

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.

(1h) "Accompanied by", for the purposes of s. 29.227, Stats., means within sight and voice contact, without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6m) "Current validated deer carcass tag", for purposes of s. 29.40 (2), Stats., means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 10.103 (2).

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

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

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

(9) For the purposes of 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.

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

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

(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.

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

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

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

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

(23) "Preservation facility" means any permanent abode, cold storage facility, locker plant, taxidermy establishment, hunting club or place of business which receives or possesses any game belonging to another person for the purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(25m) "Tag authorized for use on the type of deer killed", for purposes of s. 29.40 (2), Stats., means a tag issued to the hunter killing the deer or an individual satisfying the provisions of s. 29.405, Stats., which, based on the approvals of the person tagging the deer, is valid for the type of deer killed.

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

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

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NR 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established year-round for each species of wild animal named in this section, except during the specified open season. Seasons open to legal hunting and trapping apply to the entire locality described, except as otherwise provided in chs. NR 11 and 15. Whenever open and closed season areas are defined by highways, the boundary shall be the highway center line. No person may hunt, take, catch or kill any animal specified in this section except during the specified open season.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	subzone	and Oct. 7 at 12:00 noon - Oct 31 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 - Dec. 10	1	2
	1. Mississippi river subzone south of a line extending from the Chipewewa river's center line	Oct. 7 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 10 and Oct. 18 - Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 - Dec. 22	1 1 2 2	2 2 4 4
2. Snow and blue geese	Entire state	Concurrent with the wild duck seasons established in par. (b) or Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Dec. 1	A total of 7 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 14 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
3. All other geese and brant	Entire state	Concurrent with the wild duck seasons established in par. (b) or Canada goose seasons in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Dec 1; except for the Rock Prairie subzone where the season ends Dec. 8; and except for the Horicon Zone where the season ends Dec. 10	A total of 7 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 14 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.

(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 except as provided in par. (a), mergansers and coots	Entire state	Beginning on the first season day established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b) at 12:00 noon and continuing for 107 consecutive days	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 1; possession 2
2. Closed areas established in s. NR 11.08	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 and within closed areas established in s. NR 11.14	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.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>(d) Gray (Hungarian) partridge</i>		
1. In all counties of the state except in the areas listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
2. Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties.	None	None
<i>(e) 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
<i>(f) Wild turkey (zone hunting)</i>		
1. Zones identified in subd. 2. and Ft. McCoy military reservation in Monroe county are open to turkey hunting by permit. The remainder of the state is closed to turkey hunting.	Spring season beginning on Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 6 consecutive 5-day time periods, except on Ft. McCoy military reservation where the season may continue for 40 consecutive days.	One male or bearded turkey per season by permit.
2. Hunting zones and permit numbers to be issued for each spring hunting period are:		
Hunting Zones	Permits for each spring period	
1	200	
1A	280	
2	660	
3	900	
4	600	
5	300	
6	300	
7	250	
8	250	
9	175	
10	350	
11	300	
12	200	
13	200	
14	75	
15	150	
30	100	
31	200	
32	150	

Fort McCoy permit numbers are determined by Fort McCoy officials.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
3. Zones 1 and 1A to 5, 9 and 10 as described in s. NR 10.29	Beginning on the Wednesday nearest October 10 and continuing through Sunday for 3 consecutive 5-day time periods	One turkey of either sex per permit per year. Permit numbers are established in subd. 2

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. The overwinter population goal for each management zone is one fisher per 4 square miles of fisher range.

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.

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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-Register, May, 1990, No. 413

foot pounds. Such handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

Note: Persons under the age of 18 years, pursuant to s. 941.22, Stats., may not hunt with handguns. Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.224, Stats., respecting transportation.

d. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals issued a permit under s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

2. Deer or bear hunting. Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire rifle, 5 mm rim-fire rifle, .17 caliber center-fire rifle or .410 bore shotgun.

3. Possession. Possess any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in areas wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.

(2) SPECIAL ONE-DAY RESTRICTION. During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with guns, no person shall possess a gun wherein there is an open season for deer with guns unless the gun is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions:

- (a) Target shooting at established ranges.
 - (b) Hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves.
 - (c) Hunting migratory game birds during the open season.
- (3) BOWS AND ARROWS. No person may:

(b) *Special restrictions.* Use, possess or have under control while hunting, any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips or any crossbow.

(c) *Arrow standards.* Use, possess or have under control while deer or bear hunting, any arrow with a metal broad-head blade less than seven-eighths of an inch in width. Such broad-head blades must be well-sharpened.

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

History: 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (5), (6), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am (4) and (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (4), (5), (6), and r. (7), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. (1); am. (3); r. and recr. (5), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; am. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr. (4), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3. and (3), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; am. (1) (a) 2. and (c) 1. a., Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (a) 2., eff. 9-25-87; am. (1) (c) 1. c., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (a) 2., Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. (3) (a), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; am. (1) (a) 2. and (c) 1. c., Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89.

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

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2. in that portion of the state north of the highways shown in the following map:

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1-88; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), eff. 9-15-89; am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90.

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

(b) *Permit validity.* Permits and any associated carcass tags are valid only in the zones and for the time periods specified on the permit during the open season established for Canada geese.

(c) *Permit quota.* 1. Horicon zone. The number of Canada goose permits issued by the department annually under this section and under s. NR 19.84 shall be based upon the assigned federal quota and distributed within established zones based upon the general distribution of geese within the state and the previous year's hunter success rates.

2. Collins zone. Permit numbers for each time period for the Collins zone may not exceed 325.

3. Pine Island zone. Permit numbers for each time period for the Pine Island zone may not exceed 200.

(d) *Permit application procedures.* 1. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant together with the appropriate hunting license stub, senior citizen recreation card number, hunter education certificate number or bow license number. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the second Friday in September or hand delivered to the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

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

2. No person may submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information.

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 deadline for Collins, Horicon, Theresa or Pine Island zones may apply for an Exterior zone permit.

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.* In the Exterior 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 Exterior zone.

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.

(b) *Harvest reports.* Each successful Exterior zone 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; am. (5) (a) 2., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; emerg. renum. (1) (c) to be (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), eff. 9-15-89; renum. (1) (c) to (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90.

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

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

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

3. Trap and snare limit. Set, place or operate more than 75 traps or snares in any combination for the purposes of capturing furbearing animals.

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

5. Trap and snare placement. Set any snares or traps at any time within 15 feet of any beaver dam, except when trapping under the landowner authority established by s. 29.24, Stats.

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

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

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

8. Killer traps and snares. Set, place, or operate any snare or killer type trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7" unless one-half of the trap or snare noose is located underwater at all times.

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

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

11. Minimum waterset. Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, no person may set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5½" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 6¼" x 6¼" for killer traps of the conibear type.

12. Trap placement. Set, place or operate any snare or 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.

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

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

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

1. Validate the 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 taken in any wild turkey hunting zone established in s. NR 10.29 unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

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

(a) *Spring season.* A wild turkey taken during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. shall be registered no later than 1:30 p.m. on the day killed.

(b) *Fall season.* A wild turkey taken during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 3., shall be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

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

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

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

(c) With the aid of dogs.

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

History: Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; am. (3), (5) and (7)(a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr., Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; am. (1) (c) 2. and (3), Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4-1-85; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86; am. (1) (a), (2) (a) (intro.), (b) and (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (c) 2. and 3. and (3), cr. (1) (c) 4., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; am. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (c) (intro.), cr. (1) (e) 3., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89.

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 s. 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
- (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; r. and recr. October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89.

NR 10.32 Migratory game bird hunting zones.



History: Emerg. cr. eff. 9-21-88; cr., Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2-1-89.