjoining Theresa Station. Department station hours are 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., September 26-30 and 5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. October 1 through season close. Persons receiving a Horicon or Central zone permit are not eligible for a Theresa zone permit.

3. Permit issuance procedures. All eligible applicants shall receive a Theresa zone hunting permit and one carcass tag. The first carcass tag shall be valid for a 5-day period beginning with the first day of hunting as indicated on the permit. Additional carcass tags, up to 3 and issued one at a time, may be obtained from the department station located adjoining Theresa Station when the applicant registers a goose as required in subd. 5. provided the harvest quota has not been reached. Each additional carcass tag will be valid for a 5-day period beginning with the first day of hunting as indicated on the permit. Horicon and Central zone permit holders may also hunt in the Theresa zone provided the Theresa zone quota has been reached and the Horicon and Central zone permits are still valid. Permits and tags are not transferable or replaceable and may not be reused, altered or defaced.

4. Tagging, transportation and reporting requirements. Tagging, transportation, and reporting requirements are as established by par. (L) 6. through 8.

5. Registration requirements. Each Canada goose killed in the Theresa zone shall be registered at the department station adjoining Theresa Station no later than 8:00 p.m. of the opening day of the migratory game bird season established by s. NR 10.01 (1) (g) 1. j. and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day it was killed during the remainder of the season.

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

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
1. All species of wild duck, mergansers and coots	Entire state	Oct. 1 at 12:00 noon - through Jan. 15	3	6
2. Gallinules, Sora rail, Virginia rail, common snipe and woodcock	Entire state	Sept. 1-Dec. 16	3	6

## (2) GAME BIRDS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Ruffed grouse (partridge)</i>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying south of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the west boundary of St. Croix county, then east on highway 64 to its intersection with U.S. highway 45, then southeasterly on highway 45 to its intersection with U.S. highway 10, then east on highway 10 and continuing east to the junction with the east boundary of the state.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Remainder of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through December 31	Daily bag 5; 10 possession
(b) <i>Sharp-tailed grouse</i>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying north of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the west boundary of the state, then east along highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, then south along highway 13 to its junction with state highway 29, then east along highway 29 ending in the city of Green Bay, except in the areas described in subds. 2. and 3.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing for 23 consecutive days	Daily bag 3; possession 6
2. Florence, Langlade and Marinette counties through 1987	None	None
3. All that part of Price county enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 70 and county highway F, then south on county highway F to its junction with Fleming's Rapids Road, then south on Fleming's Rapids Road to its junction with county highway W, then west on county highway W to its junction with Price Lakes Road, then north on Price Lakes Road to its junction with state highway 70, then east on state highway 70 to the point of beginning	None	None
4. Remainder of the state	None	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) <i>Pheasants</i>		
1. Cocks only — In all counties of the state except the properties specified in subd. 2 and s. NR 10.24	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	The bag limit for the first 14 days of the season is one each day with a possession limit of 2; thereafter the bag limit is 2 each day with a possession limit of 4
2. Cocks and hens — Within the following named properties as posted with department signs: a. Avoca (Iowa county) b. Blackhawk (Iowa county) c. Collins (Manitowoc county) d. Holland (Brown county)  e. Little Scarboro and Kewaunee (Kewaunee county) f. Mazomanie (Dane county) g. New Munster (Kenosha county) h. Pine River (Richland county) i. Theresa (Dodge-Washington counties) j. Witwen (Sauk county) k. Yellowstone (Lafayette county)	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	The bag limit for the first 14 days of the season is one each day with a possession limit of 2; thereafter the bag limit is 2 each day with a possession limit of 4

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.

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

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Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(d) <i>Hungarian partridge</i>		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
(e) <i>Bobwhite quail</i>		
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) <i>Wild turkey</i>		
1. Zones 1 to 6 and 9 to 12 as described in s. NR 10.29 are open zones. Zones 7 and 8 are closed zones.	Beginning on the Wednesday nearest April 21 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 4 consecutive time periods shown in subd. 2.	One male or bearded turkey per season by permit.

## 2. Hunting zones and 1988 permits:

Hunting Zones	Permits for April 20-24	Permits for April 27-May 1	Permits for May 4-8	Permits for May 11-15
1	300	300	300	300
2	400	400	400	400
3	450	450	450	450
4	550	550	550	550
5	100	100	100	100
6	125	125	125	125
7	None	None	None	None
8	None	None	None	None
9	180	180	180	180
10	280	280	280	280
11	200	200	200	200
12	200	200	200	200
In all other parts of the state	None	None	None	None

## (3) UPLAND GAME ANIMALS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Gray and fox squirrels</i>		
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) <i>Raccoon (resident hunting and trapping)</i>		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31.	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(bm) <i>Raccoon (nonresident hunting)</i>		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31.	None
(c) <i>Cottontail, jackrabbit and snowshoe hare</i>		
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) <i>Bobcat (wildcat; hunting and trapping)</i>		
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) <i>Gun deer season. As established by county and deer management unit (s. 10.28).</i>		
1. Zone "A"		
All that part of the state not otherwise listed in season zones "B" through "E".		
a. In the counties or parts of counties and deer management units of Buffalo (unit 59B portion), Brown, Calumet, Chippewa (unit 59B portion), Dane, Dodge, Door (Detroit, Plum, Rock, and Washington Islands only), Dunn (unit 59B portion), Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin (unit 59B portion), 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 preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season or hunter's choice permit limit
b. Deer management unit 79 except Long island	Muzzle-loading firearm season October 1-31.	One deer per season, either sex.



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 or hunter's choice permit limit.
d. All other parts of Zone "A".	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One buck per season or hunter's choice permit limit.
2. Zone "B"		
Deer management units 59D, 61, 61B, 61C, 74A and 74B.		
a. The Buffalo, La Crosse and Trempealeau portions of deer management unit 61, the La Crosse county portion of unit 74A and the Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe county portions of unit 59D.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per season, either sex.
	Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season.
b. The Pepin and Pierce county portion of deer management unit 61.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per season, either sex.
	Shotgun season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season.
c. Deer management until 61B (Trempealeau national wildlife refuge)	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per hunter's choice permit per season.
d. Deer management unit 61C except during closed periods established by s. NR 11.031 (2) (b)	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	
	Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season or hunter's choice permit limit.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
e. Deer management unit 74B and the Vernon county portion of deer management units 59D and 74A	Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.  Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the firearm season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One deer per season, either sex.  One buck deer per season.
3. Zone "C" Governor Dodge (unit 70C), Blue Mound (unit 70D), and Perrot (unit 61A) state parks except areas posted closed to hunting.	Muzzle-loading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer per hunter's choice permit per season.
4. Zone "D" Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk field military facility in Juneau county	Firearm, shotgun, muzzle-loader or handgun season as established by military permit approved by the department by August 1 annually.	One deer per season by military permit.
5. Zone "E" Menominee county (unit 48)	Firearm, shotgun, muzzle-loader or handgun as established by the Menominee tribe, for tribal members only.	As established by the Menominee tribe.
7. ZONE "G" Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk field military facility in Juneau county	Firearm, shotgun, muzzle-loader or handgun season as established by military permit approved by the department by August 1 annually	One deer per season by military permit

9. Deer quotas. a. Deer quotas are primarily based on the following considerations: the status of unit deer populations in relation to established population goals as determined by inventories, the past effect of varying antlerless harvest levels on unit deer populations gained from many years experience with the quota system, and the estimated impact of the previous winter's severity on deer survival and subsequent fawn production. The department shall issue party permits, antlerless permits or hunter's choice permits in sufficient numbers to assure maintenance of overwintering deer populations for each quota area indicated in subd. e.

b. Quota areas are composed of single management units or parts of units, the boundaries of which are established in s. NR 10.28.

c. In each quota area, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of deer shall be based on an average of the hunter suc-

cess rates from the most recent 3 previous seasons or by an average of fewer seasons where a 3-year average is not available. In establishing a quota for an area without an adequate history of permits, the average success rates of similar quota areas shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate.

d. Permit success rates used to compute the number of permits to be issued for each quota shall be those calculated by the department from annual deer season harvest reports except where no previous history of success rates exist.

The success rate formula is:

$$\text{Success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of antlerless deer harvested}}{\text{Number permits issued}}$$

The permit number formula is:

$$\text{Permit number} = \frac{\text{Quota deer to be harvested}}{\text{Hunter success rate}}$$

e. Deer management units and overwinter population goals expressed in terms of deer per square mile of deer range are as follows:

Management Unit	Deer Goal	Management Unit	Deer Goal
1	15	52	20
2	20	53	30
3	10	54A	30
4	15	54B	25
5	20	54C	25
6	10	55	25
7	10	56	30
8	20	57	15
9	20	57A	30
10	30	57B	25
11	20	57C	30
12	20	58	25
13	15	59A	15
14	15	59B	15
15	25	59C	25
16	25	59D	15
17	15	60	20
18	20	60A	20
19	20	61	20
20	20	62A	30
21	25	62B	30
22	20	63A	30
22A	20	63B	25
23	20	64	20
24	20	65A	30
25	25	65B	30
26	20	66	30
27	15	67	30
28	10	67A	35
29A	15	67B	35
29B	10	68	30
30	15	69	20
31	20	70	25
32	20	70A	25
33	20	70B	30
34	10	70E	30
35	15	71	20
36	25	72	20
37	25	73	20
38	15	73B	15
39	15	73C	20
40	15	74A	15
41	20	74B	15
42	20	75	15
43	15	75A	15
44	15	76	20
45	20	76A	20
46	20	77A	20
47	20	77B	10
48	20	77C	15
49	25	78	25
50	15	80	15
51	20	81	15

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(em) <i>Deer bow season</i> In all counties	Bow season beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season	One deer per season, either sex.
	Bow season beginning on the Saturday immediately following the close of the gun deer season through December 31	
(f) <i>Fox, all species</i>		
1. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31	None
2. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31	None
(g) <i>Bear (gun and bow seasons)</i> . Zones A, B and C as described in s. NR 10.30.	With aid of bait only, subject to s. NR 10.07 (1) (g) beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 21 consecutive days in even-numbered years and the third Saturday in September for 21 consecutive days in odd-numbered years.	
	With aid of dogs only, in accordance with ss. NR 10.10 (1) (b) and 10.101, beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 21 consecutive days in odd-numbered years and the third Saturday in September for 21 consecutive days in even-numbered years.	
	With other methods of hunting without the aid of dogs or bait, beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 28 consecutive days.	One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102 taken by bow or firearm.

8. Fisher or bobcat intended for mounting. Persons exhibiting fisher under subd. 4. or bobcat under s. NR 10.145 (3) who intend to have the fisher or bobcat mounted by a taxidermist may exhibit the fisher or bobcat to the department for registration in whole carcass condition without separating the pelt and need not surrender the skinned carcass to the department until after the taxidermist has separated the pelt.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (3) (g), Register, August, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; r. and recr. (intro.), (1) (n), (2) (b), (3) (d) 2. c. and (3) (e) 7., am. (2) (f) 1. and 2., (3) (e) 2. intro. and d. and 9. e., Register September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (g) 1.a, cr. (1) (g) 1. am., eff. 10-19-85; r. and recr. (4) (a) 4., am. (2) (f), Register, January, 1986, No. 361, eff. 2-1-86, except (4) (a) 4. eff. 3-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3., am. (1) (u) 1., Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 5-1-86; r. and recr. (3) (g), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; am. (1) (l) 2. and 3. b., (3) (e) (intro.) and (4) (e) 4., r. and recr. (3) (e) 2. and 6., (3) (em) and (4) (e) 1. b., r. (4) (d) 3. to 5., Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3. and (u) 1., cr. (1) (e) 3. c., eff. 9-12-86; r. and recr. (3) (e) intro. and 1. to 6., am. (3) (e) 9. e. and (4) (e) 2. intro., Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3., (u) 1., cr. (1) (l) 3. c., Register, January, 1987, No. 373, eff. 2-1-87; am. (2) (f) 1. and r. and recr. (2) (f) 2., Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; cr. (4) (e) 8., Register, March, 1987, No. 375, eff. 4-1-87; r. (1) (q) and (r), r. and recr. (3) (g) and (4) (c), Register, July, No. 379, eff. 8-1-87; emerg. r. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) 2., (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 2., 3. and 4., (u) 1., eff. 9-25-87; am. (2) (f) 1. and 2., (3) (e) 9. e., r. and recr. (3) (h) 1. and (4) (e) 2., cr. (3) (h) 3., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11-1-87; r. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) 2., (g), (l) 2. b., and 5., (tm) 2. to 5., and (u) 1., Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (2) (f) 2., Register, January, 1988, No. 385, eff. 2-1-88; r. and recr. (4) (b), am. (4) (c), Register, June, 1988, No. 390, eff. 7-1-88.

**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.

**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, badger, moose, elk, wolverine and flying squirrel.
- (2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.
- (3) White deer (monocolored).
- (4) Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.24, Stats.
- (5) Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, 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.

**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.

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**NR 10.03 Birds causing depredation.** (1) **APPLICATION.** The following named birds have been determined by the department to be birds committing depredation or about to commit depredation at all times to and upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, and when concentrated in large numbers that they many constitute a health hazard or other nuisance:

- (a) Red-winged blackbirds.
- (b) Grackles.
- (c) Crows.
- (d) Cowbirds.

(2) **PERMITS.** Such birds may be taken at all times without need for either a federal or state permit.

(3) **INSPECTION OF PREMISES.** Any person taking such birds shall at all reasonable times, including during actual operation, permit any federal or state game law enforcement officer, free and unrestricted access on the premises over which such operations have been or are being conducted, and shall furnish promptly to such officer whatever information may be required about said operation.

(4) **DISPOSITION.** Birds killed pursuant to this subsection and their plumage shall not be sold or offered for sale.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr., Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.03; r. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

**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.

**Note:** A valid hunting or trapping license must be obtained before taking any unprotected animal by a gun discharged from the shoulder, handgun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, falconry, steel-jawed traps, Conibear traps or live traps. A department approval is required before any unprotected animal may be taken by any means not specified in this paragraph.

- (1) Opossum, skunk and weasel.
- (2) Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.
- (3) Any other wild animal not specified in this chapter.

**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.** While hunting it shall be unlawful except by permittees under s. 29.09 (9), Stats., to discharge any firearm or bow and arrow from or across any public road surfaced with concrete or blacktop or to hunt within 50 feet from the centerline of such roads or to the existing fence, whichever distance is shorter. Public roads are defined as those roads shown on the current official county highway map.

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(2) WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING. It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl or coot from any public roads or railroads including the respec-

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

(c) *Application deadline.* Applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest October 1 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; r. (1), (2) and (3) and recr. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (1), (2), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; emergency rule cr. (7), eff. 10-17-64; am. (1), (5) and (6); cr. (7), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) and (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; emerg. am. (5), eff. 9-1-67; am. (5) and (6) Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; am. (1), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.115, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; cr. (5) and (8), r. and recr. (6) and (7), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (6), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. (1), (2) and (4), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 9-30-83; r. and recr., Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11-1-83; r. and recr. (2) to (6), Register, October, 1984,

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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.

**NR 10.105 Transportation of deer and bear.** No person may transport any deer or bear in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such deer or bear is killed to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to s. NR 10.106 unless the deer or bear is carried openly exposed and in such a manner so that the deer or bear tag attached to the deer or bear cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

**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.

**NR 10.106 Recording deer and bear. (1) CARCASS CONDITION AND TRANSPORTATION.** Deer and bear shall be intact except they may be field dressed. 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 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. 29.40 (1), Stats., and s. NR 10.103, or the bear with the bear carcass tag attached as required by ss. 29.1085 (5), Stats., and s. NR 10.101(4) 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 or antlerless deer taken under the authority of a hunter's choice 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) *Archer license deer.* Archer license deer shall be registered within the county in which the deer was killed or adjoining county no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

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

(3) **REGISTRATION TAGGING.** (a) *Bear.* Upon verification of license information, the station operator shall lock a registration tag to the bear or bear part.

(b) *Deer.* For deer, the operator shall:

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1. Complete and retain the registration portion of the hunter's license; and
2. Lock a registration tag to the deer or deer part.
3. Remove the validation portion of the carcass tag.

Note: The portion of the deer 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NR 10.12 Migratory game bird hunting.** (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall hunt any migratory game bird by any of the following methods:

(a) *Sinkbox.* From or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(b) *Boats.* From any boat or craft other than those propelled by paddle, oar or pole. When motors or sails are attached to the boat, the motor shall be completely shut off and the sail furled, and the boat's progress stopped before a firearm may be loaded.

(c) *Structures.* From any pier, dam, dock or similar structure.

(d) *Rallying.* By the use or aid of any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance used for the purpose of or resulting in stirring up, driving or rallying.

(e) *Bird calls.* By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof.

(f) *Live decoys.* By using directly or indirectly any live tame or captive ducks or geese for decoy purposes regardless of the distance 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: placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located. In addition, it is unlawful to:

- a. Place in the water prior to one hour before opening hunting time.
- b. Leave in the water unattended.
- c. Leave in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

(h) *Baiting.* 1. By the use or aid of salt or shelled or shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains or other feed or means of feeding similarly used to lure, attract or entice such birds to, on, or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait.

2. This subsection shall not be construed to apply to propagating, scientific or other operations in accordance with the terms of lawfully issued state and federal permits, or to the taking of birds over salt blocks, properly shocked corn, standing crops (including aquatics), grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural practices, flooded standing crops or flooded harvested crop lands, or to the feeding of migratory game birds at any time not in connection with hunting.

(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 area.* Blinds in open waters of 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. (a) 1. No person may hunt waterfowl except from a blind during the Canada goose open season within the area described in s. NR 10.01 (1) (i) or hunt geese on any private land except from a blind within the area described in s. NR 10.01 (1) (t).

Note: The area described is the Horicon Intensive Management Zone and the Theresa Zone.

2. No more than 2 hunters shall occupy any blind at one time nor shall 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 boundary of the property on which such blind is located.

3. It is unlawful for any person or persons to hunt from or to permit any other person or persons to hunt from any blind situated on any 20-acre parcel of land, or residuary parcel thereof of less than 20 acres and more than 10 acres, owned, leased, occupied, or controlled by said person, while any other person or persons, whether with or without permission, are hunting from any other blind situated on the same 20-acre parcel of land or on the same residuary parcel thereof. However, the owner, occupant or lessee of a tract of land which is too small to meet the foregoing spacing requirements and which was partitioned by an instrument executed and recorded before January 1, 1961, may place one blind on such tract at the approximate center thereof.

4. No blind shall be placed within 75 yards of the boundary of the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

5. Retrieving downed birds shall be permitted outside blinds.

6. For the purpose of this subsection, "blind" means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters within.

(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. 29.104, 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.

(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 area of the state, no person may:

1. Take, catch, kill or pursue waterfowl and coot with any shotshell loaded with any material other than nontoxic shot.

2. Possess any shotshell loaded with any material other than nontoxic shot.

Note: Muzzle-loading firearms are not restricted by this rule because shotshells are not part of their mechanism.

(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.

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.

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; emer. 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.

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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.

**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. 29.24, Stats.

2. Agents possessing written authorization from the landowner, land lessee or responsible governmental body may use firearms to shoot beaver in damage control areas established in s. NR 19.85.

(b) *Trapping.* 1. Traps. Set out or place traps, 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.

3. Trap limit. Set, place or operate more than 75 traps of any kind for the purposes of capturing furbearing animals.

4. Water sets. Take, capture or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any furbearing animals at any time by means of water sets except during that period when and in those areas where there is an open season for trapping muskrat, beaver, or otter. In addition, persons removing beaver under s. NR 19.85 may use watersets.

5. Trap placement. Set any trap or traps at any time within 15 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam, except when participating under a beaver damage control subsidy agreement as established in s. NR 19.85 or when trapping under the landowner authority established by 29.24, Stats.

Note: The rule exception allows trapping on beaver houses and dams.

6. Trap use. It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, operate or possess while on or adjacent to waters of this state, any trap other than a steel-jawed trap or live traps for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals. Such 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 furbearing animals.

8. Killer traps. It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate except as a waterset any killer type trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7".

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. It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth except as a water set.

11. Minimum waterset. Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, no person may set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5½" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 6¾" x 6¾" for killer traps of the conibear type.

12. Killer trap placements. No person may set, place or operate any killer trap of the conibear type greater than 6" x 6" or 6" in diameter 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.

(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, beaver house or beaver dam. However, beaver dams may be altered by persons participating under a beaver damage control subsidy agreement as established in s. NR 19.85 or when participating under the landowner authority established by s. 29.24, Stats.

(3) TRAPPING HOURS. (a) *Legal time period*. The trapping hours shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

(b) *Illegal time period*. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (CST).

(c) *Special checking period*. All dry land sets shall be checked and animals therein removed at least once each day.

**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.

**NR 10.145 Recording of bobcat.** (1) TAGS AND PERMITS. (a) *Permit and tag requirement*. No person shall hunt or trap or attempt to hunt or trap any bobcat (wildcat) unless having first applied for and received, from the department, a special bobcat permit and tag.

(b) *Application deadline*. Applications for bobcat permits and tags shall be postmarked no later than the friday nearest October 1 or re-Register, June, 1988, No. 390



ceived by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(c) *Permit display.* Such permit shall be attached to each person's valid hunting or trapping license before hunting or trapping any bobcat.

(d) *Permit identification.* Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current hunting or trapping license and show the applicant's name and bobcat tag number.

(e) *Tag limit.* No person may apply for more than one bobcat tag per season.

(2) TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) *Tag placement.* Each person shall immediately upon possessing a bobcat, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

(b) *Prohibition.* No person shall have a bobcat pelt in possession or under control unless the person hunting or trapping the bobcat attaches the tag as required by this section.

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

(3) EXHIBITION REQUIRED. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, each person who has killed a bobcat shall exhibit the pelt separated from the carcass along with the carcass to an authorized department representative for registration within 5 days of taking. The carcass shall be retained by the department.

(4) REGISTRATION. The department representative shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a registration tag to the head of each lawfully taken and possessed animal.

(5) POSSESSION AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. (a) *Possession.* It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw bobcat pelts beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season unless a valid registration tag has been attached and locked by the department.

(b) *Transfers.* No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless a valid registration tag has been attached and locked to the head of each pelt. This subsection does not apply to bobcat taken outside of Wisconsin.

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.

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 employes in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

(2) *SHOTGUN SEASON.* A shotgun season shall be established for hunting deer except for posted closed areas, pursuant to 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 NR 10.01 (2) and (3), and continue through the end of the pheasant season each year pursuant to 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.

**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.

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

(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:

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

b. The Sunday nearest October 17 and running for 13 consecutive days—9:00 a.m.

c. Beginning with the 15th day of the pheasant season and thereafter in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06.

(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 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 constructed, located and assigned by the department except for retrieval of crippled waterfowl.

(b) *Blind limitation.* No more than 2 persons may hunt from any blind.

(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.

**NR 10.25 Wild turkey hunting.** (1) **TAGS AND PERMITS.** (a) *Permit requirement.* No person may hunt wild turkey unless they have first applied for and received a valid wild turkey hunting permit and tag from the department.

(b) *Permit preference.* Qualified Wisconsin resident landowners or persons assigned eligibility under s. 29.103 (3) (b), Stats., may request first preference when applying for a wild turkey permit 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) *Permit application procedures.* Any person possessing a valid hunting license authorizing the hunting of game birds may apply for a turkey hunting permit as follows:

1. Application shall be made on forms provided by the department.
2. All applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest November 1 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday to be considered for the succeeding turkey hunting season.
3. If a maximum of 2 persons wish to hunt together, each must complete an application form for individual permits and submit them together in a single envelope clearly marked "group application". Such group application shall be treated as one application for purposes of random selection or consideration for a permit. Preference may be requested by group applicants provided both individuals are eligible under par. (b).

(d) *Random selection.* If the number of applications for permits exceed the available number of permits as determined under this section, successful applicants shall be determined by random selection.

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

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 wild turkey is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Validate the permit by tearing or cutting out notches on the carcass tag designating the day of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

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 unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

(3) **REGISTRATION.** A person who possesses a wild turkey shall exhibit and register the bird at a department registration station no later than 1:30 p.m. on the day killed. The department shall affix a registration tag to lawfully taken wild turkeys and the tag shall be kept until the turkey meat is consumed.

(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.

*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; renun. 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.

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

(1) **MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON;** Deer hunting by muzzle-loader is allowed in Blue Mound, Governor Dodge and Perrot state parks during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3.

(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) 1. d.

(3) **EARLY BOW SEASON.** Deer hunting by bow and arrow through November 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 during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d. and (em).

(5) **FIREARM AND LATE BOW SEASONS.** Deer hunting by firearm and bow and arrow is established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d and the December portion of NR 10.01 (3) (em) for the following:

- (a) Big Bay state park
- (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
- (h) Newport state park

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- (i) Rock Island state park
- (j) Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
- (k) Wildcat Mountain state park
- (l) Willow River state park

**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.

**NR 10.28 Deer management units.** Deer management units are established as designated on the following map:

**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.

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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.

