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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.

(5r) "Class A permit" means a permit as defined in s. 29.09 (9) (a) 2., Stats.

(5t) "Class C permit" means a permit issued to the visually handicapped as defined in s. 29.09 (9) (a) 5., Stats.

(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.

(9e) "Established range" means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.

(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..

(10m) "Fully automatic firearm" means any firearm which continues to fire or is manufactured to continue to fire as long as the trigger is depressed.

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Note: This definition does not include a semi-automatic firearm which fires a single shot with each pull of the trigger, then ejects the spent cartridge case and reloads without effort on the part of the shooter.

(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
	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

(2) GAME BIRDS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Ruffed grouse</i>		
1. Zone A as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Zone B as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag 5; possession 10
3. Zone C as established under s. NR 10.33.	Concurrent with the open cock pheasant season established under s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) 1.	Daily bag 2; possession 4
(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. Scuppernong (Waukesha County) d. Little Scarboro and Kewaunee (Kewaunee county) e. Pine River (Richland county) f. Vernon (Waukesha county) g. Blue River unit of the Lower Wisconsin riverway (Grant & Iowa counties)	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 14 consecutive days Beginning on the 15th day following the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing for 40 consecutive days	Daily bag 1; possession 2 Daily bag 2; possession 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
(d) <i>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
(e) <i>Bobwhite quail</i>		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	Daily bag 5; possession 10
(f) <i>Wild turkey.</i>		
1. All wild turkey hunting zones, excluding state parks, described in s. NR 10.29	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 continues for 40 consecutive days.	One male or bearded turkey per season by permit.
2. Zones 1 and 1A to 5, 8 to 13, 15, 31 and 32, excluding state parks, as described in s. NR 10.29.	Fall seasons beginning on the Monday nearest October 10 and continuing through Sunday for 3 consecutive 7-day time periods.	One turkey of either sex per permit.
3. Zones 4A, 5A, 10A, 13A, 15A and 15C as described in s. NR 10.29.	Spring season beginning on the Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 3 consecutive 5-day time periods.	One male or bearded turkey per permit.

(3) UPLAND GAME ANIMALS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Gray and fox squirrels</i> In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 10
(b) <i>Raccoon (resident hunting and trapping)</i> In all counties of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31.	None
(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).	As established by zone.	The season limit is one deer regardless of the zone taken unless a second permit is issued under s. NR 10.104 (3) (b).
1. Zone "A"		

Kind of animal Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
All that part of the state not otherwise listed in season zones "B" through "F".		
a. In the counties or parts of counties and deer management units of Brown, Calumet, Dane, Dodge, Door (Detroit, Plum, Rock, and Washington Islands only), Dunn (unit 59B portion), Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, 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. The Pepin county portion of unit 59B.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	
	Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck per season or hunter's choice permit limit.
e. 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 74C.		
a. The Buffalo, La Crosse and Trempealeau portions of deer management unit 61, the Jackson, La Crosse and Monroe county portions of unit 59D, and the La Crosse county portion of unit 74A.	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.

Kind of animal Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
b. The Pierce county portion of deer management unit 61.	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per season, either sex.
	Shotgun season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season.
c. Deer management until 61B (Trempealeau national wildlife refuge)	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One deer per hunter's choice permit per season.
d. Deer management unit 61C except during closed periods established by s. NR 11.031 (2) (b)	Shotgun season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	
	Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season or hunter's choice permit limit.
e. The Vernon county portions of deer management units 59D and 74A, and the Vernon and Crawford county portion of unit 74B	Firearm 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 firearm season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season.
f. The Pepin 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.
	Firearm season beginning on the day immediately after the shotgun season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season.

3. Zone "C"

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Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
	Governor Dodge (unit 70C), Blue Mound (unit 70D), and Perrot (unit 61A) state parks except areas posted closed to hunting.	Muzzle-loading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.	One deer per hunter's choice permit per season.
4. Zone "D"			
	Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk field military facility in Juneau county	Firearm, shotgun, muzzle-loader or handgun season as established by military permit approved by the department by August 1 annually.	One deer per season by military permit.
5. Zone "E"			
	Menominee county (unit 48)	Firearm, shotgun, muzzle-loader or handgun as established by the Menominee tribe, for tribal members only.	As established by the Menominee tribe.
6. Zone "G". Milwaukee county.			
(em) <i>Deer bow season</i>			
	Statewide.	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Sunday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season. Re-opening on the Saturday immediately following the close of the gun deer season and continuing through December 31.	One deer of either sex or 2 deer as authorized under s. NR 10.11
(f) <i>Fox, all species</i>			
1.	North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through February 15	None
2.	South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through February 15	None
(g) <i>Black bear (gun and bow seasons).</i>			
1.	Those portions of bear management zones A and B as described in s. NR 10.30 where the use of dogs for bear hunting is authorized as described in s. NR 10.10 (1) (b).	With aid of dogs only, beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 21 consecutive days in odd-numbered years and beginning on the third Saturday in September for 21 days in even-numbered years.	One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102.

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; 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. f., 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; and recr. (4) (c), Register, May, 1991, No. 425, eff. 6-1-91; r. and recr. (2) (f), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7-1-91; r. and recr. (3) (em) and (g), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9-1-91; r. and recr. (3) (h) 2., Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10-1-91.

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. 10-1-72; 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, September, 1991, No. 429

ter, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85; cr. (intro.) Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85.

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.

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

Note: Persons taking unprotected animals must possess a hunting or trapping license and comply with all method of taking requirements of this chapter unless otherwise authorized by the department in writing or exempted under ch. NR 12.

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 respective rights-of-way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in s. NR 10.31 (4).

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; am. (2), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89.

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), (5), (6), (7) and (8), no person may hunt or shoot any game species on which an open season is prescribed on any day during the open season before the a.m. times or after the p.m. times established in sub. (3).

(8), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; r. and recr. (4), Register, January 1989 No. 397 eff. 2-1-89; r. and recr. (2) (b), (3) (b), (7) and (8) (a) to (c), r. (2) (c) and (5), am. (3) (a), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89; r. and recr. (4), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90; am. (8) (b), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90; am. (2) (b) and (3) (a), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9-1-91; r. and recr. (4) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10-1-91.

NR 10.07 General hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

(a) *Aircraft.* Hunt with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive wild animals for hunters on the ground.

(b) *Devices.* 1. Place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare wild animals.

2. Use or possess any snare, trap or device designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(d) *Molesting.* Molest the nest or den of any squirrel.

(e) *Ferret.* Use or possess any ferret while hunting.

(f) *Retrieval.* Fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all wild animals killed or crippled; and until such effort is made, such wild animals shall be included in the daily bag.

(g) *Baiting.* 1. Place, use or hunt over bait contained within or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood other than hollow stumps or other nondegradable materials.

2. Except as established in s. NR 10.12 (1) (h), use any bait material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat or parts of animal carcasses.

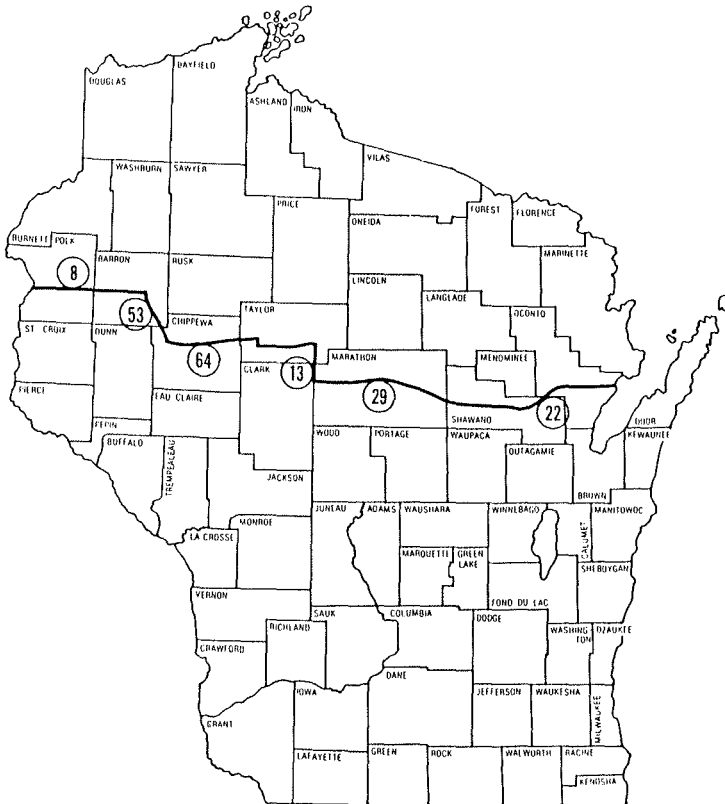
3. Place or hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

4. Hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.

5. Use or hunt over a baited area containing more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent.

6. This paragraph does not prohibit hunting over bait materials deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.

(i) *Dog use.* Hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of dog or dogs May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map except for dog trials and training under permit as established by ch. NR 17:



History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; cr. (8), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; am. (1), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.07; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2)(a), r. and recr. (3) and cr. (9)(a) and (b), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3)(a) and (b) and (9)(b), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), (2)(b), and (9)(a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (9)(b), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (9), eff. 8-2-74; r. and recr. (9), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (3)(a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (7) (a), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; cr. (10), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; renum. (1) to be (1) (a), cr. (1) (b), r. (3) (a) to (c), renum. (3) (d) to be (3) and am. (9), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; renum. (1) (b) to be (1) (c) and am., am. (3) and r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78, renum. (1) (c) to be 10.001 (8) and (9) am. (8), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. (1) (c), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81; r. and recr. (1) (g) 2., Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (1) (i), Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11-1-87; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-25-87; am. (2) (d), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (g), r. (1) (h), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90.

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

(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), renum. (1) (b) to (e) and (2) to be (2) to (6), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; am. (1) (b), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10-1-91.

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 overwinter population goals established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9. e. and properly manage the deer herd in the state.

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(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 September 20 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that day each year.

(d) *Group applications.* Group applications up to and including 4 hunters will be honored for deer hunting established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3. provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside.

(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.

(c) *Unallotted permits.* The department may issue any remaining antlerless deer permits as follows:

1. First step. Issue an additional antlerless permit to interested hunter's choice permit applicants; and may

2. Second step. Issue any remaining permits on a first-come, first-served basis to applicants who possess a valid gun deer hunting license and appear in person at designated department offices.

3. Antlerless permit limit. The department may not issue any applicant more than 2 antlerless deer permits in total.

(4) **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.

(5) **BAG LIMIT.** Each issued deer hunting permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current valid Wisconsin deer hunting license, back tag and

(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; emer. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-1-67; am. (2) (b) and (e), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10-11-68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8-30-69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10-10-72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (c), and cr. (5)(b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr. (3) (d) and (5) (d) 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2., Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (d), eff. 9-12-81; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82; am. (3) (d) (intro.), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; am. (5) (d) 2.b., Register, June, 1984, No. 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., 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.

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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.

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; r. and recr. (1) (b), (d) to (e), am. (5) (a) (intro.), r. (5) (a) 2., renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (b) 1., cr. (1) (f) to (h) and (5) (b) 2., Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90; am. (1) (e) 1., cr. (7), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

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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.

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.

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c. Within 100 yards of any building devoted to human occupancy without the owner's consent.

13. Snare specifications. Set, place or operate any snare unless the noose cable and noose attachments conform to the following specifications:

a. Noose. Five feet or less of non-stainless steel metal cable or wire with a diameter not exceeding $\frac{1}{8}$ ".

b. Noose attachments. All snares shall include a relaxing mechanical lock, anchor swivel and stop device to prevent the mechanical lock from closing the noose loop to a diameter less than 2.5". In addition, all snares shall be tagged with a metal tag engraved with the name and address of the owner.

(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, or beaver dam. However, beaver dams may be altered by persons removing beaver causing damage under s. NR 12.10.

(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*. No person may 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; am. (1) (b) 8. and 10., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. (1) (a) 2., (b) 1., 3. to 6., 8., 12. intro., (2) (c) and (3) (b), cr. (1) (b) 13., Register, May, 1990, No. 413, eff. 6-1-90.

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*. The hunter or trapper shall carry a valid license and the corresponding permit when pursuing a 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; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89.

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).

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(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, Janu-