

(1) MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
(a) <i>Canvasback duck</i>	Entire state	Closed	None	None
(b) <i>All species of wild duck and mergansers except as established in par. (a)</i>	Entire state	As established by zone	3 ducks to include not more than 2 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one pintail, one redhead, one black duck, and 2 wood ducks; 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	Double the daily bag limit through the entire open season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 9 and Oct. 17 - Nov. 11		
	North zone as established in s. NR 10.21	Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 4		
(c) <i>Coots and gallinules</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	5	10
(d) <i>Cool and gallinules</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	15	30
(e) <i>Sora and Virginia rails</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the open season for ducks as established in par. (b)	25	25
(f) 1. <i>Snipe</i>	Entire state	Concurrent with the opening season for ducks as established in par. (b)	8	16
	2. <i>Woodcock</i>	Entire state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest Sept. 15 and continuing for 65 consecutive days	5
(g) <i>Geese. 1. Canada geese and its subspecies</i>	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the highway boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzones described in subpars. b.-e.	Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 30	1	2
			2	4
			1	2
			2	4
b. Mississippi river subzone north of a line extending from the Chippewa river's center line		Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 4;	1	2
		Nov. 5 - Nov. 12;	2	4
		Nov. 20 - Dec. 21	2	4

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	c. Burnett county subzone	None	None	None
	d. New Auburn subzone	None	None	None
	e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 22 - Oct. 5; Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 30; Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	1 2 3	2 4 6
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the highway boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. g.-l.	Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 30	1 2	2 4
	g. Horicon zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 28; Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 11; Oct. 13 - Nov. 16; Nov. 26 - Dec. 16	2 2 2 2	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit corresponding to the number of carcass tags issued.
	h. Collins zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 - at 12:00 noon - Oct. 7; Oct. 8 - Oct. 21; Oct. 22 - Nov. 4; Nov. 5 - Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 - Nov. 30	2 2 2 2	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit of 5.
	i. Pine Island zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 7; Oct. 8 - Oct. 21; Oct. 22 - Nov. 4; Nov. 5 - Nov. 30	2 2 2 2	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit of 5.
	j. Theresa zone	Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 and Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 16 and Nov. 26 - Nov. 30; or until registered harvest reaches 6,000, whichever occurs first	Limited to one goose per 5-day period. The first goose at anytime; each succeeding goose may not be taken sooner than 5 days thereafter.	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit of 6.
	k. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 22 - Oct. 5; Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 4; Nov. 5 - Dec. 9	1 2 1	2 4 2

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	1. Mississippi river subzone south of a line extending from the Chipewewa river's center line	Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 9; Oct. 17 - Nov. 11; Nov. 12 - Dec. 21	1 1 2	2 2 4
2. Snow and blue geese	Entire state	Concurrent with the Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Nov. 30	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 Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County and Rock Prairie subzones where the season ends Nov. 30; and except for the Horicon Zone where the season ends Dec. 9	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

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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; possession 10
(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

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.

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

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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) (f) 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; am. (3) (e) (intro.), r. (4) (e) 1. d., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. (2) (b) 1., (3) (e) 1. intro. and a., 2. intro., a. b., and e., r. and recr. (2) (d), (4) (dm) and (e) 2. d., renum. (3) (e) 1. d. to be 1. e., cr. (3) (e) 1. d., 2. l., 6. and 7., Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89; emerg. am. (1) (g) 1. a. and f., eff. 11-26-89; r. and recr. (2) (f) 1. and 2., Register, January, 1990, No. 409, eff. 2-1-90; r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90; am. (4) (b) and (c), Register, May, 1990, No. 413, eff. 6-1-90; r. and recr. (2) (f) 2. and 3., cr. (1) (g) 1. m., Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90; am. (3) (f), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90; r. and recr. (2) (a) and (c) 2., am. (3) (e) 2. intro., a. and e., r. (3) (e) 6., renum. (3) (e) 7. to be 6., Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11-1-90; emerg. r. and recr. (3) (e) and (3) (h) 1. a., eff. 11-15-90; r. and recr. (2) (f) 2., Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; r. and recr. (1) (b) and (g), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

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-

(4) **SPECIAL BLIND RESTRICTIONS.** The department may restrict hunters to certain blind locations within the Collins, Pine Island and Theresa state wildlife areas by posted notice. If posted, maps shall be provided by the department indicating where blind sites are located. The following blind restrictions apply to goose hunting in the Collins, Horicon and Theresa zones:

(a) *Zone restrictions.* On any land within the Horicon intensive management subzone established in s. NR 10.31 (5) and on private land, unless leased by the department for public hunting, within the Theresa zone established in s. NR 10.31 (5), no person may hunt geese except from a blind unless they are a disabled person located no more than 20 feet from the blind and in possession of a class A permit issued by the department.

(b) *Hunter limits.* No more than 2 hunters may occupy any blind at one time nor may any person hunt waterfowl from a blind placed within 200 yards of any other blind occupied by one or more waterfowl hunters or within 100 yards of the property boundary on which the blind is located.

(c) *Game retrieval.* Downed game birds may be retrieved outside blinds with the aid of guns and dogs or by hand.

(5) **TAKING METHODS.** No person shall hunt any migratory bird:

(a) *Guns and devices.* With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, crossbow other than in s. 29.104, Stats., swivel gun, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, stupefying substance or shotgun of a larger bore than a no. 10 gauge.

Note: The s. 29.104, Stats., reference authorizes disabled persons under department permit to hunt any migratory bird on which an open season is established in s. NR 10.01 (1) with crossbows meeting s. 29.104, Stats., standards.

(b) *Shotgun capabilities.* With any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than 3 shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined.

(c) *Legal means.* By any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, or by falconry.

(d) *Non-toxic shot requirements.* While hunting waterfowl and coot within any area of the state, no person may:

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

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

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

(6) **TAGGING.** No person may give, put or leave migratory game birds at any place, other than at that person's permanent abode, or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged individually or collectively with tags bearing the following information:

- (a) The hunter's signature,
- (b) The hunter's address,
- (c) The total number of birds tagged, by species, and
- (d) The dates the birds were killed.

Note: Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services.

(7) **DRESSING.** No person may completely dress any migratory game bird and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing shall remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported from the field to the person's permanent abode or a preservation facility.

(8) **SHIPMENT.** No person may ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:

- (a) The name and address of the person sending the birds,
- (b) The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent, and
- (c) The number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

(9) **IMPORTATION.** (a) One fully-feathered wing shall remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and the possessor's permanent abode or to a preservation facility.

(b) No person may import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

Note: Violation of state migratory game bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations. Importation restrictions do not prohibit the importation of legally taken, fully feathered migratory game birds for mounting purposes by a taxidermist holding a valid federal permit and licensed by the U.S. department of agriculture to decontaminate birds.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) (e) and (2) (c) and r. (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) (b); r. and recr. (1) (d); cr. (1) (f) and (g); am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; r. (5) (c) Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (1) (f), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; am. (2) (b); cr. (2) (d), (e) and (f), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-1-67; am. (2) (b) and (c), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10-11-68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8-30-69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10-10-72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9-24-76; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (c), and cr. (5)(b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr. (3) (d) and (5)(d) 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2., Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (d), eff. 9-12-81; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82; am. (3) (d) (intro.), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 6-1-82; am. (5) (d) 2.b., Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7-1-84; am. (3) (b), cr. (3) (e) and r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5-1-85; am. (1) (b), (f) and (h) 1., (5) (d) 2.c. and d., r. and recr. (5) (a), cr. (6) to (9), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; renum. (2)(d)2.d. to be 2.e. and cr. (2)(d)2.d., Register, January, 1986, No. 361, eff. 3-1-86; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (a) 2. d., eff. 9-12-86; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, January, 1987, No. 373, eff. 2-1-87; r. and recr. (3), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (4), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-Register, March, 1991, No. 423

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; am. (4) (a), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

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) *Validity*. 1. Except as provided under subd. 2, 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.

2. Horicon zone permit holders possessing a current, valid permit with an unused carcass tag may hunt in the Theresa zone beginning the day after the date on which the Theresa zone harvest quota is reached and continuing through the end of Theresa zone season.

(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) *Application and issuance procedures; all zones*. 1. Applications shall be on forms supplied by the department and, except early goose hunt subzone applications, shall include the applicant's senior citizen recreation card number, hunter education certificate number, armed forces license number or bow license number.

2. No person may submit more than one application per year except that:

a. Persons not applying by the permit application deadline for the Collins, Horicon, Theresa or Pine Island zones established under par. (e) may reapply, provided the goose season is open, for an Exterior zone permit.

b. Persons applying for an early goose hunt subzone permit may also apply for a Collins, Horicon, Theresa, Pine Island or Exterior zone permit.

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

4. No person may submit an application containing false information.

(e) *Application and issuance procedures; Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zones*. 1. Deadline. Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zone applications shall be postmarked no later than the last Friday in August 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.

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2. **Group applications.** If 2 or more persons wish to hunt together in the Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zones, each shall 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.

3. **Preference.** When Collins, Horicon or Pine Island applications exceed the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected with first preference given to persons who unsuccessfully applied for a permit during the previous year.

4. **Multiple tags.** If the number of Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zone permit applications is 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.

(f) **Application and issuance procedures; Exterior zone.** Exterior zone permit applications may be obtained by mail or in person at department district and area offices during normal office hours throughout the open season.

Note: Normal office hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(g) **Application and issuance procedures; Early goose hunt subzone.** Early goose hunt subzone applications shall be postmarked no later than the first Friday in August or hand delivered to the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(h) **Permit validation procedures.** In the Exterior zones, 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. 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 Early goose hunt and Exterior zones. Exterior zone permit holders shall be issued 5 report cards. Additional report cards may be issued at department district and area offices to applicants appearing in person.

(b) *Harvest reports.* 1. Exterior zone. 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.

2. Early goose hunt subzone. Each Early goose hunt subzone permittee shall complete and submit a department harvest report form to the department within 48 hours of the close of the season.

(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.

(7) **SEASON CLOSURE.** The secretary of the department may close a portion or all of any Canada goose season established in NR 10.01 (1) (g) upon a finding by the department that the harvest for that season will exceed the level authorized by U.S. fish and wildlife service. Closure shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

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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 6¾" x 6¾" for killer traps of the conibear type.