

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
 FISCAL ESTIMATE AND
 ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

Board Order WM 08-14 (E) modifying Ch. NR 10 Game and Hunting.

Subject

Issuance of antlerless permits through the Deer Management Assistance Program and participation in County Deer Management Advisory Committees, Ch. NR 10 Wis. Admin. Code.

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Chapter 20 , Stats. Appropriations Affected

None

Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs
 Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
 Decrease Costs

The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy
 Local Government Units

Specific Businesses/Sectors
 Public Utility Rate Payers

Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes No

Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

This emergency rule will facilitate the issuance of antlerless deer permits through the Deer Management Assistance Program. This order will also allow additional representation on County Deer Management Advisory Committees, committees which are established for the purpose of seeking comment from members of the public on the status of the deer herd at the county level.

Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

Because these are emergency rules the department is not required to offer a comment period on this economic analysis. The department will hold a comment period pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 50, Section IV, when permanent rules are promulgated. Fiscal impacts on the department are also summarized in this analysis.

Economic Impact

Because the hunting season frameworks and regulations proposed in this rule will be comparable to those in place under current rules, no economic impacts are anticipated. These rules are applicable to individual hunters and people who are interested in white-tailed deer management and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Fiscal Impact

The department anticipates no fiscal impact resulting from these rules. Additional automated licensing system programming will not be required to implement the proposals.

These rules would allow issuance of antlerless deer hunting permits to a primary person who is enrolled in the

Deer Management Assistance Program or their designee. The permits could then be transferred, for no more than face value cost, to hunters who would be able to use the tags on the enrolled property. Allowing permit transfers creates efficiency for the department because we would not need to establish automated license system processes to assure that permits are distributed only to people designated by the primary program enrollee (there is also not time to implement such a system in 2014 and, since an alternative could not be implemented anyway, our proposed rule is not considered to be a cost savings). Only one contact with the department is all that would be needed to issue all antlerless permits for a property.

Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

Simplicity, value, and good success rates in the use of these antlerless deer permits will make an important contribution to the objective of site-specific deer management. Alternatives to this method of implementation are limited because of the importance of implementing the program in 2014. There is limited time for the development of needed technology to implement alternatives. Not implementing the rule is an alternative but this may not result in delivering the best customer service.

Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

These emergency rules will only be in place for the 2014 deer hunting season. Long range implications may be evaluated in an economic impact analysis of a permanent rule.

Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

Federal regulations allow states to manage the wildlife resources located within their boundaries provided they do not conflict with regulations established in the Federal Register. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Michigan is implementing a Deer Management Assistance Program which is comparable to the program being established in Wisconsin. All of Wisconsin's surrounding states use hunting seasons to provide hunting opportunities and to manage white-tailed deer herds and involve the public establishing management goals hunting opportunities. Wisconsin's efforts at public involvement are likely more extensive than those in our surrounding states. However, deer are a common wildlife species and provide significant hunting opportunities in all of our surrounding states.

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