

Kind of animal Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(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
(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.</i> As established by county and deer management unit (s. 10.28).		
1. Zone "A"	As established by zone.	The season limit is one deer regardless of the zone taken unless a second permit is issued under s. NR 10.115 (3) (b).
All that part of the state not otherwise listed in season zones "B" through "E".		

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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.
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.

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2.	South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	One per season by permit
(dm) <i>Fisher trapping.</i>			
1.	Management zone A - Units 2, 3, 5 and 9 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
2.	Management zone B - Units 7, 20, 28, 29A, 29B, 30 and 34 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
3.	Management zone C - Units 38, 40, 42, 43 and 44 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
4.	Remainder of the state - In all other parts of the state including the closed areas described in s. NR 11.10	None	None

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

b. Applications for permits and tags shall be 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.

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

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

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

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

2. Permit quota. a. Fisher quotas shall be primarily based on density estimates derived from annual track counts coupled with home range information based on telemetry data, numbers of fishers trapped during the previous year, and the sex, age and reproductive composition of harvested fishers. The department shall issue trapping permits in sufficient numbers to assure healthy, biological populations for each management zone indicated in subd. d.

b. In each management zone, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of fisher shall be based on an average of the trapper success 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 a zone 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.

c. 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 fisher season harvest reports.

The success rate formula is:

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

The permit number formula is:

$$\text{Permit number} = \frac{\text{Quota fisher to be harvested}}{\text{Trapper success rate}}$$

d. Fisher management zones and overwinter population goals expressed in terms of fisher per square mile of fisher range are as follows:

<u>Management Zones</u>	<u>Fisher Goal</u>
A, B and C	1 per 4 square miles

3. Tagging procedure. a. Each person shall immediately upon possessing a fisher or an otter, attach and lock a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

b. No person may have a fisher or an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping the animal attaches the tag as required by this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

7. Possession and transfer restrictions. No person may:

a. Possess raw fisher or otter pelts later than 5 days after the close of the fisher and otter seasons to the opening date of the following fisher and otter seasons without a registration tag attached and locked to the head of the animal.

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

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; renum. (1) (h) to be NR 10.125 (6), r. (1) (i) to (tm), (3) (e) 7. and 9., am. (1) (u) 1., r. and recr. (2) (b) 2., Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; emerg. cr. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g) eff. 9-21-88; am. (intro.) and (2) (c) 1., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88, cr. (2) (f) 3., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; cr. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g), Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2-1-89; r. and recr. (2) (f) 1. and 2., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

**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.



**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.** No person may hunt within 50 feet of a roadway's center except as provided in s. 167.31, Stats.

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

(2) **WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING.** It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl or coot from any public roads or railroads including the respec-  
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tive rights-of-way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in s. NR 10.01 (l) (j).

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

**NR 10.06 Hunting hours.** (1) **GENERAL HUNTING.** All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the daily opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) hours listed shall apply to the entire state.

(2) **HUNTING ZONES.** (a) *General.* General hunting hour zones are established as follows:

**Zone**

- A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°-00' longitude.
- B—all that part of the state lying between 88°-00' and 89°-00' long.
- C—all that part of the state lying between 89°-00' and 90°-00' long.
- D—all that part of the state lying between 90°-00' and 91°-00' long.
- E—all that part of the state lying between 91°-00' and 92°-00' long.
- F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°-00' longitude.

(b) *General prohibition.* Except as provided in subs. (4) and (6) to (8), no person may hunt or shoot any species of game on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone.

(c) *General prohibition.* Except as provided in subs. (3) through (6), no person may hunt or shoot any species of game on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone.

(3) **SMALL GAME HUNTING.** (a) *Formula.* The hunting hours for pursuing small game in Zone A are listed in par. (b). Small game hunting hours for other zones are obtained by adding minutes to the Zone A a.m. and p.m. columns as follows:

**Zone - Adjustment**

- B - add 4 minutes.
- C - add 8 minutes.
- D - add 12 minutes.
- E - add 16 minutes.
- F - add 20 minutes.

## (b) General Hunting Hours C.S.T.

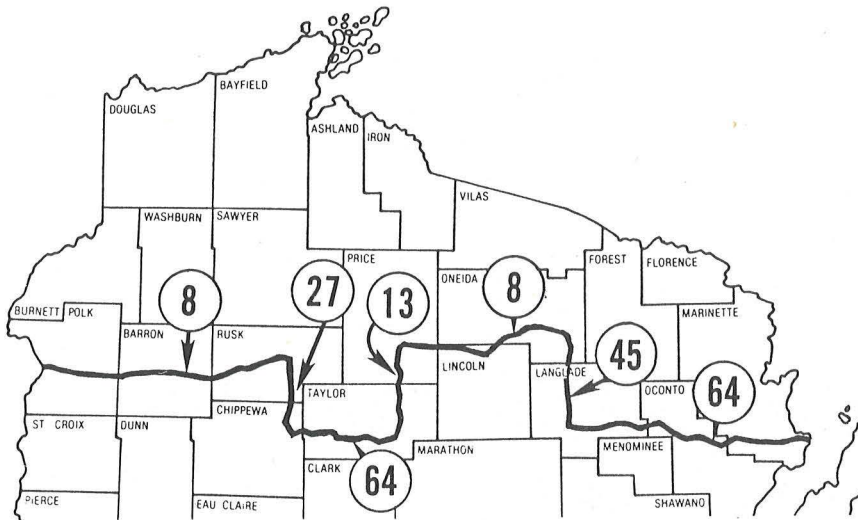
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1	4:42	6:27	5:18	5:31	5:57	4:40	6:36	4:12	6:57	4:21	6:38	5:00
2	4:43	6:26	5:19	5:30	5:59	4:38	6:37	4:11	6:57	4:22	6:37	5:02
3	4:45	6:24	5:20	5:28	6:00	4:37	6:39	4:11	6:57	4:23	6:35	5:04
4	4:46	6:22	5:21	5:26	6:01	4:36	6:40	4:11	6:57	4:24	6:34	5:06
5	4:47	6:20	5:22	5:24	6:03	4:34	6:41	4:11	6:57	4:25	6:33	5:08
6	4:48	6:18	5:24	5:22	6:04	4:33	6:42	4:10	6:57	4:26	6:32	5:10
7	4:49	6:16	5:25	5:21	6:05	4:32	6:43	4:10	6:57	4:27	6:31	5:11
8	4:50	6:15	5:26	5:19	6:07	4:31	6:44	4:10	6:56	4:28	6:30	5:12
9	4:52	6:13	5:27	5:17	6:08	4:29	6:45	4:10	6:56	4:29	6:29	5:14
10	4:53	6:11	5:29	5:15	6:10	4:28	6:46	4:10	6:56	4:30	6:28	5:16
11	4:54	6:09	5:30	5:13	6:11	4:27	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:31	6:26	5:17
12	4:55	6:07	5:31	5:12	6:12	4:26	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:32	6:25	5:18
13	4:56	6:05	5:32	5:10	6:14	4:25	6:48	4:10	6:55	4:34	6:24	5:19
14	4:57	6:03	5:34	5:08	6:15	4:24	6:49	4:11	6:54	4:35	6:22	5:21
15	4:59	6:01	5:35	5:06	6:16	4:23	6:50	4:11	6:54	4:36	6:21	5:23
16	5:00	6:00	5:36	5:05	6:18	4:22	6:50	4:11	6:53	4:37	6:20	5:24
17	5:01	5:58	5:38	5:03	6:19	4:21	6:51	4:11	6:53	4:39	6:18	5:25
18	5:02	5:56	5:39	5:01	6:20	4:20	6:52	4:12	6:52	4:40	6:16	5:27
19	5:03	5:54	5:40	5:00	6:22	4:19	6:52	4:12	6:51	4:41	5:15	5:28
20	5:04	5:52	5:41	4:58	6:23	4:18	6:53	4:13	6:51	4:42	6:13	5:29
21	5:06	5:50	5:43	4:56	6:24	4:18	6:54	4:13	6:50	4:44	6:12	5:30
22	5:07	5:48	5:44	4:55	6:25	4:17	6:54	4:13	6:49	4:45	6:10	5:32
23	5:08	5:46	5:45	4:53	6:27	4:16	6:55	4:14	6:48	4:46	6:09	5:33
24	5:09	5:45	5:47	4:52	6:28	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:47	4:48	6:08	5:34
25	5:10	5:43	5:48	4:50	6:29	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:46	4:49	6:06	5:35
26	5:12	5:41	5:49	4:49	6:30	4:14	6:56	4:16	6:46	4:51	6:04	5:37
27	5:13	5:39	5:51	4:47	6:32	4:14	6:56	4:17	6:45	4:52	6:02	5:38
28	5:14	5:37	5:52	4:46	6:33	4:13	6:56	4:17	6:44	4:53	6:01	5:39
29	5:15	5:35	5:53	4:44	6:34	4:13	6:57	4:18	6:43	4:55		
30	5:16	5:33	5:55	4:43	6:35	4:12	6:57	4:19	6:42	4:56		
31			5:56	4:41			6:57	4:20	6:40	4:58		

(4) MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING. The hunting zones for pursuing migratory game birds is established in par. (a) and hunting hours are established in the following table with the following exceptions:

1. All waterfowl hunting starts at noon on the first day of the duck hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b).

2. The hunting hours in the Theresa goose management zone close at 1:00 p.m. daily except on the first day of the duck hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b) when the hunting hours close as shown in the table.





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

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8-2-74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. (1) (a), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81; (2) renum. from NR 10.11 (2), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84; am. (2), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; am. (1) (b), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86.

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

- (a) *Dennded bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.
- (b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill.
- (c) *Adult bear with cubs.* Shoot, shoot at or kill an adult bear accompanied by a cub or cubs.

(2) **DOG PERMIT.** (a) *Permit requirement.* No person may use a dog to hunt bear without being in possession of a bear-dog permit and valid state hunting license.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* 1. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit an application containing false information.

(c) *Permit issuance procedures.* 1. Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

2. Permits are not transferable and shall not be altered or defaced.

3. Permits are valid only during the season of issuance and for the zone specified.

4. Duplicate permits may be issued to replace lost or destroyed permits.

(3) **DOG USE RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Identification.* No person shall hunt or pursue bear with any dog unless such dog is tattooed or wears a collar with the owner's name and address attached.

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing wild bear is prohibited except July 10 through August 31.

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

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

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

(d) *Dog replacement.* Until the maximum of 6 dogs are released in pursuit of a bear, dogs may be added to the pack. However, no dogs engaged in the pursuit of such bear may be replaced by another dog.

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Except as provided under par. (c) or s. 29.574 (6) (a) or (c), Stats., no person may possess, control, store or transport a bear carcass unless it is tagged as required under s. 29.1085 (5), Stats., and pars. (a) and (b).

History: Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; cr. (1) (b)5., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (b), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85; am. (intro.), cr. (1) (c), (3) (e) and (4), r. and recr. (3) (c), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; am. (2) (c) 3., Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8-1-87; cr. (4) (d), Register, August, 1988, No. 392, eff. 9-1-88.

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

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

(b) *Permit formula.* In each black bear management zone, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of bear shall be based on an average of the hunter success 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 permits for a zone without an adequate history of permits, the average success rates of similar zones shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate. The permit number formula is:

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

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

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

(d) *Population goals.* This fall, pre-hunt black bear population goal is as follows:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Population Goal</u>
A	4,100
B	1,600
C	200

(2) **APPLICATION PROCEDURE.** Application for harvest permits shall be on forms provided by the department. Applicants shall indicate their black bear hunting zone preference. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest January 15 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707 no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(3) **PERMIT ISSUANCE.** The department shall select successful applicants and issue permit approval notices no later than February 15 of each year. The department may reissue a permit if the permit is returned undelivered by the postal authorities or if the applicant fails to or cannot comply with s. 29.1085, Stats. Selection shall be by random drawing.

(4) **FEES.** A successful applicant shall submit the appropriate permit fee established by s. 29.092 (2) (kg) or (kr), Stats., to the department before receiving a harvest permit. The fees shall be mailed and postmarked no later than the Friday nearest March 1 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707 no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(5) **PERMIT ATTACHMENT.** The bear harvest permit shall be attached to the bear hunting license by the applicant immediately upon receipt.

(6) **BEAR PURSUIT.** No licensee may pursue a bear by any method unless that person holds a valid bear harvest permit or is assisting a person who holds a valid bear harvest permit issued under s. 29.1085, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; am. (1) (a) to (d), Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8-1-87; am. (1), Register, June, 1988, No. 390, eff. 7-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (a), renun. (1) (b) to (e) and (2) to be (2) to (6), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89.

**NR 10.103 Deer hunting.** (1) **TAGS.** A one-piece back and carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license and shall remain intact until the hunter kills a deer.

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



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

History: Cr. Register, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; r. and recr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; renum. from NR 10.102, Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86.

**NR 10.104 Deer hunting permits.** (1) **FINDING.** The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer is necessary to reduce the deer herd to the over-winter population goals established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e. and properly manage the deer herd in the state.

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

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

(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.

(7) **DEER HARVEST QUOTAS.** Deer harvest quotas are based on deer management unit populations in relation to established population goals as determined by inventories, the past effect of varying antlerless harvest levels on deer management unit populations, and the estimated impact of the previous winter's severity on deer survival and subsequent fawn production.

(a) *Purpose.* 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 deer management unit indicated in par. (d).

(b) *Permit formula.* In each deer management unit, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired number of deer shall be based on the hunter success rate average 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 harvest quota for a deer management unit without an adequate history of permits, the average success rates of similar deer management unit shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate. The permit number formula is:

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

(c) *Success rate formula.* Permit success rates used to compute the number of permits to be issued for each deer management unit shall be those calculated by the department from annual deer season harvest statistics except where no previous history of success rates exist. The success rate formula is:

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

(d) *Overwinter goals.* Overwinter population goals expressed in terms of deer per square mile of deer range by deer management unit are as follows:

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

Management Unit	Deer Goal	Management Unit	Deer Goal
69	20	74B	15
70	25	75	15
70A	25	75A	15
70B	30	76	20
70E	30	76A	20
71	20	77A	20
72	20	77B	10
73	20	77C	15
73B	15	78	25
73C	20	80	15
74A	15	81	15

**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, No. 346, eff. 11-1-84; am. (1), (3) (a) and (5), r. and recr. (3) (b) and (6), r. (3) (c), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; renum. from NR 10.115, Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; r. and recr. (2) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86; cr. (7), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

**NR 10.105 Transportation of deer and bear.** (1) 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 carcass tag attached to the deer or bear cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

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

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; renum. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7, Stats., renum. to be NR 10.103, Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84; renum. from NR 10.103 and am. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; renum. to be (1) and am., cr. (2), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88.

**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 s. 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 and within the black bear management zone in which it was killed no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

(3) **REGISTRATION TAGGING.** (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:

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 10.104 (7) (d).

(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 10.104 (7) (d) 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;

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

4. Applicants may indicate preference for any zone and period.

5. Persons not applying by the permit application deadline for Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zones may apply for a Theresa or Exterior zone permit provided the Canada goose season is open in the zone of application.

a. Theresa zone permit applicants shall obtain their permits in person at the on-site department stations from 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the open season for Canada goose hunting.

b. Exterior zone applicants may complete and submit the department supplied application form by mail or in person to the address identified on the form or hand delivered to the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the open season.

Note: The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(d) *Permit issuance procedures.* The department shall issue Canada goose hunting permits in the following manner:

1. Permit quantities shall be limited for the Collins, Horicon and Pine Island zones only. All other eligible zone applicants shall receive a permit provided the zone's harvest quota has not been reached.

2. When Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zone applications exceed the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected and priority given to persons who applied for a permit, but were unsuccessful the previous year.

3. If the number of Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zone permit applications are less than the number of permits available for any time period, the department may issue the remaining permits to successful applicants by random selection and increase the applicant's season bag limit accordingly.

4. Horicon zone permit holders possessing a current, valid permit with an unused carcass tag may also hunt in the Theresa zone provided:

a. The Theresa zone harvest quota has been reached; and

b. The federally assigned season framework has not been terminated; and

c. Approval is obtained based on subpars. a. and b. from the person in charge of the department goose registration station located adjacent to the village of Theresa Station.

5. Exterior zone permits may be issued to applicants appearing in person at select department offices Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(e) *Permit validation procedures.* Except in the Theresa zone, when a Canada goose is taken and before it is transported in any manner, the hunter shall validate the permit by slitting or punching the mark indicating the month and day the goose was killed and following the carcass

tag marking procedures established in sub. (2) (b). Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and renders any goose in possession illegal.

(2) **CARCASS TAG REQUIREMENTS.** The following carcass tag requirements apply to Canada goose hunting in the Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zones:

(a) *Tag possession.* No person may hunt Canada geese without being in possession of a valid carcass tag issued by the department.

(b) *Tagging requirements.* When a Canada goose is taken 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 tag designating the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit and renders any goose in possession illegal.

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

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

(c) *Transportation restrictions.* The hunter shall:

1. 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.

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

(3) **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.** Canada geese killed in the Theresa zone shall be registered at on-site department stations no later than 8:00 p.m. on the opening day of the zone's duck season and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day it was killed during the remainder of the season.

(4) **ADDITIONAL TAGS.** Theresa zone hunters may obtain one additional carcass tag for each consecutive time period provided:

1. The zone harvest quota has not been reached; and

2. The additional carcass tag is used in a valid time period established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g).

(5) **REPORTS.** (a) *Report card issuance.* Canada goose harvest reports shall be issued to each successful applicant for the Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Exterior zones.

1. Collins, Horicon and Pine Island zone permit holders shall be issued one report card for each Canada goose permitted by bag limit during the open season.

2. Exterior zone permit holders shall be issued 5 report cards. Additional report cards may be issued at select department offices to applicants appearing in person. Applicants may receive up to 15 additional report cards for each valid Canada goose hunting permit presented to the department.

(b) *Harvest reports.* Except for Theresa zone permittees, each successful Canada goose hunting permit holder shall complete and submit a harvest report on forms supplied by the department. The report shall be submitted to the department within 48 hours of harvesting a goose.

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

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

(6) *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.

History: Cr. (1) to (5), (6) renum. from NR 10.01 (1) (h), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 9-21-88; am. (1) (c), Register, January, 1989, No. 397 eff. 2-1-89.

**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 fur-bearing 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 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.

(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 employees 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.

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

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (a) and r. (2) (b) to (e), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; am. (5), (6) and (7), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (6), Register, January, 1989, No. 397

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Thirty permits shall be issued for each day.

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

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

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

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

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

History: Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79

**NR 10.24 Bong state recreation area hunting zone.** (1) **DESCRIPTION.** The area described in s. NR 45.01 (3) (t) 1., shall be called the hunting zone.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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), renun. (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.* Except for turkey hunting outside of established zones during the open season for hunting wild turkeys, 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 or Ft. McCoy military reservation.

(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.* All wild turkey hunting permit applicants shall possess a valid game bird hunting license. Persons applying for wild turkey hunting permits on the Ft. McCoy military reservation apply to that facility for turkey hunting permits. All other applicants may apply for a turkey hunting permit as follows:

1. Application shall be made on forms provided by the department.
2. All spring hunting applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest November 1 or received by the department license section, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday to be considered for the spring turkey hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1.
3. All fall hunting applications shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest August 10 or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday to be considered for the fall turkey hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 3.

**Note:** The License section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7926, Madison, WI 53707.

4. 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.