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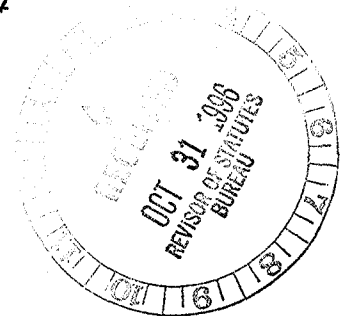
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-26-96 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on August 20, 1996. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 23rd day of October, 1996.

George E Meyer
George E. Meyer, Secretary

(SEAL)



ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal and recreate NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g)1.a.-k., (g)2., (g)3., (u)1 and (u)2. relating to the 1996 migratory game bird season.

WM-26-96

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.085, 29.174(3), and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.085, 29.174(1) and (2), Stats.

The proposed rules establish the regulations for the 1996 migratory game bird season. The significant regulations are:

Ducks. The state is divided into two zones each with 50-day seasons. The season in the southern duck zone begins at noon September 28 and continues through October 6 and, following a 5-day closed period, reopens October 12 and continues through November 21. The north duck zone season begins at noon September 28 and continues through November 16. The daily bag limit in both zones is 5 ducks, including four mallards and one canvasback for the entire 50 days in both zones.

Canada Geese. The state is apportioned into 3 goose hunting zones: Horicon, Collins and Exterior. Other special goose management subzones within the Exterior Zone include Brown County, Burnett County, New Auburn, Rock Prairie and the Mississippi River. Season lengths are: Collins Zone - 65 days; Horicon Zone - 86 days; Exterior Zone - 79 days; and Mississippi River Subzone - 70 days. The Burnett County and New Auburn subzones are closed to Canada goose hunting.

SECTION 1. NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g)1.a.-k., (g)2., (g)3., (u)1 and (u)2. are repealed and recreated to read:

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
NR 10.01(1)(b) All species of wild duck	Entire state	As established by zone	As established by season and zone.	Double the daily bag limit through the entire season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit.

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Nov. 21	5 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one pintail, one black duck, one canvasback, 2 redheads and 2 wood ducks; 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	
	North zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 16	5 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one pintail, one black duck, one canvasback, 2 redheads and 2 wood ducks; 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	

NR 10.01(1)
(g)

Geese

1. Canada geese and its subspecies

a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.

Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 15

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c. Burnett county subzone

None

None

None

d. New Auburn subzone

None

None

None

e. Brown county subzone

Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 15

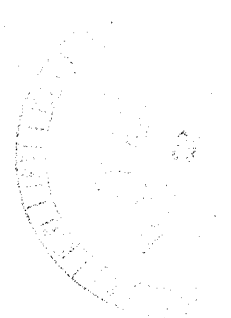
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Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.- d. and g.- k.	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 20	1	2
	g. Horicon zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 20; Sept. 30 - Nov. 3; Oct. 12 - Nov. 15; Nov. 2 - Dec. 15	1 1 1 1	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit corresponding to the number of carcass tags issued.
	h. Collins zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 2; Oct. 3 - Oct. 15; Oct. 16 - Nov. 1; Nov. 2 - Nov. 22 and Dec. 2 - Dec. 3	1 1 1 1	The possession limit is restricted by a season limit corresponding to the number of carcass tags issued.
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec 15	1	2
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11	1 1	2 2

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
2. Snow/blue and Ross' geese	Entire state	As established by zone	10	20
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 15		
	c. Burnett county subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 20		
	d. New Auburn subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 20		
	e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 15		
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.- d. and g.- k.	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 20		
	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 15		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27; Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 22 and Dec. 2 - Dec. 3		

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec 15		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		
3. All other geese and brant	Entire state	As established by zone	2 white-fronted geese and 2 brant.	4 white-fronted geese and 4 brant
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 6		
	c. Burnett county subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		
	d. New Auburn subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		
	e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 6		
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.-d and g.- k.	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		



Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 29		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27; Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 22 and Dec. 2 - Dec. 3		
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 6 and Oct. 12 - Dec. 11		
NR 10.01(1) (u) 1. All species of wild ducks, mergansers and coots	North zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 14 - Dec. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
		Feb. 20 - March 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 14 - Dec. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
		Feb. 20 - March 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
2. Gallinules, Sora rail, Virginia rail, common snipe and woodcock.	Entire state	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1

The foregoing rules are approved and adopted by the Natural Resources Board on August 20, 1996.

The rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

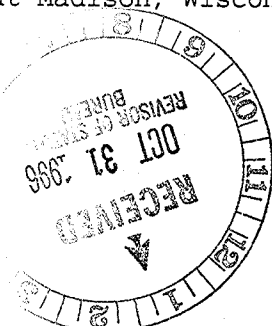
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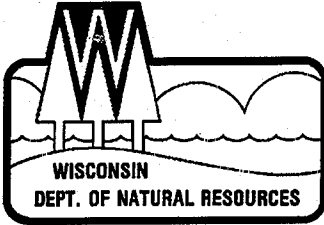
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Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-26-96. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Environmental Resources and Urban Affairs pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,

George
George E. Meyer
Secretary

Enc.

