# Chapter NR 10

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### Subchapter I — General Provisions

**NR 10.001 Definitions. (1)** "Accompanied by", for the purposes of s. 29.304, Stats., and s. NR 10.01, means within sight and voice contact, without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

**(1d)** For the purpose of s. 29.184 (3) (a) and (br), Stats., "activity" includes but is not limited to the use of electronic communications, telemetry devices, checking bear baits, supplying or handling dogs to track or trail bear, possession of dog handling equipment, possession of baiting equipment, dragging roads, checking for bear tracks, transporting hounds, equipment and other persons engaged in locating bear.

**(1h)** "Adult bear" means a bear measuring 42 inches or greater measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail.

**(1k)** "Afield" means an area where hunting can legally occur, such as fields, forests or similar areas.

**(1p)** "Aggregate daily bag limit" has the meaning given in 50 CFR 20.11 (c) (3).

**Note:** 50 CFR 20.11 (c) (3) defines "aggregate daily bag limit" as the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

**(1r)** "Animal part or animal byproduct" means honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat, animal carcass or parts of animal carcasses, but does not include liquid scents.

**Note:** Milk is not considered to be a part of an animal carcass or an animal byproduct for the purposes of this chapter.

**(1t)** "Antlerless deer" means any deer without antlers or with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

**(2)** "Antlerless elk" means any elk that is not a bull elk.

**(2m)** "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.

**(2s)** "Bait", for the purposes of this chapter, means any material placed or used to attract wild animals, including liquid scent and feed that is used for hunting purposes under s. 29.336 (4), Stats., but does not include plain drinking water or decoys.

**(3)** "Bear eco−tourism" means the business of observing bear for compensation, but does not involve hunting.

**(3h)** "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.

**(3u)** "Body gripping trap" means a trap that is designed to allow the animal's head, neck or torso to enter the trap opening and be held by compression of the jaws around the head, neck or torso when the trap is sprung and which is not a cage trap, enclosed trigger trap, snare, cable restraint or steel jawed trap.

**(3x)** "Bonus deer hunting permit" for purposes of s. 29.181, Stats., means any additional carcass tags purchased and any antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104 (8) (a) and (b).

**(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.

**(5c)** "Bull elk" means any elk with an antler of not less than 6 inches in length.

**(5g)** "Cable restraint" means a noose used for restraining furbearing animals in a non−water set.

**(5j)** "Cage or box trap" means a trap that is not used as a water set or in conjunction with a steel jawed trap, an enclosed trigger trap or body gripping trap, and that is designed to allow an animal to enter the trap enclosure, be captured and remain alive inside the cage or box type enclosure until it can be released unharmed or reduced to possession by the operator of the trap.

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

**(5p)** "Capable of drowning" means a set designed to allow the trapped animal to travel to water of sufficient depth to cause drowning. Slide wires or poles, locking devices, slip chains, weighted traps and traps staked in deep water are commonly used in drowning sets.

**(5pm)** "Carcass" for the purpose of this chapter has the meaning given in s. NR 19.001 (5).

**(5q)** "Cervid" means a member of the family of animals that includes deer, elk, moose, caribou and reindeer.

**(5r)** "Class A permit" means a permit as defined in s. 29.193 (2) (c) 1., Stats.

**(5s)** "Class B permit" means a permit as defined in s. 29.193 (2) (c) 2., Stats.

**Note:** Section 29.193 (2), Stats., defines a "Class B permit" as a permit issued to an applicant who has a temporary disability which restricts mobility or ambulation due to illness, injury or operative procedures and who either has a leg, hip or back, or any part thereof, casted by a licensed physician due to a fracture or has leg, hip or back surgery.

**(5t)** "Class C permit" means a permit issued to the visually handicapped as defined in s. 29.193 (2) (a) 5., Stats.

**(5v)** "Colony trap" means an enclosure device designed to allow the capture of one or more fur−bearing animals in a single setting as a drowning set. Entrance to the device is gained by one or more one−way entrances with overall dimensions of the trap not to exceed 6 inches in width, 6 inches in height and 36 inches in length.

**(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.

**(6d)** "Current validated deer carcass tag", for purposes of s. 29.347 (2), Stats., means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 10.103 (2).

**(6h)** "CWD" means chronic wasting disease.

**(6p)** "CWD affected area" means a zone established in s. NR 10.41 for the control and management of chronic wasting disease and is considered the chronic wasting disease control zone for purposes of ss. 29.063 (5) and 29.336, Stats.

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

**(7e)** "Decoy" means the replica of an animal used to attract wild animals for the purpose of hunting, but does not include any food materials that can be consumed by any wild animal. For the purposes of this chapter, a decoy is not considered bait.

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

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

**(8e)** "Disabled person" for the purposes of s. 29.184 (5) (b), Stats., means a person who holds a current Class A, B or C permit.

**Note:** Section 29.184 (5) (b), Stats., which exempted people who were assisting a disabled person who is hunting bear from the requirement to possess a Class B bear license, was repealed by 2015 Wis. 55.

**(8m)** "Drowning set" means any trap set capable of capturing an animal and drowning the captured animal.

**(9)** For the purposes of s. 29.314 (3) (b) 3. and (5) (b) 1., Stats., "educational purposes" means observing or studying bear in conjunction with a college or university or in conjunction with bear eco−tourism.

**Note:** Subsection (9) does not remove the requirement of ss. 29.089 and 167.31, 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.

**(9c)** "Enclosed trigger trap" means any trap with a pull−activated trigger, inside an enclosure, and recessed $1^1/_4$ inches or more, from an opening that is no greater than $1^3/_4$ inches in diameter.

**(9g)** For the purposes of ss. 29.091, 29.089 (2), 29.621 (4) and 167.31, 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.

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

**(9r)** "Explosive tips" means any arrow that expels compressed gases upon contact with an object or otherwise utilizes an explosive reaction. Compressed gasses can be caused by, but not limited to, the chemical reaction of explosive material or through compressed gas contained within or on the arrow shaft or tip.

**(9w)** 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 Horicon goose management zone described in s. NR 10.31, and includes the Mississippi River subzone which shall be treated as a separate management subzone for other purposes.

**(10)** "Feed" means any material that may attract or be consumed by wild animals that is placed for any non−hunting purpose including recreational and supplemental feeding under ss. 29.335 and 29.336, Stats., but does not include plain drinking water or decoys.

**(10c)** "Feeding site" means any location or area in which bait or feed is placed or deposited or that contains bait or feed material used to attract wild animals for recreational and supplemental feeding or for hunting purposes.

**(10g)** "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 or bear hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c.

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

**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.

**(10s)** "Green skin" means a skin that has not been removed from the carcass of a dead animal and a skin which has been removed but has not been fleshed, stretched and dried or tanned.

**(12)** "Hunt over" means hunting within 100 yards of any feeding site in an area where a person knows or reasonably should know that one or more feeding sites exists.

**(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) *Columbidae*. (doves),

(c) *Rallidae*. (rails, coots and gallinules),

(d) *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 and muzzle−loading handguns not less than .44 caliber with a minimum barrel length of 7 inches measured from muzzle to breech face that fire a single projectile weighing not less than 138 grains.

**(18)** For the purpose of hunting wild animals other than deer and bear, "muzzle−loader" means any caliber of any muzzle−loading firearm. Muzzle−loading handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the breech face.

**(18m)** "Non−drowning set" means any trap set that is capable of capturing an animal and not capable of drowning the captured animal.

**(19)** "Nontoxic shot" means steel shot and copper, nickel, zinc chloride and zinc chromate plated steel shot with the plating not exceeding .0002 inches or 1% or less of shot by weight, or other shot approved by the U.S. fish and wildlife service for waterfowl hunting in 50 CFR 20.21.

**(19e)** "Notice and information to the public that is adequate" under s. 29.063 (2), Stats., means a department press release to the local news media and the official state newspaper and may also include the following: public meetings, telephone contacts, internet postings, brochure distribution, first class mailings and meetings with landowners in the CWD affected area.

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

**(21m)** "Pheasant management zone" for the purposes of s. 29.191 (2), Stats., means all counties in Wisconsin.

**(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.

**(23a)** "Private land" for purposes of s. NR 10.104 (8) and (9) means land that is not public−access land under sub. (23b). Private land includes lands that are enrolled in the wildlife damage abatement and claims program under ch. NR 12 Subchapter II except if they qualify as public access lands under sub. (23b) because of government ownership, leases, or easements, or under sub. (23b) (a) to (c).

**(23b)** "Public access lands" for purposes of s. NR 10.104 (8) and (9) means land owned, under easement to, or lease by federal, state, county, or municipal government if that land is open to public hunting. Public access land also includes the following private lands provided they are open to the public for deer hunting:

(a) Enrolled in the managed forest land or forest croplands program under ch.77, Stats.

(b) Acquired in whole or in part with funding from the stewardship program pursuant to s. 23.0916, Stats.

(c) Owned by a public utility or cooperative for the production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water, telecommunications service or power.

**(23c)** "Rifle" for the purposes of this chapter means a firearm or airgun designed to be fired from the shoulder by the energy of an explosive propellant or by compressed air, used to fire a single projectile for each pull of the trigger through a rifled or smooth barrel. For the purpose of hunting deer, muzzle−loading firearms and shotguns which fire a single projectile are not considered rifles.

**(23e)** "Scent" means any material, except animal parts or animal byproducts, used to attract wild animals solely by its odor.

**(23s)** "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 or bear if they fire a single projectile and are of the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20, 28.

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

**(25c)** "Small game" means all varieties of wild mammals and birds for which there is an open season, but does not include deer, moose, elk, bear, wild turkey or endangered, threatened or protected species of game. For the purpose of s. 167.31 (4) (e), Stats., small game does include wild turkeys.

**Note:** 167.31 (4) (e) states subsection (2) (d) does not apply to a person who is legally hunting small game with a muzzle−loading firearm or with a shotgun loaded with shotshell or chilled shot number BB or smaller, if the surface of the highway or roadway is anything other than concrete or blacktop.

**(25e)** "Snare" means a noose used for catching furbearing animals in a water set.

**(25k)** "Steel jawed trap" means a trap, constructed of metal, designed to catch an animal by the foot, but does not include enclosed trigger traps or body gripping traps.

**(25m)** "Tag authorized for use on the type of deer killed", for purposes of s. 29.347 (2), Stats., means a tag issued to the hunter killing the deer or an individual satisfying the provisions of s. 29.324, 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 rooming house used during a hunting trip.

**(26m)** "Under ice set" means any trap set made under the ice.

**(27)** "Unforked antler" means a polished antler consisting of a single spike without branches or tines.

**(28)** "Using firearms" for the purpose of s. 29.324 (1) (b), Stats., means being in possession or control of a separate, individual firearm except that a mentor and the person for whom they are serving as a mentor as required under s. 29.592 (3), Stats., who jointly possess only one firearm, shall each be considered to be using a firearm.

**(29)** "Water set" means any trap or snare which is set or staked in such a manner as to permit the trap, snare or trapped animal to reach water that is not frozen.

**(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.

**(1)** MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS. See Table (1).

**Table (1)**

| Kind of Animal | Locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Daily Bag Limit | Possession Limit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) *Teal species* | Entire state. | 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 1 to 7. | 6 teal. | Three times the daily bag limit through the entire season except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| (b) *All species of wild duck* | Entire state. | As established by zone. | 6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen mallard, 1 black duck, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 3 scaup and 3 wood ducks. In addition, 5 mergansers to include not more than 2 hooded mergansers. | Three times the daily bag limit except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 24 and continuing for 60 consecutive days. | | |
| | Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing for 9 days, followed by a 5−day split, and then reopens for 51 consecutive days. | | |
| | Mississippi River zone as established in s. NR 10.32. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continuing for 7 days, followed by a 7−day split, and then reopens for 53 consecutive days. | | |
| (c) *Coots and moorhens* | Entire state. | Concurrent with the open season for ducks established in par. (b). | 15 | 45 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| **Note:** Moorhen is synonymous with gallinule. | | | | |
| (e) *Sora and Virginia a rails* | Entire state. | Concurrent with the open season for ducks established in par. (b). | 25 | 75 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| (f) 1. Snipe | Entire state. | Concurrent with the open season for ducks established in par. (b). | 8 | 24 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| 2. Woodcock | Entire state. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest Sept. 22 and continuing for 45 consecutive days. | 3 | 9 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| (g) *Geese* 1. Canada geese and its subspecies. | a. Entire state. | September 1 − September 15 | 5 | 15 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | b. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32. | September 16 and continues for 92 consecutive days. | 2 | 6 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | c. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subd. 1. d. and e. | Begins on September 16 continuing until the closure during the 5−day split in the southern duck zone hunting season in par. b and then reopens, continuing for a season total of 92 days. | 2 | 6 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | d. Horicon zone. | Two permit periods. | | Three times the daily bag limit except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |


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**Table (1)**

| Kind of Animal | Locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Daily Bag Limit | Possession Limit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | First permit period beginning on September 16 and continuing until the Sunday following the last Friday in October. | 2 | |
| | | Second permit period beginning on the Monday following the last Friday in October and continuing for a season total of 92 days combined for both periods. | 2 | |
| | dm. Horicon zone season harvest limit. | | | No person may harvest more than 12 Canada geese during a permit period established in subd. par. d. |
| | e. Mississippi River subzone. | Begins on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continues for 7 days, followed by a 7−day split, and then reopens for a season total of 92 days. | 2 | 6 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| 2. Snow or blue and Ross' geese. | Entire state. | As established by zone. | 20 | 60 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32. | September 16 and continues for 92 consecutive days. | | |
| | b. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subd. 2. e. and g. | Begins on September 16 continuing until the closure during the 5 day split in the southern duck zone hunting season in par. b and then reopens, continuing for a season total of 92 days. | | |
| | c. Horicon zone. | September 16 and continues for 92 consecutive days. | | |
| | d. Mississippi river subzone. | Begins on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continues for 7 days, followed by a 7−day split, and then reopens for a season total of 92 days. | | |
| 3. All other geese. | a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32. | September 20 and continues for 92 consecutive days. | 1 white−fronted goose and 1 brant. | 3 white−fronted geese and 3 brant except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | b. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in this subd. 3. c. and d. | Begins on September 20 continuing until the closure during the 5−day split in the southern duck zone hunting season in par. b and then reopens, continuing for a season total of 92 days. | | |
| | c. Horicon zone. | September 20 and continues for 92 consecutive days | | |
| | d. Mississippi River subzone. | Begins on the Saturday nearest October 1 and continues for 7 days, followed by a 7−day split, and then reopens for a season total of 92 days. | | |
| (h) *Mourning dove.* | Entire State. | Sept. 1 – Nov. 29 | 15 | 45 |

(u) *Falconry special season.* Any person possessing a valid falconry permit and hunting license shall be restricted to the following migratory game bird seasons:

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| 1. All species of wild ducks, mergansers and coots. | Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32. | Concurrent with the open youth waterfowl hunt in par. v and open northern zone regular duck season in par. b. Reopens on first or second Friday in January and continues for 45 days. | 3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2. | 9 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |

**Table (1)**

| Kind of Animal | Locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Daily Bag Limit | Possession Limit |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32 | Concurrent with the open youth waterfowl hunt in par. v. and open southern zone regular duck season par. b. Reopens on first or second Friday in January and continues for 45 days. | 3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2. | 9 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2. except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| | Mississippi River zone as established in s. NR 10.32 | Concurrent with the open youth waterfowl hunt par. v. and the open Mississippi River zone regular duck season in subd. 1. b. Reopens on first or second Friday in January and continues for 45 days. | 3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2. | 9 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| 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. | 9 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1 except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit and the second day, when it is twice the daily bag limit. |
| 3. Geese. | Within the zones and subzones established in s. NR 10.31. | Concurrent with the open season for geese established in par. (g) for each zone or subzone. | As established in par. (g) for each zone or subzone. | As established in par. (g) for each zone or subzone. |

(v) *Special youth waterfowl hunt event.* Persons under the age of 16 may hunt all species of wild duck, mergansers, geese, coots, and moorhens statewide for 2 consecutive days starting on the Saturday before the beginning of the open season established for the north duck zone by par. (b). Approvals under ch. 29, Stats., are not required pursuant to s. 29.197 (1), Stats., except for registration in the harvest information program under s. NR 10.12 (11) and a Canada goose hunting permit for the season or zone where goose hunting, as listed in par. (g) 1., if hunting Canada geese. Daily bag limits are those described under pars. (b), (c) and (g), except that the daily bag limit for the zone or subzone being hunted as listed in par. (g) 1. a. to h., on that date shall apply to Canada geese, and all other waterfowl hunting regulations apply. Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older and be in compliance with ss. 29.592 and 29.593, Stats. One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and pursuant to s. 29.592, Stats., not more than one of the 2 hunters may be age 10 or 11, or be a person who does not possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.591, Stats., or its equivalent from another state, country or province.

**(2)** GAME BIRDS. See Table (2).

**Table (2)**

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (a) *Ruffed grouse* | | |
| 1. Zone A as established under s. NR 10.33. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31. | Daily bag 5; possession 15 |
| 2. Zone B as established under s. NR 10.33. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 8 | Daily bag 2; possession 6 |
| 4. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | Daily bag 2; possession 6 |
| (b) *Sharp−tailed grouse* | | |
| 1. All game management units as described in s. NR 10.285 for which a sharp−tailed grouse harvest quota has been established under s. NR 10.26. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing for 23 consecutive days. | One sharp−tailed grouse per carcass tag issued. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued |
| **Note:** Reporting cards are available at most DNR license outlets within the areas open to sharp−tailed grouse hunting. | | |
| 4. *Reporting requirements.* Each person possessing a sharp−tailed grouse hunt reporting card shall complete and submit the reporting card to the department within 5 days after the close of the season. | | |
| (c) *Pheasants* | | |
| 1. Cocks only | | |
| a. In all counties of the state except the properties specified in subds. 1. b. and 2. and s. NR 10.24. | Early season—Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing for 2 consecutive days | Daily bag 1; possession 2 |
| | Late season—Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing through December 31 | Daily bag 2; possession 6 |
| b. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Mirror Lake state parks | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | Daily bag 2; possession 6 |


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**Table (2)**

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2. | Cocks and hens — Within the following named properties as posted with department signs:<br>a. Avoca (Iowa county)<br>b. Scuppernong (Waukesha county)<br>c. C.D. "Buzz" Besadny fish and wildlife area (Kewaunee county)<br>d. Pine River (Richland county)<br>e. Vernon (Waukesha county)<br>f. Boscobel unit of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (Grant county)<br>g. Kickapoo valley reserve (Vernon county)<br>h. Kettle Moraine state forest (Waukesha county)<br>i. Tom Lawin wildlife area (Chippewa county)<br>j. Sand Creek fishery area (Monroe county) | Same as in subd. 1. a. | Same as in subd. 1. a. |
| 8. | Pheasant stamp. No person may hunt pheasants in the pheasant management zones defined in s. NR 10.001 (21m), without a valid state pheasant stamp approval required under s. 29.191, Stats., unless the person is carrying a valid conservation patron license, senior citizen recreation card, free military small game license or first year hunter education certificate. | | |
| **Note:** | Special rules for the Bong state recreation area are established in s. NR 10.24. | | |
| (d) | *Gray (Hungarian) partridge* | | |
| 1. | In all counties of the state except in the areas listed in subd. 2. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through December 31. | Daily bag 3; possession 9 |
| 2. | Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties. | None | None |
| (e) | *Bobwhite quail* | | |
| 1. | In all counties of the state except in the parks listed in subd. 2. | Beginning on Saturday nearest October 17 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing for 54 consecutive days. | Daily bag 5; possession 15 |
| 2. | Governor Dodge, Mirror Lake, and Mill Bluff state parks. | Beginning on November 1 to the close of the season listed in subd. 1. | Daily bag 5; possession 15 |
| (f) | *Wild turkey.* | | |
| 1. | All wild turkey hunting zones as described in s. NR 10.29, excluding state parks for which a quota has been established under s. NR 10.25 (5). | Spring seasons beginning on the third Wednesday in April and continuing Wednesday through Tuesday of the following week for 6 consecutive 7−day time periods, except on Ft. McCoy military reservation where the season continues for 40 consecutive days. | Only male or bearded turkeys may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued. |
| 2. | All wild turkey hunting zones as described in s. NR 10.29 and the Mill Bluff state park portion of zone 1, excluding all other state parks, for which a quota has been established under s. NR 10.25 (5). | Fall season beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Friday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. | Either sex of turkey may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued. |
| | Wild turkey hunting zones 1−5, as described in s. NR 10.29 and the Mill Bluff state park portion of zone 1, excluding all other state parks, for which a quota has been established under s. NR 10.25 (5). | Fall season reopening on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through December 31. | Either sex of turkey may be killed. The possession limit corresponds to the number of carcass tags issued. |
| | **Note:** Glacial Heritage Area state park lands may be leased to another unit of government for management purposes and access permits to hunt turkeys on those lands would be obtained from that unit of government. | | |
| 4. | 4. Youth turkey hunt. a. Persons under the age of 16 years of age who possess a valid carcass tag issued for the current license year, and all necessary ch. 29, Stats., approvals may hunt turkeys for 2 consecutive days starting on the Saturday immediately preceding the beginning of the spring turkey hunting season established in subd. 1. in the turkey management zone for which the carcass tag was issued. Only one male or bearded turkey may be killed and shall be tagged immediately with a valid carcass tag for that zone pursuant to s. NR 10.25 (2). Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older and be in compliance with s. 29.592, Stats. One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters and pursuant to s. 29.592, Stats., not more than one of the 2 hunters may be age 10 or 11, or be a person who does not possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.591, Stats., or its equivalent from another state, country or province. All other spring turkey hunting regulations apply. | | |
| b. | b. A youth who does not successfully harvest a turkey during the 2−day youth hunt established in subd. 4. a. may use their unfilled carcass tag during the time period and in the zone for which the carcass tag was issued. A carcass tag that was used to tag a turkey during the 2−day youth hunt may not be reused pursuant to s. NR 10.25 (2) (b) 2. to harvest an additional turkey during the time period for which the carcass tag is valid. | | |
| (g) | *Crow* | | |
| 1. | Statewide except in the parks listed in subd. 2. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Thursday immediately preceding the gun deer season for Zone A. in sub. (3) (e) and reopening in January and continuing through March 20. The date of reopening in January shall be established each year by the department to allow for a 124−day crow season. | Daily bag 15; possession 45 |
| 2. | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Mirror Lake state parks. | Beginning on Nov. 1 and continuing through the Thursday immediately preceding the gun deer season for Zone A in sub. (3) (e). | Daily bag 15; possession 45 |

**(3)** UPLAND GAME ANIMALS. See Table (3).

**Table (3)**

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | *Gray and fox squirrels* | | |
| 1. | In all counties of the state except in the parks listed in subd. 2. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31. | Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 15 |
| 2. | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | Daily bag (total of both species) 5; possession 15 |
| **Kind of animal and locality** | | **Open season (all dates inclusive)** | **Limit** |
| (b) | *Raccoon (resident hunting and trapping)* | | |
| | In all counties of the state | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through February 15. | None |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (bm) | *Raccoon (non−resident hunting and trapping)* | | |
| | In all counties of the state | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through February 15. | None |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (bt) | *Raccoon (state park resident and non−resident hunting)* | | |
| | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | None |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (c) | *Cottontail, jackrabbit and snowshoe hare* | | |
| 1. | Snowshoe hare | | |
| a. | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | None |
| b. | In all other parts 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 the last day in February. | Daily bag 3; possession 9 |
| b. | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | Daily bag 3; possession 9 |
| c. | In addition, there shall be an open season for hunting cottontails, except with the use of firearms, in Milwaukee county | All year | None |
| d. | In all other parts of the state | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 9:00 a.m. and continuing through the last day in February. | Daily bag 3; possession 9 |
| 3. | Jackrabbit | | |
| | In all counties of the state | None | 0 |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (d) | *Bobcat (wildcat; hunting and trapping)* | | |
| 1. | Statewide | Two permit periods: The Saturday nearest Oct. 17 − Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 − Jan. 31. | One per season as authorized by the appropriate permit |

| Kind of animal and locality except when modified by the department under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex) | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit except when modified by the department under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex) |
|---|---|---|---|
| (e) | *Gun deer season except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex).* | | |
| 1. a. | All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subds. 2. to 5. | Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days. | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| b. | All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subds. 2. to 4. | Firearm season beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days. | One antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| 2. | State parks, trails and forests. State parks, trails, and forests are open during the seasons and subject to the same bag limit listed in subd. 1 except as established in subd. par. a. to c., and except that no person may hunt deer on the state−owned portions of state parks, trails and recreation areas in locations and at times when the department has determined that prohibiting hunting is necessary pursuant to s. 29.089 (1m) (b), Stats. Portions of state properties may also be posted as closed to hunting. No person may use a firearm, other than a muzzleloading firearm, to hunt deer within the boundaries of Perrot, High Cliff, Peninsula, Rib Mountain, Harrington Beach, Kohler−Andrae, and Wildcat Mountain state parks, and the Loew Lake Unit – Kettle Moraine state forest. | | |
| a. | Perrot, High Cliff and Peninsula state parks and the Loew Lake Unit — Kettle Moraine state forest. | Muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days.. | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| b. | Rib Mountain, Harrington Beach, Kohler−Andrae and Wildcat Mountain state parks. | Muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 19 consecutive days. | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| c. | Buckhorn state park in the area east of 19th avenue, north of county HWY G, and north of 31st street. | Firearm seasons listed in subd. 1, the muzzleloader season established in subd. (es) 1., and the youth hunt in par. (ev). | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| d. | Loew Lake Unit — Kettle Moraine state forest. | Muzzleloading firearm season reopening on December 24 and continuing through January 1. | One antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| 3. Federal properties | | | |
| a. | Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk Field military facility in Juneau county. | Firearm season type as established by military permit and approved by the department by August 1 annually. | Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by military facility. |
| **Note:** The department does not issue deer hunting permits for the Fort McCoy and Volk Field military facilities. Hunters must apply directly to these facilities for a deer hunting permit and are limited to the type of deer specified on the permit. | | | |
| b. | Nuisance deer removal on the federally owned portions of the Apostle Islands using muzzleloaders only. | Muzzleloading firearm season October 1−31. | One deer per permit issued under Ch. NR 12. |


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| 4. | Menominee county | Firearm season type as established by the Menominee tribe for tribal members only. | As established by the Menominee tribe. |
| 5. | Metropolitan deer management subunits LaCrosse, Hudson, Superior, Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Madison as described under s. NR 10.28 (2). | Firearm season beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 19 consecutive days. | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (em) | *Archery deer season except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex).* | | |
| 1. | All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subds. 2. to 4. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. s. NR 10.104, except that no person may harvest a buck in an area of the state where an antlerless only firearm deer hunting season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) or (ex) is open. |
| 2. | Federal properties. | | |
| a. | Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk Field military facility in Juneau county. | As established by military permit and approved by the department by August 1 annually. | Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by military facility. |
| **Note:** The department does not issue deer hunting permits for the Fort McCoy and Volk Field military facilities. Hunters must apply directly to these facilities for a deer hunting permit and are limited to the type of deer specified on the permit. | | | |
| b. | Federally owned portions of the Apostle Island | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through September 30 and November 1 through the Sunday nearest January 6. | One deer per deer carcass tag as described under s. NR 10.104 (15) (a) and (b). Additional deer may be taken pursuant to s. NR 10.104 (15) (d). |
| 3. | Metropolitan deer management subunits | | |
| a. | Metropolitan deer management subunits LaCrosse, Hudson, Superior, Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Madison as described under s. NR 10.28 (2). | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104, except that no person may harvest a buck in an area of the state where an antlerless only firearm deer hunting season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) is open. |
| 4. | State parks, trails, forests and recreation areas. State parks, trails and forests are open during the seasons and subject to the same bag limit listed in subd. 1. except as established in subd. par. a. to c., and except that no person may hunt deer on the state−owned portions of state parks, trails, forests and recreation areas in locations and at times when the department has determined that prohibiting hunting is necessary pursuant to s. 29.089 (1m) (b), Stats. Portions of properties may also be posted closed to hunting. | | |
| a. | Buckhorn state park | During the archery deer season described in subd. 1. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| b. | Big Bay, Blue Mound, Governor Dodge, and Tower Hill state parks. | Beginning on Oct. 15 and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104, except that no person may harvest a buck in an area of the state where an antlerless only firearm deer hunting season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) is open. |

**Note:** When purchasing an archer license, a person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a crossbow will not receive the archery buck deer carcass tag described in this subsection or an antlerless deer carcass tag valid in farmland zones. A person may use any carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting deer with a crossbow during the crossbow deer season established in par. (ep) under the authority of a valid archer license during the archery season established in this subsection.

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|---|
| (ep) | *Crossbow deer season except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex).* | | |
| 1. | Portions of the state located within the northern forest zone, except as established under subds. 2. to 4. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104, except that no person may harvest a buck in an area of the state where an antlerless only firearm deer hunting season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) or (ex) is open. |
| 2. | Federal properties. | | |
| a. | Fort McCoy military reservation in Monroe county and Volk Field military facility in Juneau county. | As established by military permit and approved by the department by August 1 annually. | Sex and type of deer is as specified on permit issued by military facility. |
| **Note:** The department does not issue deer hunting permits for the Fort McCoy and Volk Field military facilities. Hunters must apply directly to these facilities for a deer hunting permit and are limited to the type of deer specified on the permit. | | | |
| b. | Federally owned portions of the Apostle Islands | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through September 30 and November 1 through the Sunday nearest January 6. | One deer per deer carcass tag as described under s. NR 10.104 (15) (a) and (b). Additional deer may be taken pursuant to s. NR 10.104 (15) (d). |
| 3. | Metropolitan deer management subunits | | |

**Table (3)**

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| a. | Superior Metropolitan deer management subunit described under s. NR 10.28 (2). | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| b. | Hudson, LaCrosse, and Green Bay area metropolitan deer management subunits as described under s. NR 10.28 (2). | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the second Wednesday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| | | Beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days. | One antlerless deer for each antlerless permit or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| | | Beginning on the Monday following the 4 day season in this subdivision and continuing through January 31. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| c. | Madison and Milwaukee area metropolitan deer management subunits as described under s. NR 10.28 (2). | Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| 4. | State parks, trails, forests and recreation areas. State parks, trails and forests are open during the seasons and subject to the same bag limit listed in subd. 1. except as established in subd. par. a. to c., and except that no person may hunt deer on the state−owned portions of state parks, trails, forests and recreation areas in locations and at times when the department has determined that prohibiting hunting is necessary pursuant to s. 29.089 (1m) (b), Stats. Portions of properties may also be posted as closed to hunting. | | |
| a. | Buckhorn state park | During the archery deer season described in subd. 1. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |
| b. | Big Bay, Blue Mound, Governor Dodge, and Tower Hill state parks. | Beginning on Oct. 15 and continuing for the remainder of the archery deer season described in subd. 1. | One buck deer with an archery buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits or tags issued under s. NR 10.104. |

**Note:** When purchasing a crossbow license, a person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a bow and arrow will not receive the buck deer carcass tag described in this subsection or an antlerless deer carcass tag valid in farmland zones. A person may use any carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting deer with a bow and arrow during the season established in par. (em) under the authority of a valid crossbow license during the crossbow season established in this subsection.

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (es) *Muzzleloader deer season except as established in s 10.01 (3) (ex).* | | |
| 1. Entire state, except for metropolitan deer management subunits established in s. NR 10.28 (2). | Beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving Day holiday and continuing for 10 consecutive days. | One buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. |

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (ev) *Special youth gun deer hunt event.* | | |

Persons under 16 years of age may hunt deer with a firearm for 2 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday nearest October 8 in all deer management units, except state parks other than Buckhorn State Park. No person may hunt deer with any firearm other than a muzzleloading firearm at the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine state forest. The bag limit is one buck deer with a gun buck deer carcass tag and one antlerless deer for each antlerless tag issued under s. NR 10.104. No person may hunt unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older and in compliance with s. 29.592, Stats. No parent or guardian may knowingly permit a person under 16 years of age to hunt unless accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. No adult may accompany more than 2 hunters and pursuant to s. 29.592, Stats., not more than one of the 2 hunters may be age 10 or 11, or be a person who does not possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.591, Stats., or its equivalent from another state, country or province. All other hunting regulations apply. Blaze orange requirements under s. 29.301 (2), Stats., apply to all hunters on these days except waterfowl hunters.

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (ex) *Deer season framework modifications.* | | |

The department may modify the deer hunting seasons and bag limits established in s. NR 10.01 (3) upon approval of the board and the issuance of an order of the secretary and publication in the official state newspaper.

1. The department may modify the bag limits for a deer season in the following ways:

a. The bag limit shall be one antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104 for all archery, crossbow, or firearm deer seasons. No person may harvest any buck deer except as authorized by ss. 29.173 (2) (b) and 29.193 (2) (cr) 1. and 4.

2. The department may modify the deer hunting season dates and bag limit in a farmland zone by establishing that the firearm season reopens on December 24 and continues through January 1. Only antlerless deer may be harvested.

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (f) *Fox, all species* | | |
| 1. Statewide except as provided in subd. 2. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through February 15. | None |
| 2. Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | None |

| Kind of animal and locality | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
|---|---|---|
| (g) *Black bear (gun and bow seasons).* | | |
| 1. Those portions of bear management zones A, B and D 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 first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 28 consecutive days in odd−numbered years and beginning on the second Wednesday following Labor Day for 28 days in even−numbered years. | One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102. |


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**Table (3)**

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| | | All methods not utilizing the aid of dogs, beginning on the first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 28 consecutive days in even−numbered years and beginning on the second Wednesday following Labor Day for 28 days in odd−numbered years. | One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102. |
| 2. | Those portions of bear management zones A, B, C and D as described in s. NR 10.30 where the use of dogs for bear hunting is prohibited as described in s. NR 10.10 (1) (b). | All methods not utilizing the aid of dogs, beginning on the first Wednesday following Labor Day and continuing for 35 consecutive days. | One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102. |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
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| (h) | *Coyote* | | |
| 1. | Hunting | | |
| a. | Wolf management zone 1, as described in s. NR. 10.20. | All year except closed during the gun deer seasons as established under pars. (e) and (es). | None |
| b. | Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks. | Nov. 1 − Dec. 15. | None |
| c. | Remainder of the state | All year | None |
| 2. | Trapping | | |
| a. | North zone—All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64 | Concurrent with the fox season established in par. (f) 1. | None |
| b. | South zone—All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64 | Concurrent with the fox season established in par. (f) 2. | None |

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
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| (i) | *Elk (gun and bow seasons).* | | |
| 1. | The elk management zones established in s. NR 10.37 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 15 and continuing for 30 consecutive days, when the department determines that the total elk population estimate for zones A and B is at least 200 elk.<br>Beginning the second Thursday in December and continuing for 9 consecutive days, when the department determines that the total elk population estimate for zones A and B is at least 200 elk. | One bull elk or antlerless elk as authorized by antlerless elk tag in s. NR 10.111 (5) (c). |

**(4)** FURBEARING ANIMALS. See Table (4).

**Table (4)**

| Kind of animal and locality | | Open season (all dates inclusive) | Limit |
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| (a) | *Muskrat trapping.* | | |
| 1. | Statewide except in the Mississippi River Zone | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 25 and continuing through the Sunday nearest March 7. | None |
| 2. | Mississippi River Zone — All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway. | Beginning on the second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks established for the Mississippi River zone under sub. (1) (b), whichever occurs first, and continuing through the Sunday nearest March 7. | None |
| (b) *Incidental take of muskrats.* During the closed season for muskrats, licensed trappers may retain for salvage any muskrats taken incidentally while trapping for beaver in the portions of the state open to beaver trapping as described in par. (c). | | | |
| (c) | *Beaver trapping.* | | |
| 1. | Zone A as described in s. NR 10.35. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through April 30. | None |
| 2. | Zone B as described in s. NR 10.35. | Beginning on Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through April 30. | None |
| 3. | Zone C as described in s. NR 10.35. | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through March 31. | None |
| 4. | Zone D as described in s. NR 10.35. | Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1. and continuing through March 15. | None |
| (d) | *Otter trapping.* | | |
| 1. | North zone as described in s. NR 10.36 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through April 30. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 2. | Central zone as described in s. NR 10.36 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through March 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 3. | South zone as described in s. NR 10.36 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through March 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| (dm) | *Fisher trapping.* | | |
| 1. | Management zone A — game management units 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 22, 78 and 79 as described in s. NR 10.285 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 2. | Management zone B — game management units 6, 7, 13, 14, 18,19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29A and 30 as described in s. NR 10.285 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |

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| 3. | Management zone C — game management units 29B, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 52 as described in s. NR 10.285 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 4. | Management zone D — game management units 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49A, 49B, 50, 51A and 51B as described in s. NR 10.285 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 5. | Management zone E — game management units 27, 53, 55, 56, 57, 57A, 57B, 57C, 58 and 59A as described in s. NR 10.285 | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| 6. | Management zone F — remainder of the state | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through December 31. | The possession limit corresponds to the number of pelt tags issued. |
| (e) | *Mink trapping.* | | |
| 1. | Statewide except in the Mississippi River Zone | Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 25 and continuing through the Sunday nearest March 7. | None |
| 2. | Mississippi River Zone — All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway. | Beginning on the second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks established for the Mississippi River zone under sub. (1) (b), whichever occurs first, and continuing through the Sunday nearest March 7. | None |

**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. For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 8−1−85 through 5−31−2000 see the History note following s. NR 10.01 published in Register, May, 2000, No. 533.

**History:** 1−2−56; cr. (3) (e) 3. e., Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. a. to k., 2., 3., (u) 1. and 2, cr. (1) (g) 1. n., 2. n. and 3. n. and am. (1) (v) eff 9−1−00; r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. a. to k., (g) 2., 3., (u) 1. and 2., cr. (1) (g) 1. n., 2. n. and 3. n. and am. (1) (v), Register, December, 2000, No. 540, eff. 1−1−01; CR 01−006: am. (1) (g) 1. m., Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01; r. (1) (g) 1. d., (g) 2. d. and 3. d., cr. (1) (h), r. and recr. (3) (h) 1. a., eff. 5−1−01; am. (3) (es), eff. 11−18−00; Register, September, 2000, No. 537; emerg. r. and recr (1) (b), (g) 1. a. to k., 2.a. to b., 3. a. to e., cr. 1. and 2., cr. (1) (d), am. (1) (v), eff. 9−1−01; CR 01−008: am. (1) (g) 1. h., (2) (f) 3., (3) (e) 1. d., 2., 3. c., (es), Register October 2001 No. 550, all eff. 4−1−02 except for (2) (f) 3. which is eff. 11−1−01; CR 01−066: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1. a. to k. and n., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., (u) 1. and 2. and cr. (1) (d), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 12−1−01; CR 00−154: r. and recr. (3) (e) 6., am. (3) (em), (es), and (h) 1. a. and cr. (3) (ev) and (ez), Register January 2002 No. 553, eff. 2−1−02; emerg. am. (3) (e) 1. intro., 3. a., c. and d., 6. a., (em) 1. and 3., (es) 1. and (ev), r. (3) (e) 3. cm., cr. (3) (et) and (ez) 3., eff. 7−3−02; CR 00−154: am. (3) (em) 1. (ez) 1. c., d. and e., cr. (3) (ez) 1. am., Register July 2002 No. 559, eff. 8−1−02; CR 02−017: am. (2) (c) 2. and (f) 2.; CR 02−018: am. (3) (ev), cr. (3) (ez) 3. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02 except (2) (c) 2. eff. 1−5−03; CR 02−075: r. and recr. (1) (b), (d), (g) 1. a. to k., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., (u) 1. and 2., cr. (1) (dm), r. (1) (g) 1. n., am. (1) (v) Register December 2002 No. 564, eff. 1−1−03; CR 02−089: cr. (2) (a) 4., (c) 1. b. and (f) 4., (3) (bt), (c) 2. b., (f) 3. and (h) 1. b., am. (2) (c) 1. a., r. and recr. (2) (e), (g), (3) (a) and (c) 1., renum. (3) (c) 2. b. and (h) 1. b. to be (3) (c) 2. d. and (h) 1. c. Register February 2003 No. 566, eff. 3−1−03; CR 03−015: am. (3) (e) 2. (intro.), (ez) 1. a. and d. Register July 2003 No. 571, eff. 8−1−03; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1. 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., (u) 1. and z., r. (1) (d) and (dm), am. (1) (v), eff. 8−29−2003; CR 03−016: am. (3) (e) 1. (intro.), 3. a., 6. (intro.) and a., (em) 1. and 3., (es) 1. and (ev), cr. (3) (et) Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03; CR 03−018: am. (3) (e) 6. (intro.) and a., (es) 1., (4) (a) 2. and (e) 2., cr. (3) (i), r. (4) (a) 5. and (e) 5. Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04, except (4) eff. 4−1−04; CR 03−051: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., (u) 1. and 2., r. (1) (d) and (dm), am. (1) (v) Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 12−1−03; CR 04−020: am. (3) (e) 3. b. and c., (et) 1. a. and c. and 2. and 3., r. (3) (e) 3. cm. Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; CR 04−011: am. (1) (g) 1. L. and m., (2) (f) 2. (3). (e) 3. c., d., e., (em) 1., (es) 1., (4) (a) 1., (c) 1., 2. and 3., (d), (dm), (e) 1., 2., 4., and 5., renum. (3) (e) 3. cm., cr. (3) (e) 3. cr., f., g. and (es), Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 4−1−05, except (3) (e) 3. g. eff. 11−1−04; CR 04−046: am. (2) (c) 8., (3) (ez) 1. a. and d. Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., and (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 8−31−04; CR 04−059: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k., and (u), am. (1) (v) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1−1−05; CR 04−092: am. (2) (f) 4. Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5−1−05; CR 05−016: am. (3) (et) 1. a., c., 2., 3. and (ez) 1. d. Register August 2005 No. 596, eff. 9−1−05; CR 05−017: am. (3) (e) 3. d. Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k. and (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 8−31−05; CR 05−057: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) 1., 2. a. to k., 3. a. to k. and (u), am. (1) (v) Register December 2005 No. 600, eff. 1−1−06; CR 05−083: cr. (3) (e) 2. h. Register April 2006 No. 604, eff. 5−1−06: CR 05−102: am. (2) (a) 4., (c) 1. b., (e) 2., (f) 3. and 4. and (g) 2., (3) (a) 2., (bt), (c) 1. a. and 2. b., (f) 3., and (h) 1. b. Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 05−086: r. and recr. (3) (e) 1., 2., and 3., and (em) 1. and 2., r. (3) (e) 4. and (es) 2., renumber (3) (e) 5. and 6. to be 4. and 5. and am., cr. (3) (ed), (ef) and (em) 4. and 5., am. (3) (em) 3. and (es) 1. and (ev), renum. (3) (es) 3. to be 2. and am. Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 06−013: r. and recr. (3) (et) Register August 2006 No. 608, eff. 9−1−06; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. to 3. and (u), cr. (1) (g) 4., am. (1) (v) eff. 8−31−06; CR 06−074: r. and recr. (1) (b), (c), (g) 1. to 3. and (u), cr. (1) (g) 4., am. (1) (v) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 1−1−07; CR 06−012: am. (2) (a) 1., 2., (c) 8., (f) 2., (3) (e) 1. b., 2. (intro.) and a., r. (2) (a) 3., cr. (2) (f) 4. Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 2−1−07; CR 06−131: am. (3) (e) 1. c., 2. b., g. (em) 4. a., c., and (ev), r. (3) (e) 1. d., r. and recr. (3) (em) 1., cr. (3) (es) 3. Register July 2007 No. 619, eff. 8−1−07; CR 07−015: am. (3) (bm), (c) 3., (e) 2. f., 3. b., and (g), cr. (3) (em) 2. b. Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 2−1−08, except (3) (bm) eff. 10−1−07; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), and (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 8−30−07; CR 07−055: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), and (u), am. (1) (v) Register January 2008 No. 625, eff. 2−1−08; CR 07−035: am. (3) (c) 2., (ed) 1. b. and (4) (dm) 1. Register April 2008 No. 628, eff. 5−1−08; CR 08−013: r. and recr. (3) (et) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−09; CR 08−011: am. (3) (b) and (bm) Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2−1−09; CR 08−021: am. (2) (f) 2., 3., (3) (e) 1. e., (em) 1. and (ev), r. (3) (ed) 5. and (ez) Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 12−1−08; correction in (3) (ed) 1 b. made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2008 No. 635; EmR0824: emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (h) and (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 8−30−08; CR 08−061: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (h) and (u), am. (1) (v) Register December 2008 No. 636, eff. 1−1−09; CR 09−015: am. (2) (c) 2., (f) 2., (3) (d), (e) 1. b., 2. b., d., (em) 4. c., d., (et) 1. c., cr. (3) (e) 2. h. Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 2−1−10, except (3) (e) 1. b. and (et) 1. c., eff. 11−1−09; CR 09−024: am. (2) (f) 4. a., (3) (d), (e) 2., (ed) 1. b., (et) 2. and (ev) Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; CR 09−042: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), and (u), am. (1) (v) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7−1−10; CR 10−020: r. (1) (g) 1. d., i., 2. c., h., 3. c., h., 4. c. and h., am. (2) (f) 3., (3) (e) 2. b., (es) 3., cr. (3) (e) 2. i. and (et) 1. cv., r. and recr. (3) (f) Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 2−1−11, except (1) (g) and (3) (e) 2. i., eff. 11−1−10; EmR1033: emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 9−1−10; CR 10−051: am. (3) (e) 1. e., 2. b., (ed) 1. a., (em) 4. b., r. (3) (ef) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 10−066: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (u), am. (1) (v) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 11−007: am. (2) (f) 1. to 3., (3) (e) 1. b., 2. b., (em) 1., (es) 3., (i) 1., Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 11−1−11; CR 11−032: r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (u), am. (1) (v) Register August 2012 No. 680, eff. 9−1−12; CR 12−031: am. (3) (d) 1. Register July 2013 No. 691, eff. 8−1−13; CR 13−021: r. (2) (c) 3. to 7., am. (3) (e), (et) 1., (ev) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; EmR1313: emerg. r. and recr. (1) (b) to (u), am. (1) (v), eff. 9−6−13; CR 13−052: r. and recr. (1) (b) to (u), am. (1) (v) Register March 2014 No. 699, eff. 4−1−14; CR 13−021: r. and recr. (4) (a), (e) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14; CR 13−067: am. (3) (d) 1, r. (3) (d) 2., r. and recr. (3) (i) 1. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14; CR 13−108: r. (2) (f) 3., am. (2) (g) 2. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14; EmR1405: emerg. r. (3) (ed), r. and recr. (3) (em), am. (3) (es) 1., r. (3) (es) 2., 3., (et), am. (3) (ev), eff. 2−25−14; EmR1420: emerg. cr. (3) (ep), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (2) (b) 1., r. and recr. (3) (e), r. (3) (ed), r. and recr. (3) (em), cr. (3) (ep), am. (3) (es) 1., r. (3) (es) 2., 3., (et), am. (3) (ev), cr. (3) (ex), am. (4) (dm) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; correction in (3) (e), (ep) (title) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; CR 15−024: am. (2) (a), (c) 1., (d) 1., (e), (f) 2., (g), (3) (a), (c) 2. Register November 2015 No. 719, eff. 2−1−16; CR 15−024: am. (2) (f) 1., Register November 2015 No. 719, eff. 6−1−16; **CR 15−052 cr. (1) (a), am. (1) (b), (g) 1., d., cr. (1) (g) 1. dm., am. (1) (g) 1. e., 2., d., 3., r. (1) (g) 4., am. (1) (h), (u) 1., 3. Register January 2016 No. 721.**

**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)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), cougar, Canada lynx, badger, moose, gray wolf, wolverine and flying squirrel.

(b) On private land, the landowner, lessee or occupant of the land, or any other person with permission of the landowner, lessee or occupant may shoot and kill any gray wolf or cougar in the act of killing, wounding or biting a domestic animal. Shootings shall be reported within 24 hours to a department conservation warden. The carcass of the wolf or cougar shall be turned over to the department.


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**(2)** Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.

**(3)** Albino and white deer which have a coat of all white hair except that the hair on the tarsal glands, head or parts of the head may be a color other than white. For the purposes of this paragraph, white hair that has been discolored or stained by blood, soil or similar materials shall continue to be considered white hair.

**(4)** Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.337, Stats.

**(5)** Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), 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, or in ch. 29 or 169, Stats.

**(8)** Any other wild bird not specified in this chapter.

**(9)** Timber rattlesnake of the species *Crotalus horridus*, except that a timber rattlesnake may be killed in emergency situations involving an immediate threat to human life or domestic animals. It is requested that each person who kills a rattlesnake under this provision provide to the department no later than 48 hours after the kill, not to include Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, factual information related to the kill including the location, date of the kill and the name and address of the person who killed it.

**Note:** Possession of the timber rattlesnake or any part lawfully taken in Wisconsin prior to April 1, 1998, lawfully purchased or lawfully taken outside the state of Wisconsin is not prohibited by this section, but the person possessing it has an obligation under s. 29.971, Stats., to prove such facts.

**Note:** The department's conservation program for the timber rattlesnake, under s. 29.039 (1), Stats., includes a department response and assistance element for occupants or owners of land, or other persons, requesting assistance because of the presence of rattlesnakes. In addition, upon complaint, the department may, under s. 29.885, Stats., investigate and authorize removal, relocation or destruction if the species constitutes a nuisance. Requests for assistance, or complaints, should be directed to the Bureau of Endangered Resources, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, telephone 1−888−74SNAKE.

**(10)** Gophersnakes *Pituophis catenifer*, gray ratsnakes *Pantherophis spiloides*, and the North American racers *Coluber constrictor*.

**(11)** Blanding's turtles *Emydoidea blandingii*.

**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, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; cr. (intro.) Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; cr. (9), Register, March, 1998, No. 507, eff. 4−1−98; am. (1), Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98; cr. (10), Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; am. (5), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01; CR 03−018: am. (1) Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 03−081: am. (1) Register July 2004 No. 583, eff. 8−1−04; CR 05−017: rn. (1) to be (1) (a) and am., cr. (1) (b) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 05−031: am. (3) and (7) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 08−013: am. (3) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−08; CR 11−007: am. (1) (b) Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 11−1−11; CR 14−025: am. (9), (10), cr. (11) Register May 2015 No. 713, eff. 6−1−15; EmR1405: emerg. am. (3), eff. 2−25−14; CR 13−071: am. (3) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**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 in s. 167.31 (4) (e), Stats., allow any person who is legally hunting small game with a muzzle−loading firearm or shotgun loaded with shotshells containing shot size BB or smaller, to hunt within 50 feet of the roadway's center, if the roadway is surfaced with anything other than concrete or blacktop. Additionally, Class A and B disabled hunting permit holders may also hunt within 50 feet of certain roadways under conditions listed in s. 167.31 (4) (cg), Stats.

**(2)** WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING. No person may 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 (3).

**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; am. (2), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94.

**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.* Two general hunting hour areas are established as follows: Northern area: all of the following counties and all counties north of them; Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire, Clark, Marathon, Shawano, Oconto, and Door. Southern area: remainder of state. In addition, the following zones are established across the northern and southern areas:

Zone

A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°−00F longitude.

B—all that part of the state lying between 88°−00F and 89°−00F long.

C—all that part of the state lying between 89°−00F and 90°−00F long.

D—all that part of the state lying between 90°−00F and 91°−00F long.

E—all that part of the state lying between 91°−00F and 92°−00F long.

F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°−00F longitude.

(b) *General prohibition.* Except as provided in subs. (6) to (9), no person may hunt or shoot any game species for 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. (5).

**(5)** HUNTING HOURS. Hunting hours for bear, bow deer, deer with firearms, elk and small game are 30 minutes before sunrise through 20 minutes after sunset. Hunting hours for migratory game birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset except for teal during a season for hunting teal species only. The hours for hunting teal during a teal−only season shall be sunrise through 7:00 p.m. except on the first day when hunting hours begin at 9:00 a.m. All pheasant hunting starts at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the pheasant hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c). The department shall establish the specific opening and closing times annually in the hunting regulations pamphlets. Opening and closing times for zone A southern and northern areas shall be based on astronomical data collected by the U.S. naval observatory, Washington D.C., 20392−5420 for Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Powers, Michigan, respectively. The hunting hours for the other zones shall be obtained by adding minutes to the Zone A a.m. and p.m. columns as follows:

| Zone | Adjustment |
|---|---|
| B ----- | Add 4 minutes |
| C ----- | Add 8 minutes |
| D ----- | Add 12 minutes |
| E ----- | Add 16 minutes |
| F ----- | Add 20 minutes |

**(6)** PHEASANT HUNTING. Except as provided in this subsection, pheasant hunting hours are those hunting hours established for small game in sub. (5). Pheasant hunting hours shall close at 2:00 p.m. on weekdays within the posted boundaries of the following state wildlife areas beginning the third day of the pheasant hunting season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) and continuing through November 3:

(a) Allenton (Washington county)
(b) Brooklyn (Dane and Green counties)
(c) C.D. "Buzz" Besadny (Kewaunee county)
(d) Dunnville (Dunn county)
(e) Eldorado Marsh (Fond du Lac county)
(f) Goose Lake (Dane county)
(g) Grand River (Green Lake and Marquette counties)
(h) Holland (Brown county)
(i) Horicon (Dodge county)
(j) Jackson Marsh (Washington county)
(k) Killsnake (Calumet and Manitowoc counties)
(L) Mazomanie (Dane county)
(m) Mud Lake (Columbia county)
(n) Mud Lake (Dodge county)
(o) New Munster (Kenosha county)
(p) Nichols Creek (Sheboygan county)
(q) Pine Island (Columbia and Sauk counties)
(s) Theresa (Dodge and Washington counties)
(t) Tichigan (Racine county)
(u) Vernon (Waukesha county)
(v) White River (Green Lake and Marquette counties)

**(7)** WILD TURKEY HUNTING. The hunting hours for pursuing wild turkeys shall be the same as the hours established in sub. (5) except that spring season hunting hours shall close at sunset daily.

**(8)** EXCEPTIONS. There are no hunting hour restrictions for pursuing coyote, fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established except as follows:

(a) *Bear, deer, and elk seasons.* Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply to archers and crossbow hunters pursuing any species during the black bear season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g), during the archery and crossbow deer seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) and (ep), and during the elk season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (i).

(b) *Gun deer season.* Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply statewide to archer, crossbow and gun hunters pursuing any species, except migratory game birds listed in s. NR 10.01 (1), during the period beginning on the Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving day holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days in the central farmland and forest deer management zones established in s. NR 10.28 (4).

**Note:** The deer hunting with firearms hours do not apply to persons hunting coyote, fox, raccoon, or other wild animals for which no closed season has been established during the muzzle−loader season, an extended gun deer season or the extended gun season dates following the 9−day deer gun season in a metro deer management unit or in the southern farmland deer management zone.

**(9)** DAILY MIGRATORY BIRD REST PERIOD. (a) Hunting hours for certain species shall close at 1:00 p.m. daily within the posted boundaries of the following state wildlife areas on the following dates:

1. George W. Mead Wildlife Area (Wood, Portage, and Marathon Counties) for waterfowl beginning on the third day of the duck hunting season in s. NR 10.01 and continuing for 16 days.

2. Zeloski Unit of the Lake Mills Wildlife Area (Jefferson County) for migratory birds beginning on Sept 1 and continuing through the 16th day after the opening weekend of the duck season established in s. NR 10.01 except that normal statewide hunting hours apply on the opening weekend of the duck season.

**Note:** For a complete history of s. NR 10.06 from 1−2−56 through 1−1−04 see the History note following s. NR 10.06 published in Register November 2003 No. 575.

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

(a) *Aircraft.* 1. Hunt with the aid of an aircraft, including the use of an aircraft 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, cable restraint, trap or device designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits or hares out of their holes or dens and capturing them.

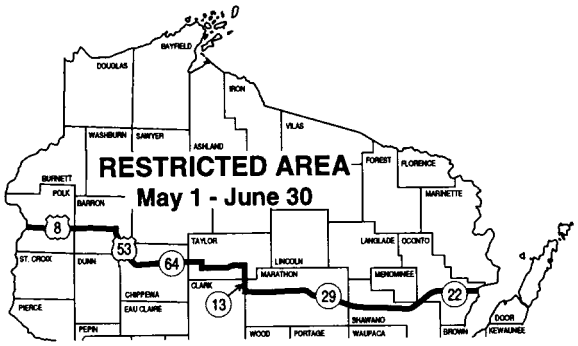
3. While hunting with a firearm, bow, or crossbow, possess or accompany a person possessing any turkey decoy or device which may be used to call or attract wild turkeys during the spring hunting season for wild turkeys described in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) unless that person possesses a valid, unused turkey hunting permit and carcass tag.

(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.

(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:




(k) *Marking.* Capture and tag, collar or mark and release any game taken from the wild unless issued a permit by the department pursuant to s. NR 19.11, or as authorized under a federal migratory bird banding permit, or a license issued under s. 169.25, Stats.

**(2)** GENERAL BAITING REGULATIONS. (a) *General prohibition.* 1. No person may place, use or hunt over bait or feed material for the purpose of hunting wild animals or training dogs, except as provided in par. (b) or sub. (2m), or as authorized by a permit or license issued under s. 29.614 (1) or 169.25 (1) (a), Stats., or s. NR 12.06 (11) or 12.10 (1).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**Note:** Section 29.614, Stats., states: Scientific collector permit. (1) Application for a scientific collector permit shall be submitted to the department. The department may issue a scientific collector permit if the department determines that the applicant is a natural person and is engaged in a bona fide program leading to increased, useful scientific knowledge.

**Note:** Section 169.25, Stats., states: Scientific research license. (1) Issuance. (a) The department shall issue a scientific research license to any person who is engaged in a study or in research that the department determines will lead to increased, useful scientific knowledge and who files a proper application and who pays the applicable fee.

2. No person may hunt or train dogs over bait or a feeding site that is in violation of s. 29.336 (4), Stats., this section, or in violation of the feeding prohibitions of s. NR 19.60, unless the feeding site is completely free of bait or feed material for at least 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, pursuing animals or dog training.

**Note:** Section 29.336 (4), Stats., states that a person may feed deer for hunting purposes in counties not included in the rules promulgated under sub. (2) during any season open for hunting deer if all of the following apply:

(a) Not more than 2 gallons of material are at the feeding site.

(b) No feeding site is closer than 100 yards of another feeding site.

(c) The person does not place more than 2 gallons of material in any area comprising 40 acres or less.

(d) The material used to feed deer does not contain any animal part or animal byproduct.

**Note:** Removal of unlawfully placed bait or feed material does not preclude the issuance of a citation for the original placement of the unlawful baiting or feeding material.

(b) *General exceptions*. A person may place, use or hunt over bait or feed as follows:

1. For the purpose of hunting bear and bear dog training in compliance with sub. (2m).

2. For the purpose of hunting deer in compliance with sub. (2m).

3. Scent may be used for hunting game and, except as allowed under subd. 4., the scent may not be placed or deposited in a manner in which it is accessible for consumption by deer or elk, and scents shall be removed daily at the end of hunting hours for deer established in s. NR 10.06 (5).

4. Two ounces or less of scent may be placed, used or deposited in any manner for hunting game and does not need to be removed daily at the end of hunting hours.

5. With the aid of material deposited by natural vegetation or material found solely as a result of normal agricultural or gardening practices.

6. With the aid of crops planted and left standing as wildlife food plots.

7. With the aid of feed material placed in a bird feeding structure or device if the hunting is authorized under s. 29.337, Stats.

8. For the purpose of hunting coyote, fox, raccoon and unprotected species over bait or feed placed in compliance with this section or s. NR 19.60, if the hunting involves the release and use of trailing hounds.

9. Bait placed for trapping as specified in s. NR 10.13.

10. Feed or bait material placed or used for fish, reptiles, amphibians or arthropods, provided the material is not accessible to bear, deer or elk.

**Note:** 29.337 Hunting and trapping by landowners and occupants. (1) The owner or occupant of any land, and any member of his or her family, may hunt or trap beaver, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels on the land without a license issued under this chapter or ch. 169 at any time, except as follows:

(a) An owner or occupant may not hunt any of these wild animals during the period of 24 hours before the time for commencement of the deer hunting season in any area where an open season for hunting deer with firearms is established.

(b) Such persons may not hunt coyotes during an open season for hunting deer with firearms in an area that is closed by the department by rule to coyote hunting.

**Note:** Placing or using bait for purposes of trapping is regulated by ss. NR 10.13 (1) (b), 19.27, 19.275 and not this subsection. Baiting for migratory birds is regulated by s. NR 10.12 (1) (h) and not this subsection. This subsection does not prohibit hunting with the use of decoys except as already prohibited under ss. NR 10.12 (1) (f) and (g) and 10.25 (4) (d).

**(2m)** BEAR AND DEER BAITING REGULATIONS. (a) *Affected area*. This section applies to deer and bear hunting statewide, except for baiting deer in the areas described in par. (b) where baiting for deer is prohibited.

(b) *Excluded area*. Deer baiting and feeding is prohibited in entire counties where any of the following criteria apply:

1. A CWD affected area has been established in the county or a portion of the county.

2. A CWD or bovine tuberculosis positive captive or free−roaming, domestic or wild animal has been confirmed after December 31, 1997 from the county.

3. The county or portion of the county is within a 10 mile radius of a captive or free−roaming, domestic or wild animal that has been tested and confirmed to be positive for CWD or bovine tuberculosis after December 31, 1997.

(c) *Inclusion of additional counties*. 1. The department may add additional counties under par. (b) if they meet the criteria established in par. (b) 1., 2. or 3.

2. The prohibitions and exemptions in this subsection shall become effective upon issuance of an order by the secretary of the department and publication in the official state newspaper. In addition, a notice of the order shall be provided to newspapers, legislators and hunting license outlets in the area affected.

(d) *Bear hunting and bear dog training*. Bait or feed may be placed and used for the purpose of hunting bear or training bear dogs, except no person may place, use or hunt over bait or feed:

1. Beginning the day after the bear season closes and continuing through the following April 14.

2. In excess of 10 gallons of bait or feed at any feeding site.

3. That is not totally enclosed in a hollow log, a hole in the ground or stump which is capped with logs, rocks or other naturally occurring and unprocessed substances which prevents deer from accessing the material. Liquid scent used for hunting of bear or training bear dogs does not need to be enclosed.

4. Unless, when the bait or feeding site is checked or re−baited, all bait that has been uncovered is again enclosed and made inaccessible to deer in accordance with subd. 3.

(e) *Deer hunting*. Bait or feed may be placed and used for hunting deer outside of the counties described in par. (b), except no person may place, use or hunt over bait or feed:

1. During the closed season for hunting deer. For the purpose of this paragraph, the open season for hunting of deer includes the 24−hour period prior to the deer seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (3).

**Note:** The 24−hour period refers to the period from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm on the day immediately before the season.

2. In excess of 2 gallons of bait or feed at any feeding site.

3. In excess of 2 gallons of bait or feed on each contiguous area of land under the same ownership that is 40 acres or less, or for each full 40 acres that make up a contiguous area of land under the same ownership.

4. At any feeding site that is located within 100 yards of any other feeding site located on the same contiguous area of land under the same ownership.

**Note:** A person may place bait or feed for another person and may hunt over another person's bait or feed site if the person placing the bait is in compliance with s. NR 10.07 (2) and (2m).

(f) *Additional prohibitions*. For bear hunting and bear dog training and for deer hunting outside of the counties described in par. (b), no person may place, use or hunt over bait or feed that:

1. Contains or is contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood or other similar processed materials. This subdivision does not apply to bait or feed placed in hollow logs or stumps or to scent materials.

2. Contains any animal part or animal byproduct.

3. Is located within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public, or within 100 yards from a roadway, as defined in s. 340.01 (54), Stats., having a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or more.

4. Except as authorized under s. NR 19.60 (3) (a) 1., is in a feeder designed to deposit or replenish the feed automatically, mechanically or by gravity.

**Note:** Section 340.01 (54), Stats., "Roadway" means that portion of a highway between the regularly established curb lines or that portion which is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, excluding the berm or shoulder. In a divided highway, the term "roadway" refers to each roadway separately but not to all such roadways collectively.

(g) *Valid approval required*. Unless hunting pursuant to s. NR 10.07 (2) (b) 8., no person may hunt over bait or feed material placed for:

1. Bear without possessing a valid unused class A bear license and carcass tag.

2. Deer without possessing an appropriate valid unused archer, crossbow, or gun deer license and carcass tag.

**Note:** Removal of unlawfully placed bait or feed material does not preclude the issuance of a citation for the original placement of the unlawful baiting or feeding material.

**Note:** For a complete history of s. NR 10.07 from 1−2−56 through 8−31−03 see the History note following s. NR 10.07 published in Register August 2003 No. 572.

**History:** 1−2−56; CR 03−016: r. and recr. (1) (a), cr. (3) Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03; correction in (1) (a) 2. e. made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register August 2003 No. 572; CR 03−018: am. (1) (b) 2. Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 04−020: r. and recr. (1) (a), am. (3) Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; CR 04−078: r. (1) (g), cr. (2) and (2m) Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5−1−05; CR 05−017: cr. (1) (k) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 08−013: r. (1) (a) 2., am. (2m) (b) 1. Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−08; CR 09−024: am. (2m) (e) 1. Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; EmR1405: emerg. r. (3), eff. 2−25−14; EmR1420: emerg. am. (1) (b) 3., (2m) (g) 2., eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (1) (b) 3., (2m) (b) 1., (g) 2., r. (3) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; correction in (2m) (b) 1., 2. made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.08 Possession of game. (1)** OPENING DAY LIMITS. On the first day of the open season, no person may possess or control more than one daily bag limit of any game species for which a bag limit is established.

**(2)** DAILY BAG. No person may take, or attempt to take, more than one daily bag limit in any one day.

**(3)** POSSESSION LIMIT. No person may possess more than 2 daily bag limits unless otherwise authorized by the department.

**(4)** FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person may possess more than one daily bag limit while at or between the place killed and the place to which the bag limit is taken.

**Note:** This rule does not authorize a person to take more than one daily bag limit. Further, it does not prohibit possession of double the daily bag limit when transporting game between a person's temporary abode and his or her permanent abode.

**(5)** KILLING REQUIREMENTS. Except as otherwise provided, no person may possess any live game. All game taken during the open season shall be killed immediately and made part of the daily bag.

**(6)** FIELD DRESSING. No person may completely dress any pheasant while in the field or during transportation from the field. The head, one fully feathered wing, or entire leg shall remain attached to the dressed carcass while in the field or during transportation from the field to the person's permanent abode or a preservation facility.

**Note:** Pigeons are considered domestic animals by the department and therefore are not subject to this chapter or ch. 29, Stats.

**History:** 1−2−56; r. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; renum. to be NR 10.21; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (3) (a), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9−1−73; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9−1−78; renum. from NR 10.21, Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; r. and recr. Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; am. (2), Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; CR 13−021: cr. (6) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13.

**NR 10.09 Guns, ammunition and other devices. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

(a) *Shotshells.* 1. 'Slugs or balls.' Possess or have in control, while hunting any gamebird, any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun season for deer, elk or bear.

2. 'Size.' Possess or have in control, while hunting, shells containing shot larger than no. BB during the period commencing on June 1 and continuing through the last day of any deer season or hunt established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e), (es), or (et), whichever season is later, except in any of the following circumstances:

a. During the open season established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b), (c) and (g) when nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting migratory game birds listed in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b), (c) and (g).

b. A person holding a valid permit to harvest a bobcat and an unfilled pelt tag issued under s. NR 10.145 may possess and use shotshells containing shot larger than no. BB for the purpose of hunting bobcat during the open season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (d).

3. 'Game bird hunting.' a. Hunt any game bird with a rifle or shotgun loaded with single ball, pellet, BB or slug or shot larger than no. BB.

b. Use or possess shot or shells containing shot larger than no. 2 steel or no. 4 for lead or other no. 4 non−steel shot while hunting wild turkeys.

(b) *Incendiary shells.* Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, or incendiary shells or cartridges. Distress flares are exempt from this section.

(c) *Guns and devices.* 1. 'Type.' Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun designed to be fired from the shoulder utilizing the energy of gun powder or compressed air, bow and arrow, crossbow, or by falconry except:

a. Muzzleloaders may be used for hunting, except that any muzzleloader used in the muzzleloading season described in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) shall have a solid breech plug attached with threads, be capable of being loaded only from the muzzle, use black powder or other black powder substitute, and may include a mounted telescopic sight.

b. Hare, rabbit, squirrel, raccoon, fox, coyote, bobcat and unprotected wild animals may be hunted with handguns or pellet guns of .17 caliber or larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

c. Deer or bear may be hunted with handguns loaded with centerfire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and that have a minimum barrel length of 5 ½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

**Note:** Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.597, Stats., respecting transportation.

d. Deer or bear may be hunted with cylinder loading black powder muzzle−loading handguns which are not less than .44 caliber, do not use cartridges, and have a minimum barrel length of 7 inches measured from muzzle to breech face that fire a single projectile weighing not less than 138 grains.

2. 'Deer or bear hunting.' Hunt any deer or bear with any air rifle, rim−fire rifle, any center−fire rifle less than .22 caliber, any .410 bore or less shotgun or handgun loaded with .410 shotgun shell ammunition or with ammunition loaded with nonexpanding type bullets or ammunition loaded with shot other than a single slug or projectile.

(d) *Automatic firearms.* Hunt with a fully automatic firearm.

(e) *Handguns.* Persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, elk, bear, turkey, and migratory game birds.

**(3)** BOWS, CROSSBOWS, BOLTS AND ARROWS. No person may:

(b) *Special restrictions.* Use, possess, or have under control while hunting, any arrow or bolt that is designed or modified to explode or deliver poisons or drugs.

(c) *Arrow standards.* Use, possess or have under control while deer or bear hunting, any arrow or bolt unless tipped with a well sharpened broad−head blade no less than seven−eighths of an inch in width. Expandable tips shall be measured in a deployed state.

(d) *Bow and crossbow size.* Hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds or a crossbow having a pull of less than 100 pounds. A compound bow equipped with a device that holds the bow at full draw but that is not constructed with a stock and designed to be shot from the shoulder with one hand is a crossbow that shall have a pull of not less than 30 pounds.

**Note:** For a complete history of s. NR 10.09 from 1−2−56 through 1−31−02 see the History note following s. NR 10.09 published in Register January 2002 No. 553.

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

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 1. in black bear hunting zones A, B and D as described in s. NR 10.30.

**(2)** ILLEGAL GAME. Any deer killed during the open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow or crossbow only or that is killed under the authority of an archer or crossbow license and showing evidence that it was shot with a firearm shall be an illegal game animal and no person may have such animal in possession**.**

**History:** 1−2−56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9−1−63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9−1−66; renum to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9−1−72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8−2−74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228. eff. 1−1−75; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6−1−77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6−1−78; r. (1) (a), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5−1−81; (2) renum. from NR 10.11 (2), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10−1−84; am. (2), Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10−1−85; am. (1) (b), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; CR 03−018: r. and recr. (1) (b) Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 05−017: am. (1) (b) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; CR 07−015: am. (1) (b) Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 11−1−07; EmR1420: emerg. am. (2), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (2) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.101 Bear hunting. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. No person may:

(a) *Denned bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.

(b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill.

(c) *Non−adult bears.* Shoot, shoot at or kill a bear that is accompanied by a bear that is not an adult bear.

**(2)** DOG USE RESTRICTIONS. (a) *Identification.* No person shall hunt or pursue bear with any dog unless such dog is tattooed or wears a collar with the owner's name and address attached.

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing wild bear is prohibited except July 1 through August 31, or as authorized by s. 29.184 (3m), Stats.

**Note:** Bear dog trials and training are regulated by ch. NR 17.

(c) *Pack size.* No more than 6 dogs in a single pack may be used to pursue bear regardless of the number of bear hunters assisting the bear harvest permittee and regardless of the dog ownership.

**Note:** Only a bear hunting licensee assisting a Class A bear license holder may pursue bear during the open season on bear except when engaged in lawful bear dog training as authorized under s. 29.184 (3m), Stats.

(e) *Bait use.* Persons hunting bear with dogs may use bait in accordance with s. NR 10.07 (2m) during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2.

**Note:** This rule does not permit a person to hunt bear over bait without using dogs as a hunting aid.

**(3)** BEAR CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Validation.* Any person killing a bear shall immediately validate the carcass tag by slitting the mark designating the month, day, time of kill and bear sex.

(b) *Attachment.* Immediately following validation, the carcass tag shall be attached to the bear at any location on the bear.

(c) *Removal and retention.* A bear carcass tag attached under par. (b) and department registration tag may be removed from a gutted carcass at the time of butchering or when prepared by a licensed taxidermist, but the person who killed or obtained the bear shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.

(d) *Exceptions.* Except as provided under par. (c), no person may possess, control, store or transport a bear carcass unless it is tagged as required under pars. (a) and (b).

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6−1−78; cr. (1) (b) 5., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; r. and recr. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5−1−80; am. (3) (b), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; am. (intro.), cr. (1) (c), (3) (e) and (4), r. and recr. (3) (c), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (2) (c) 3., Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; cr. (4) (d), Register, August, 1988, No. 392, eff. 9−1−88; am. (3) (b), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; r. (2), renum. (3) and (4) to be (2) and (3), Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; CR 01−008: am. (1) (c), r. (2) (d), Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02; correction in (3) (d) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register September 2002 No. 561; correction in (2) (e) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Register April 2005 No. 592; CR 13−021: am. (2) (b) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; correction in (3) (d) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2015 No. 719.

**NR 10.102 Bear hunting quota and license issuance. (1)** BEAR QUOTAS. Bear quotas are based on the status of zone black bear populations in relation to established population goals as determined by inventories.

(a) *Purpose.* The department shall issue Class A bear licenses in sufficient numbers to assure maintenance of bear populations for each zone indicated in par. (d).

(b) *Quota formula.* In each black bear management zone, the number of Class A bear licenses to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of bear shall be based on hunter success rates from previous seasons. In establishing licenses for a zone without an adequate history of licenses, the average success rates of similar zones shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate. The license number formula is:

$$\text{License number} = \frac{\text{Bear to be harvested}}{\text{Hunter success rate}}$$

(c) *Success rate formula.* Hunter success rates used to compute the number of Class A bear licenses to be issued for each zone shall be those calculated by the department from annual bear season harvest reports except where no previous history of success rates exist. The license rate formula is:

$$\text{Hunter success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of bear harvested}}{\text{Number of licenses issued}}$$

(d) *Population goals.* The fall pre−hunt black bear population goal is as follows:

| Zone | Population Goal |
|---|---|
| A | 4,600 |
| B | 2,200 |
| C | 1,200 |
| D | 3,300 |

(e) *Temporary bear harvest subzones.* 1. The department may establish temporary bear harvest subzones within each black bear management zone to increase or decrease harvest within specific subzones to assure maintenance of bear populations at a density level equivalent to that of the bear management zone.

2. The department may require that a portion of the Class A bear licenses available within a bear management zone be specific to a temporary bear harvest subzone to assure maintenance of bear populations at a density level equivalent to that of the bear management zone.

3. Class A bear licenses for the temporary subzones shall be used only within the subzone.

4. Temporary subzone boundaries shall follow game management unit boundaries as identified in s. NR 10.285.

5. Temporary subzones may be established to increase bear harvest when either of the following 2 conditions exist within the area considered for a subzone:

a. The bear population density within the subzone for the previous 3 year period exceeds by 20% the zone population density goal as indicated by indexes or models, or both.

b. Bear nuisance or agricultural damage complaints per square mile within the subzone exceed the zone average by 20% or more for the previous 3 year period.

6. Temporary subzones may be established to decrease harvest when either one of the following conditions exist:

a. The mortality rate of adult bears within the subzone exceeds 22% for the previous 3 year period.

b. The bear population density within the subzone for the previous 3 year period is below the zone population density goal by 20% or more as indicated by indexes or models, or both.

7. Each temporary bear harvest subzone may be established for a period not to exceed 2 years.

(f) *Permanent bear harvest subzones.* Class A bear licenses for subzones shall be used only in the subzone.

**(2)** APPLICATION PROCEDURE. (a) *Application submittal.* Application for Class A bear licenses shall be on forms provided by the department. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline date indicated on the form or received by a department service center location on the deadline date to be considered for selection. The annual deadline may not be sooner than December 1 each year.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to the deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Department service center hours may vary by location.

(b) *Group applications.* Group applications for a maximum of 4 hunters may be submitted for Class A bear hunting licenses provided each applicant completes the application form. The group's preference standing shall be that of the member with the lowest number of preference points. If the group is selected, the group shall accept or reject Class A bear licenses for all members of their group.

**(3)** LICENSE ISSUANCE. The department shall select successful applicants and issue Class A bear license approval notices no later than February 15 of each year. The department may reissue a Class A bear license if the license is returned or if the applicant fails to or cannot comply with s. 29.184, Stats. Selection shall be by random drawing.

**(4)** FEES. A successful applicant shall submit the appropriate license fee established by s. 29.563 (2) (a) 6. or (b) 4., Stats., to the department before receiving a Class A bear license.

**(4m)** EFFECTIVE DATE. (a) *Licenses issued prior to the season.* Any Class A bear license issued prior to the opening date of the bear season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., shall be effective beginning on the opening date of the season specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2.

(b) *Licenses issued during the season.* Except as provided in par. (c), a Class A bear license issued during the open season for hunting bear established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., does not authorize hunting until the third day after the day the license is purchased.

(c) *Exception.* A Class A bear hunting license issued during the open season for hunting bear as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., authorizes bear hunting beginning the date of issuance if issued to a person to whom any of the following applies:

1. The person is a member of the U.S. armed forces who exhibits proof that he or she is in active service with the armed forces and that he or she is stationed in this state or is a resident on furlough or leave.

2. The person turns 10 years of age during the open season for hunting bear.

**(5)** BEAR PURSUIT. No person may handle a dog or dogs used for tracking or trailing bear unless he or she possesses a Class A or Class B bear license.

**(6)** EDUCATIONAL PERMIT ISSUANCE. Upon receipt of proper application, the department shall issue an educational permit for bear observation. The applicant shall include the location to the quarter section, times and dates of the activity, name of person and bear eco−tourism business or educational institution they are representing. The educational permit authorizes the permittee to observe or shine bear for educational purposes only pursuant to s. 29.314 (3) (b) 3. and (5) (b) 1., Stats.

(a) No person may be engaged in shining bear for educational purposes without being in possession of an educational permit.

(b) Only the named person on the permit may possess a firearm when participating in the actions authorized by the permit.

(c) The permit is restricted to use in a ground blind or elevated stand.

(d) The permit is not valid during the seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and (g) and the 7 consecutive days prior to those seasons.

**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; am. (1) (d), Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; cr. (1) (e), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; am. (1) (d), cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (1) (a) to (c), (e) 2., 3., (f), (3) and (4), renum. (2) to be (2) (a), cr. (2) (b), r. and recr. (5) and (6), Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98; CR 02−017: am. (1) (d) Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 1−5−03; CR 02−018: am. (2) (b) and (4) Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02; CR 04−011: am (4) Register September 2004 No 585, eff. 11−1−04; CR 05−017: am. (2) (a) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; CR 06−012: am. (4), cr. (4m) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 2−1−07; CR 07−015: am. (1) (d) Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 11−1−07; CR 09−024: am. (4m) (c) 2. Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; CR 13−071: am. (1) (e) 4. Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; correction in (4) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2015 No. 719.

**NR 10.103 Deer hunting. (1)** TAGS. A carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license except when an archer license is issued to a person who has already been issued a crossbow license or when a crossbow license issued to a person who has already been issued an archer license. While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag including bonus and special carcass tags unless it is attached to a legally killed deer.

**(2)** VALIDATION. Any person who kills a deer or if s. 29.324, Stats., applies, the person providing the carcass tag, shall immediately validate the carcass tag by slitting the marks on the carcass tag as designated by the department. 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. 29.347 (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; am. (1), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11−1−91; am. (2), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6−1−93; am. (2), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8−12−96; am. (1) and (2), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; CR 01−006: am. (1), Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01; EmR1420: emerg. am. (1), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (1) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.104 Deer population management. (1)** DEER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The department shall manage the state deer population by all of the following:

(a) Establishing deer management unit boundaries within the state.

(b) Establishing deer population objectives for each deer management unit.

(c) Monitoring the performance of the deer populations within each deer management unit.

(d) Establishing deer hunting seasons and quotas with the appropriate antlerless deer permit levels to move the deer population in the direction of the established deer population objective for each deer management unit.

**(2)** DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS; WHERE ESTABLISHED. The deer management unit boundaries are the county boundaries as established in ch. 2, Stats., and s. NR 10.28 (1) except for areas that are subdivided as:

(a) Metropolitan deer management subunits.

(b) Islands of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

(c) Madeline Island in Ashland County.

(d) Being within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Menominee, and Red Cliff reservations.

**(3)** THREE YEAR REVIEWS. The department shall review, and seek public comment, regarding the need to modify the boundaries and population objectives for all deer management units

every 3 years. For deer management units in the ceded territory as defined by s. NR 13.02 (1), the department shall also provide the Wisconsin Chippewa bands those opportunities for tribal input described in and required by the parties' stipulations in the case of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Indians, et al., v. State of Wisconsin, et al., Case No. 74−C−313−C in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin.

**(4)** DEER POPULATION OBJECTIVES. A deer population objective shall be established for each management unit except for tribal reservation units identified in s. NR 10.28 (1). The department may establish a separate deer population objective and issue unique antlerless permits for areas which are subdivided into metropolitan deer management subunits and lands within the tribal reservation units identified in s. NR 10.28 (1) which are not owned by Indian tribal members or held in trust for the Indian tribe or for members of an Indian tribe. Deer population objectives will be expressed as a goal statement to do one of the following:

(a) Increase the deer population.

(b) Maintain the current deer population.

(c) Decrease the deer population.

**(5)** DEER POPULATION MONITORING. (a) *Metrics.* The department shall monitor progress towards each management unit's objective of increasing, maintaining, or decreasing the deer population. The department shall consider all of the following:

1. Deer health.
2. Deer impacts on natural resources.
3. Deer impacts on society.
4. Deer hunter success.
5. Car killed deer information.
6. Deer population trends and public perception of population trends.

a. In 2014 and continuing until the department determines that evaluation of the metrics are providing information that is comparable, the department shall utilize the sex−age−kill method for calculating deer densities. The sex−age−kill method uses the following quantitative data for each deer management unit: proportion of yearling bucks in the harvest, proportion of yearling does in the harvest, proportion of males and females at birth, the number of fawns seen per doe during the summer, the proportion of total buck mortality due to hunting harvest, and the harvest by sex as registered during the hunting seasons.

b. The department may make a determination that alternative methods of population evaluation are comparable, which shall become effective in lieu of or in addition to the sex−age−kill method after approval by the Natural Resources Board, and upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

**Note:** A determination under this paragraph does not prevent continued utilization of the sex−age−kill method as the department determines is valuable or necessary.

(b) *County deer management advisory councils.* The department shall establish county deer management advisory councils for the purpose of seeking comment from members of the public on the status of the deer herd at the county level. The council shall be chaired by the chairperson for the county delegation of the Conservation Congress established under s. 15.348, Stats., or a designee who shall be approved by the department. At least 3 members shall be individuals who held an annual license authorizing deer hunting in this state or another state in at least 7 of the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated, except if the individual served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or national guard during the 10 years previous to the year in which the individual is nominated. If the individual served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard, the number of years in which he or she is required to have held a deer hunting license equals 7 minus the number of years of active duty served during those 10 years. The advisory council may also be comprised of a representative of any of the following entities:

1. For deer management units in the ceded territory as defined by s. NR 13.02 (1), the department shall provide the Wisconsin Chippewa bands those opportunities for tribal input into the department's deer management decisions described in and required by the parties' stipulations in the case of *Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Indians, et al., v. State of Wisconsin, et al.*, Case No. 74−C−313−C in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin.
2. Agriculture.
3. Forestry.
4. Tourism.
5. Transportation.
6. Local government.
7. A local organization representing hunting interests.
8. A person who is enrolled as a participant in the Deer Management Assistance Program as established under subch. II.

(c) *Deer management functions.* County deer management advisory councils will:

1. Gather public input on deer population objectives, antlerless deer harvest quotas, and hunting season framework options.
2. Review and consider metrics on deer herd trends, impacts, and human interactions.
3. Make recommendations to the department for deer population objectives every three years and will annually recommend antlerless deer permit quotas and hunting season framework options necessary to maintain the deer herd in balance with its range, population objective and sustainable harvest objectives. The recommendations of county deer management councils shall be presented to the board by the chair of the Conservation Congress.

(d) *Operation of county deer management advisory councils.* 1. The department shall establish guidance for the operation of county deer management advisory councils. Guidance may include, but is not limited to, any conditions which are necessary for the operation of meetings, selecting members, and establishing terms of service for members.

2. Whenever application is made to the department by a person interested in becoming a member of a council, the bureau of law enforcement may conduct a criminal history, character, and background check on the applicant. Upon becoming aware of information indicating prior illegal activity, the department shall make appropriate inquiry into criminal history and character of applicants for council membership and determine their suitability for the proposed activity.

(e) *Effective term of season framework modifications recommended by deer management advisory councils.* Modifications to the deer hunting season framework in a unit shall be effective for one year of annual deer hunting seasons.

**(6)** ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS. The department may issue deer carcass tags that are valid for the harvest of antlerless deer that are in addition to those established in sub. (7). If the department issues antlerless deer carcass tags, the department shall issue antlerless deer hunting permits and tags in sufficient numbers to achieve the population objective established in sub. (4), after evaluating the results of population monitoring required under sub. (5).

**(7)** DEER CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Archer license deer carcass tags.* 1. Except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex), each license that authorizes the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow, and not with a firearm or crossbow, shall include one deer carcass tag that is valid for taking one buck deer in any unit or subunit statewide with a bow and arrow. When purchasing an archer hunting license, a person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a crossbow during a crossbow−only season established under s. 29.014 (1m) (b), Stats., or s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use a carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting with a crossbow during a crossbow−only season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) under the authority of an archer license during the archery deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em).

2. During hunting seasons that open in 2015, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow, and not with

a firearm or crossbow, may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for the taking of one antlerless deer in a management zone, unit, or portion of a unit specified on the tag that is in a farmland zone or a metropolitan deer management subunit established in s. NR 10.28 (2) and (4) except that, where the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tags under this subdivision are not valid. This antlerless deer carcass tag is not weapon or season specific, but the holder must possess the correct license for the method of harvest and season. This tag is valid statewide for a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid as indicated on the permit only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b). A person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a crossbow during a season established under s. 29.014 (1m) (b), Stats., or s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use any carcass tags issued with a license authorizing hunting with a crossbow during a crossbow deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) under the authority of an archer hunting license during the archery deer season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em).

2m. Beginning with hunting seasons that open in 2016, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow, and not with a firearm or crossbow, may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for the taking of one antlerless deer with a bow and arrow statewide except that, where the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tags under this subdivision are not valid and these tags are not valid in units where the department has not established a quota for the harvest of antlerless deer. This tag is valid statewide for a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid as indicated on the permit only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b). A person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a crossbow during a season established under s. 29.014 (1m) (b), Stats., or s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use any carcass tags issued with a license authorizing hunting with a crossbow during a crossbow deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep) under the authority of an archer hunting license during the archery deer season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em).

3. Modifications by the department under subds. 2. and 2m. shall become effective upon issuance of an order of the secretary and publication in the official state newspaper.

(b) *Firearm deer license carcass tags.* 1. Except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex), each license that authorizes the hunting of deer with a firearm shall include one carcass tag that is valid for taking one buck deer in any unit statewide with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow during a season open to hunting bucks with a firearm.

2. During hunting seasons that open in 2015, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a firearm may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for taking one antlerless deer in a management zone, unit, or portion of a unit specified on the tag that is in a farmland zone or in a metropolitan deer management subunit established in s. NR 10.28 (2) and (4) except that, where the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tag under this subdivision is not valid. This antlerless deer carcass tag is not weapon or season specific, but the holder must possess the correct license for the method of harvest and season. This carcass tag is valid for the taking of one antlerless deer in any unit statewide by a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid as indicated on the tag only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b).

2m. Beginning with hunting seasons that open in 2016, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a firearm may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for taking one antlerless deer during a firearm season in a management zone, unit, or portion of a unit specified on the tag that is in a farmland zone or in a metropolitan deer management subunit established in s. NR 10.28 (2) and (4) except that, where the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tag under this subdivision is not valid. This carcass tag is valid for the taking of one antlerless deer in any unit statewide by a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid as indicated on the tag only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b).

3. Modifications by the department under subds. 2. and 2m. shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

(c) *Crossbow license deer carcass tags.* 1. Except as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ex), each license that authorizes the hunting of deer with a crossbow, and not with a firearm or bow and arrow, shall include one deer carcass tag that is valid for taking one buck deer in any unit or subunit statewide with a crossbow. When purchasing a crossbow hunting license, a person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use a carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) under the authority of a crossbow license during a deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep).

2. During hunting seasons that open in 2015, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a crossbow, and not with a firearm or bow and arrow, may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for the taking of one antlerless deer in a management zone, unit, or portion of a unit specified on the tag that is in a farmland zones or a metropolitan deer management subunit established in s. NR 10.28 (2) and (4) except that, when the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tags under this subdivision are not valid. This antlerless deer carcass tag is not weapon or season specific, but the holder must possess the correct license for the method of harvest and season. This tag is valid statewide for a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid

as indicated on the tag only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b). A person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use any antlerless deer carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) under the authority of a crossbow hunting license during the crossbow deer season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep).

2m. Beginning with hunting seasons that open in 2016, licenses that authorize the hunting of deer with a crossbow, and not with a firearm or bow and arrow, may include one or more carcass tags that are valid for the taking of one antlerless deer statewide except that, when the department has established an objective to increase or maintain the deer population under s. NR 10.104 (4), the department may establish that the antlerless tags under this subdivision are not valid and these tags are not valid in units where the department has not established a quota for the harvest of antlerless deer. This tag is valid statewide for a person holding a Class A or Class C disabled permit issued under s. 29.193 (2) (b), Stats., or a person who obtains the tag while under 18 years of age except that, in units where the department has not established a quota allowing the harvest of antlerless deer, the department may establish that tags obtained under this subdivision by people who are under 18 years of age are not valid. These carcass tags are valid as indicated on the tag only for harvesting antlerless deer on public access lands or only for harvesting antlerless deer on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b). A person who has already been issued a license authorizing deer hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) will not receive the carcass tag established in this subdivision. A person may use any antlerless deer carcass tag issued with a license authorizing hunting with a bow and arrow during an archery−only deer season established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) under the authority of a crossbow hunting license during the crossbow deer season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep).

3. Modifications by the department under subds. 2. and 2m. shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

**(8)** BONUS ANTLERLESS TAG ISSUANCE. The department may issue bonus antlerless deer carcass tags valid for harvesting antlerless deer only on public access lands and bonus antlerless deer carcass tags valid for harvesting antlerless deer only on private land as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b). Bonus antlerless tags shall be issued in the following manner:

(a) *General issuance.* The department may issue bonus antlerless deer tags on a first−come, first−served basis to individuals who possess a valid deer hunting license. No person may purchase or obtain more than 1 bonus antlerless deer carcass tag per day except as established in subs. (9m) and (15) (d).

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the day when the bonus antlerless deer carcass tags are first available for sale beginning several months prior to the purchase date. Bonus tag sale dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Bonus antlerless deer carcass tags are available from department license agents, on−line through the department's website, or by telephone.

(b) *Bonus antlerless tags for farm owners.* Eligible resident farm owners under s. 29.181, Stats., will receive one free bonus antlerless deer carcass tag/permit for each bonus antlerless deer carcass tag/permit they purchase if requested at the time of purchase. When there are joint owners or vendee names under a land contract, only one of the owners or vendees is eligible for the free bonus tags. The free tag shall be valid for the same type of land, either public access or private as defined in s. NR 10.001 (23a) and (23b) as the one that was purchased. To be an eligible farmer under this section, a majority of the land shall be used on a commercial agricultural basis, to produce income.

(c) *Bonus tags in a CWD affected area.* The fee for bonus tags issued in a CWD affected area shall be the same as the fee established in s. 29.563 (2) (c.) 1. and (d.) 1., Stats. If the department allows the use of bonus permits both in areas where CWD has been identified and in areas where CWD has not been identified, the department shall use deer harvest registration information to establish a number of permits that are issued for CWD areas for purposes of s. 29.181 (3), Stats.

**Note:** Under s. 29.181 (3) Stats., the department is required to credit an amount equal to $5 times the number of those bonus deer hunting permits issued to an appropriation that is established for management of, and testing for, chronic wasting disease.

**(9)** TAG AUTHORITY. No person may hunt antlerless deer unless the hunter possesses a current valid antlerless deer carcass tag or bonus antlerless deer permit for the deer management unit or subunit or a portion thereof in that the person is hunting, or as authorized when group hunting with a firearm as established in s. 29.324, Stats. No person may hunt antlerless deer under the authority of an antlerless deer carcass tag or bonus antlerless deer carcass tag or permit on public access lands or on private lands unless the hunter possesses a current valid bonus antlerless deer permit that is valid for the type of land, either public access lands or private land, upon which the person is hunting.

**Note:** Section 29.324, Stats., **Group deer hunting. (1)** In this section:

(a) "Contact" means visual or voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(b) "Group deer hunting party" means 2 or more hunters hunting in a group all using firearms, each of whom holds an individual license to hunt deer.

**(2)** Any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the group deer hunting party if both of the following conditions exist:

(a) At the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the deer is in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed.

(b) The person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current unused deer carcass tag which is authorized for use on the deer killed.

**(3)** A person who kills a deer under sub. (2) shall ensure that a member of their group deer hunting party without delay attaches a current validated deer carcass tag to the deer in the manner specified under s. 29.347 (2). The person who kills the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after it is tagged.

**(9m)** BONUS TAGS UNDER THE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The department may issue antlerless tags to level 2 and level 3 participants in the deer management assistance program established under Subchapter II. All of the following apply to the issuance and use of bonus tags under this section:

(a) *Issuance.* Permits shall be issued in the number prescribed by the department or its agents following evaluation and harvest recommendations under s. NR 10.72 (2) (b).

(b) *Fee.* The fee for bonus tags issued under this subsection shall be $6.00.

(c) *Bonus tag distribution.* A landowner or his or her authorized representative for an individually enrolled property may distribute the carcass tags to persons who are authorized to hunt on the enrolled property or portion of the property or may retain the carcass tags for their own use. The primary contact or authorized representative for a cooperative or an individually enrolled property with multiple owners may distribute the carcass tags to persons who are authorized to hunt on the enrolled property or portion of the property and may retain a portion of the allotted carcass tags for their own use. No person may charge any form of a fee for bonus tags issued under the deer management assistance program except that the primary contact or authorized representative under subchapter II who is transferring a bonus tag to other hunters for use on an enrolled property may collect no more than $6.00 for each tag in order to recover actual cost of the tags and when there is no monetary benefit to the transferrer.

(d) *Locations and times when valid.* Tags are valid for use only on the property or group of properties authorized by the department during any firearm, archery, or crossbow deer season.

(e) *Carcass tag reporting.* Every landowner, primary contact, or authorized representative who receives or distributes carcass tags issued under this subsection shall keep a current, correct and complete record of all such bonus carcass tags as required by the department on electronic or paper forms made available by the department. Records of bonus tag distribution shall be provided to the department by required deadlines or upon request. A violation of this paragraph shall be treated as a violation of s. 29.961 (2), Stats.

**Note:** The number of carcass tags distributed will be determined by the department following a site visit by a wildlife biologist and a forester. Bonus antlerless deer

carcass tags issued under this subsection are available only to level 2 and level 3 participants in the Deer Management Assistance Program established in s. NR 10.72. Deer Management Assistance Program enrollees are exempt from the restriction against purchasing no more than one bonus permit daily on a first−come−first−served basis that is established in s. NR 10.104 (8) (a).

**(10)** BAG LIMIT. The bag limit is equal to the number of valid deer carcass tags a person is issued.

**(12)** SPECIAL DISEASED DEER REPLACEMENT PERMITS. The department may provide a free replacement tag issued under s. 29.177, Stats., to hunters who harvest deer that are suspected of being diseased, provided that the entire deer is surrendered to the department or is disposed of as directed by the department. Each special permit shall be all of the following:

(a) Issued by a department employee or a designated agent.

(b) Issued to the hunter harvesting and tagging the suspect deer.

(c) Issued for the type of deer authorized on the approval used to harvest and tag the suspect deer.

**(14)** DEER CARCASS TAG REPLACEMENT PERMITS. The department may provide free replacement tags issued under s. 29.177, Stats., to hunters who legally harvest deer and validate and place the incorrect tag on the deer in any season or hunt established in s. NR 10.01 (3), provided the hunter is in possession of the correct tag for the type of deer harvested. The incorrectly used tag shall be turned over to the department employee or agent issuing the replacement tag. Each replacement tag shall be:

(a) Issued by a department employee or a designated agent.

(b) Issued to the hunter harvesting and tagging the deer with an incorrect tag.

(c) Issued for the type of deer authorized on the approval used to harvest and tag the incorrect deer.

**(15)** APOSTLE ISLANDS. The following carcass tags are valid for the taking and tagging of deer in islands of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore:

(a) Archery buck deer carcass tag.

(b) Archery antlerless deer carcass tag.

(d) Special permits for the islands of the Apostle Island National Lakeshore deer permit. These special permits shall be issued free of charge at a rate of up to 2 permits per day per hunter. Each tag may be used to tag any of the following:

1. An antlerless deer.

2. A buck deer if the hunter possesses an antlerless deer registration verification earned in the federally owned portion of the Apostle Islands in the previous year or in the current year.

3. A buck deer if the hunter possesses an antlerless deer that has been legally harvested in the federally owned portion of the Apostle Islands and is tagged prior to the harvest of the buck deer and the antlerless deer accompanies the buck deer until each is registered.

**Note:** All of the land in this unit is owned and managed by the National Park Service's Apostle Island National Lakeshore. The National Park Service may require an access permit for the purposes of deer hunting which may limit the dates an individual may hunt and the island or islands on which hunting may occur.

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**NR 10.105 Transportation of bear, deer, and other members of the cervid family. (1)** POSSESSION. While afield, no person may possess or transport a carcass of a deer or bear that is tagged with or possessed under the authority of a validated carcass tag of another person unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. After a deer or bear is registered it may be transported by vehicle on a public roadway or possessed at a dwelling or business establishment by a person who is not hunting without the need to be accompanied by the person who tagged and registered the deer or bear. A dwelling for the purposes of this subsection includes permanent residences as well as temporary residences, such as an established hunting cabin or camp site.

**(2)** TRANSPORTATION. No person may transport deer outside of the unit of kill or adjoining unit unless they have been registered in compliance with s. NR 10.106 (2).

**(3)** DISEASE SAMPLING. Notwithstanding s. 29.347, Stats., any part of any animal harvested under s. NR 10.01 (3) may be collected or sampled by the department for disease testing purposes prior to registration. No person may refuse to allow a sample to be taken during registration.

**(4)** TRANSPORTATION OF CERVID ANIMALS FROM A CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE AFFECTED AREA. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, the carcasses of deer harvested in a chronic wasting disease identified by the department may not be transported outside of that area except for any of the following, or as provided under sub. (7):

(a) Carcasses transported into deer management units adjacent to the chronic wasting disease affected area.

(b) Meat that is cut and wrapped, either commercially or privately.

(c) Quarters or other portions of meat to which no part of the spinal column is attached.

(d) Meat that has been deboned.

(e) Hides with no head attached.

(f) Finished taxidermy heads.

(g) Antlers with no tissue attached except for velvet on antlers when possession of the velvet antlers is authorized pursuant to s. 29.347 (3) (b), Stats.

**Note:** Section 29.347 (3) (b), Stats., was repealed by 2015 Wis. Act 89.

(h) Skulls with or without antlers attached which have no brain or lymphoid tissue attached.

(i) Upper canine teeth.

**(5)** TRANSPORTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY CERVIDAE FROM AREAS IN OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES WHERE CWD HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. Hunters transporting carcasses into Wisconsin from other states or countries shall possess, and exhibit to agents of the department upon request, registration or other materials showing which state, province of Canada or other country the carcass was harvested in.

**(6)** TRANSPORTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY CERVIDAE FROM OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES WHERE CWD HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, the carcasses of cervid species harvested in a state, province of Canada or other country where CWD has been verified by a government agency in that state, province or country, may not be transported into this state except for the following, or as provided under sub. (7).

(a) Meat that is cut and wrapped, either commercially or privately.

(b) Quarters or other portions of meat to which no part of the spinal column is attached.

(c) Meat that has been deboned.

(d) Hides with no head attached.

(e) Finished taxidermy heads.


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(g) Skulls with or without antlers attached which have no brain or lymphoid tissue attached.

(h) Upper canine teeth.

**(7)** CERVID CARCASSES WITH ANY PORTION OF THE SPINAL COLUMN OR HEAD ATTACHED. Notwithstanding sub. (4) or (6), carcasses which have any part of the spinal column or head attached may be transported from the chronic wasting disease affected area to other parts of this state, or into this state if such carcass is submitted to a meat processor licensed under s. 97.42 (2) (a), Stats., or a taxidermist permitted under s. 29.506 (2), Stats., for processing and the person who possesses the carcass complies with the following:

(a) That part of the carcass which includes the head and spinal column shall be submitted to a licensed meat processor or permitted taxidermist within 72 hours of entering this state if the carcass originated from out of state, or within 72 hours from the time of registration if the carcass originated from the chronic wasting disease affected area in this state.

(b) The person submitting a carcass to a licensed meat processor or permitted taxidermist as required under this subsection shall inform the meat processor or taxidermist that the carcass originated from the chronic wasting disease affected area or from another state, province or country where CWD has been verified to be present.

(c) Licensed meat processors and permitted taxidermists receiving a cervid carcass under this subsection shall dispose of all inedible parts not exempted under subs. (4) (a) to (i) and (6) (a) to (h), and all parts of the spinal column, brain and lymphoid tissues in a properly permitted landfill or with a renderer licensed under s. ATCP 57.10.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9−1−60; renum. to be NR 10.19, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; correction made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., renum. to be NR 10.103, Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10−1−84; renum. from NR 10.103 and am. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; renum. to be (1) and am., cr. (2), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11−1−88; emerg. cr. (3), eff. 8−12−96; CR 01−008, r. (1), renum. (2) to be NR 10.105; Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02; CR 00−154: renum. s. NR 10.105 to be sub. (1) and cr. (2), Register January 2002 No. 553, eff. 2−1−02; emerg. cr. (3) and (4), eff. 7−3−02; CR 03−016: cr. (3) and (4) Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03; CR 04−020: am. (3) and (4) Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; CR 05−016: am. (2), r. (3), renum. (4) to be (3) Register August 2005 No. 596, eff. 9−1−05; CR 05−086: am. (2) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 06−013: am. (2) Register August 2006 No. 608 eff. 9−1−06; CR 08−013: am. (title), cr. (4) to (6) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−09, except (title) eff. 9−1−08; correction in (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2008 No. 635; CR 10−020: am. (4), (5) and (6), cr. (7) Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 11−1−10; CR 10−051: am. (2) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 13−071: cr. (1) (title), am. (1), cr. (2) (title), am. (4) (title), (intro.), (a), (7) (intro.), (a), (b) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.106 Recording deer and bear. (1)** CARCASS CONDITION AND TRANSPORTATION. Deer and bear shall be intact and may not be removed from the area specified in this section unless the harvest has been reported in the manner required by the department and a registration tag has been affixed by the department or its agents, or the validated deer carcass tag displays the harvest registration verification number provided by the department and the number is legible and discernible on the tag except that:

(a) The entrails may be removed and disposed of while afield by field dressing.

(b) Deer and bear may be skinned, and the lower legs of a deer from the hooves up to the tarsus joint on the hind legs and from the hooves up to the carpus joint on the front legs may be removed. The hide and lower legs must be removed from the field along with the deer and exhibited at the time of registration when in−person registration is required, and disposed of in a manner in compliance with s. 287.81 (2), Stats., after the deer or bear is registered.

(c) A deer or bear may be divided into not more than 5 parts, not including the hide and the lower legs of a deer, only to facilitate removal from the field. The head and neck shall remain attached to one of the other parts of the animal, not including the hide. A person who divides a deer or bear while afield prior to or after registration:

1. May not allow the deer or bear to be stored or transported with any other deer or bear that has been divided prior to registration or while afield.

2. May not divide any bear in a manner that does not keep one part of the bear intact to allow it to be measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail, to determine it was an adult bear of 42 inches or greater.

3. Must remove all parts from the field except the entrails and dispose of all parts not retained in a manner that is in compliance with s. 287.81 (2), Stats.

4. Shall exhibit all parts except the entrails at the time of registration when in−person registration is required by the department.

**Note:** Common terms for the tarsus or second major joint on the rear legs up from the hoof include "hock" and "ankle" and common terms for the carpus or second major joint on the front legs up from the hoof include "knee" and "wrist".

**(2)** REGISTRATION. Each person who has killed a deer or if s. 29.324, Stats., related to group deer hunting applies, the person who has tagged the deer during the open seasons for hunting deer with a firearm, or who has killed a bear during the open seasons for hunting bear shall register that kill using a telephone, internet, or other harvest registration system established by the department as follows:

(a) *Deer and bear.* 1. 'Time line.' Each deer or bear killed during the open season for hunting deer or bear shall be registered before being transported from the deer management unit of kill or an adjoining unit no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after the animal is recovered.

2. 'Registration verification.' At the time a deer or bear is registered as required under this section, the person who tagged and registered it shall legibly print the registration verification number provided by the department or its agents on the validated carcass tag. The carcass tag shall then accompany the carcass at all times while the carcass is afield, while being transported, and when left unattended by the person who the validated carcass tag was issued to. The validated carcass tag shall be retained by the person who possesses the carcass until it is consumed.

3. 'Tags; display.' No person may possess or transport the carcass of a deer or bear unless in possession of the originally validated carcass tag and registration verification number particular to the carcass. No person may refuse or fail to display a validated carcass tag or registration verification number to the department or its wardens upon request.

4. 'Research.' Any part of a harvested deer or bear may be collected or sampled by the department for research purposes. No person may refuse to allow a part to be collected or a sample to be taken prior to or during registration.

5. 'Transportation.' No person may possess a deer while afield outside the deer management unit or subunit of kill or adjoining unit or subunit, except that deer that are lawfully killed, tagged and registered may be possessed on a public highway for purposes of transportation to and possession at the person's residence or a business establishment located outside the unit or subunit of kill.

(b) *Disease sampling and research.* The department may require that any deer or bear harvested in an area affected by CWD, tuberculosis, or where there are other serious infections disease threats, or area where samples are needed for department research purposes, shall be exhibited and registered at registration stations designated by the department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day after it was killed, or by 5:00 p.m. on the day after the close of the season during which it was killed, as described in s. NR 10.01 (3), whichever is earlier, unless otherwise authorized by the department.

(c) *Exhibition.* No person shall fail to exhibit the carcass of a deer or bear at a registration location specified by the department when required under this paragraph.

**Note:** Section 29.324, Stats., **Group deer hunting. (1)** In this section:

(a) "Contact" means visual or voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(b) "Group deer hunting party" means 2 or more hunters hunting in a group all using firearms, each of whom holds an individual license to hunt deer.

**(2)** Any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the group deer hunting party if both of the following conditions exist:

(a) At the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the deer is in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed.

(b) The person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current unused deer carcass tag which is authorized for use on the deer killed.

**(3)** A person who kills a deer under sub. (2) shall ensure that a member of his or her group deer hunting party without delay attaches a current validated deer carcass tag to the deer in the manner specified under s. 29.347 (2). Stats. The person who kills the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after it is tagged.

**(3)** REGISTRATION TAGGING. Upon verification of license and deer hunting permit information, the station operator shall do all of the following:

(a) Complete and retain the registration stub.

(b) Lock a registration tag to the carcass or part of the deer or bear.

**Note:** The carcass tag attached to the animal contains a number corresponding to the registrant's hunting license and backtag.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7−1−86; am. (2) (intro.), r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (1) and (2) (d), r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1990, No. 416, eff. 9−1−90; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9−1−91; am. (3) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. (2) (d) 3., Register, August 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; correction in (3) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 1., Stats., Register, February, 1996, No. 482; emerg. am. (1) and (2) (b), eff. 8−12−96; am. (2) (b), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (2) (b), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; correction in (2) (intro.) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, August, 1999, No. 524; am. (1), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; CR 00−154: am. (2) (a) and (b), r. (2) (d) 2. and renum. and am. (2) (d) 3. to be (2) (d) 2., Register January 2002 No. 553, eff. 2−1−02; emerg. cr. (2) (e), eff. 7−3−02; CR 00−154: am. (2) (a), Register July 2002 No. 559, eff. 8−1−02; CR 02−017: am. (2) (d) 1. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 1−5−03; CR 03−016: cr. (2) (f) Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03; CR 04−020: am. (2) (f) Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; CR 04−011: am (1) Register September 2004 No 585, eff. 4−1−05; CR 04−046: am. (3) Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; CR 05−016: cr. (2) (g) Register August 2005 No. 596, eff. 9−1−05; CR 06−013: am. (2) (g) Register August 2006 No. 608, eff. 9−1−06; CR 07−035: am. (2) (e) Register April 2008 No. 628, eff. 5−1−08; CR 08−013: am. (2) (f) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−08; correction in (2) (g) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2008 No. 635; CR 10−020: r. and recr. (1) Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 11−1−10; CR 11−007: cr. (2) (e) 2. Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 11−1−11; correction to numbering of (2) (e) under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register October 2011 No. 670; CR 11−030: am. (2) (f) Register February 2012 No. 674, eff. 3−1−12; EmR1405: emerg. r. and recr. (2), eff. 2−25−14; CR 13−071: am. (1) (intro.), (a), (b), (c) (intro.), 1., 3., cr. (1) (c) 4., r. and recr. (2) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.11 Elk hunting. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. No person may hunt elk by any of the following methods:

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of dogs.

(c) *Ammunition*. With ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

(d) *Shotguns.* With a shotgun that is .410 bore shotgun or smaller and does not fire a single slug.

(e) *Rifles.* With any .22 rim−fire, 5 mm rim−fire rifle, .17 caliber center−fire rifle, or with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

(f) *Handguns.* With a handgun that is loaded with a .410 shotgun shell loaded with a single slug or projectile, a centerfire cartridge .22 caliber or smaller or has a minimum barrel length that is less than 5 1/2 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

(g) *Muzzleloaders.* With a muzzleloader that is less than .45 caliber or a muzzle−loading handgun.

(h) *Bows.* With a bow that has a draw weight less than 30 pounds.

(i) *Arrow standards.* 1. Use, possess or have under control while elk hunting, any arrow with a metal broad−head blade less than seven−eights of an inch in width. Broad−head blades shall be well−sharpened.

2. Use, possess or have under control while hunting, any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips or any crossbow, unless authorized to use a crossbow under ss. 29.014 (1m), 29.172, and 29.217, Stats., which authorize the use of a crossbow.

**(2)** TAGS. A back and carcass tag shall be issued with each hunting license. While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag unless it is attached to a legally killed elk.

**(3)** VALIDATION. Any person who kills an elk shall immediately validate the carcass tag by slitting the marks on the carcass tag as designated by the department. Failure to completely validate the carcass tag renders possession of the elk illegal and the carcass tag invalid.

**(4)** CARCASS CONDITION AND TRANSPORTATION. (a) *Transportation.* No person may transport an elk from the time the elk is killed to the time it is registered under sub. (5) that is tagged with the carcass tag of another person unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag.

(b) *Carcass condition*. Elk may be skinned and the carcass divided into as many as 5 parts prior to registration. These animals or animal parts may not be removed from zones A and B as established in s. NR 10.37, unless exhibited, registered and tagged.

**(5)** EXHIBITION AND REGISTRATION. (a) *Exhibition*. Each person who has killed an elk during the open seasons for hunting elk with a gun, bow, or crossbow shall exhibit and register the elk with the elk carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.347 (2), Stats., at an authorized registration station. If the elk is skinned and the carcass divided into 5 or fewer parts, all parts, other than the entrails removed by field dressing, shall be exhibited when registering the elk.

(b) *Registration.* 1. Elk shall be registered by 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed at the registration station designated by the department.

2. Hunters shall provide the department with information requested by the department regarding the location of the kill and the location of those carcass parts removed by field dressing.

3. Notwithstanding s. 29.347, Stats., any part of any animal harvested under s. NR 10.01 (3) (i) may be collected or sampled by the department for disease testing purposes prior to registration.

(c) *Registration tagging.* Upon verification of license and elk hunting tag information, the station operator shall:

1. Complete and retain the registration form as required by the department.

2. Lock a registration tag to the carcass or part of the elk.

3. Remove the validation portion of the carcass tag.

**(6)** HUNTING HOURS. Legal hunting hours for elk are the same as those listed in s. NR 10.06 (5).

**History:** CR 03−018: cr. Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 04−078: r. (1) (a) Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5−1−05; CR 10−020: am. (4) and (5) (a) Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 11−1−10; CR 10−051: am. (1) (f) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 11−007: r. (7) Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 11−1−11; correction in (1) (i) 2. made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register March 2014 No. 699; EmR1420: emerg. am. (5) (a), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (5) (a) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.111 Elk population management. (1)** ELK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. (a) The department shall manage the state elk population by:

1. Establishing elk management zone boundaries within the state.

2. Establishing elk population goals for each elk management zone.

3. Monitoring the performance of the elk population within each elk management zone.

4. Establishing elk hunting seasons and annual harvest quotas with the objective of maintaining elk populations at the established elk population goals for each elk management zone.

(b) In addition to the management objectives listed under par. (a), the department may trap and relocate elk within the state to establish new elk herds and management zones.

**(2)** ELK MANAGEMENT UNITS. The elk management zone boundaries are described in s. NR 10.37. Unit boundaries shall be readily identifiable features of the landscape such as roads and rivers. When road boundaries are used, the department shall give priority to use of numbered and lettered highways.

**(3)** ELK POPULATION GOALS. (a) The overwinter elk population goal for elk management zones described in s. NR 10.37 shall be expressed as the total number of elk per zone as follows:

| Zone | Population Goal |
|---|---|
| Clam Lake elk management zone | 1,400 |
| Black River elk management zone | 390 |

(b) The department shall manage the elk population in Zone X, as described in s. NR 10.37, at a population level of zero elk. If the department determines that elk are causing agricultural damage, are a nuisance or are frequenting an area in Zone X, the department shall remove the elk in a manner determined by the department, in accordance with the procedures outlined ss. NR 12.10 and 12.15 and may include trapping and relocating, hazing, hunting or shooting.

(c) If the department determines that hunting is an appropriate removal method for elk subject to par. (b), the department may designate any elk tag as being valid on specified properties in Zone X, during the elk season.

**(4)** ANNUAL ANTLERLESS ELK KILL QUOTAS. (a) *Annual population estimate.* The overwinter elk population goal shall be determined based on biological, ecological and sociological factors, including: reproductive success, winter severity, herd age and sex structure, non−hunting mortality, and agricultural damage.

(b) *Quota objectives.* Using the overwinter elk population estimate established under par. (a), the department shall annually calculate an antlerless elk kill quota for each zone with the objective of maintaining the elk herd at the established elk population goal.

(c) *Quota adjustment in ceded territory.* For the elk management units in the ceded territory as defined in s. NR 13.02 (1), expected tribal harvest shall be deducted from the elk kill quota established in par. (b).

**(5)** ELK LICENSES. (a) *Purpose.* The department may issue elk licenses in numbers to assure maintenance of elk populations for each zone indicated in sub. (3).

(b) *Bull elk tag formula.* The department shall determine the number of bull elk tags which shall be issued by the formula:

Number of bull elk tags available = total elk population in a zone x 5%

(c) *Antlerless elk tag formula.* The department shall determine the number of antlerless elk tags which shall be issued at a level that will maintain the elk population goal established for each elk management zone listed in sub. (3).

**(6)** LICENSE ISSUANCE. (a) *License requirements.* Elk hunting licenses may only be issued to those who have earned a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.595, Stats., and have obtained authorization for either a bull tag or antlerless elk tag. Successful applicants will be limited to one elk license per lifetime as established in s. 29.182 (4m), Stats. The department may reissue an elk license if the license is returned or if the applicant fails to or cannot comply with s. 29.182, Stats. Selection shall be by random drawing.

(b) *Success rate formula.* Hunter success rates used to compute the number of elk licenses to be issued for each zone shall be those calculated by the department from annual elk season harvest reports except where no previous history of success rates exist. In establishing licenses for a zone without an adequate history of licenses, the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate. The license rate formula is:

$$\text{Hunter success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of elk harvested}}{\text{Number of licenses issued}}$$

(c) The number of elk licenses to be issued to harvest the desired number of elk shall be based on the hunter success rates from previous seasons. The license number formula is:

$$\text{License number} = \frac{\text{Elk to be harvested}}{\text{Hunter success rate}}$$

**(7)** APPLICATION PROCEDURE. Applications for elk licenses shall be on forms provided by the department. Applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by a department service center location no later than those dates to be considered for selection.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, the department web site at http://dnr.wi.gov, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Department service center office hours may vary by location.

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**NR 10.12 Migratory game bird hunting. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall hunt any migratory game bird by any of the following methods:

(a) *Sinkbox.* From or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(b) *Boats.* From any boat or craft other than those propelled by paddle, oar or pole. When motors or sails are attached to the boat, the motor shall be completely shut off and the sail furled, and the boat's progress stopped before a firearm may be loaded.

(c) *Structures.* From any pier, dam, dock or similar structure, except disabled persons under the authority of a class A permit issued by the department.

(d) *Rallying.* By the use or aid of any water, air or motor−driven land conveyance used for the purpose of or resulting in stirring up, driving or rallying.

(e) *Bird calls.* By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof, or while in possession of any type of device that produces recorded or electronic amplifications of bird calls or sounds.

(f) *Live decoys.* By using directly or indirectly any live tame or captive ducks or geese for decoy purposes regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter. All live tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals these live birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.

(g) *Decoy use.* By the use or aid of decoys which are or have been:

1. Placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located.

2. Placed in the water more than one hour before the open hunting time.

3. Left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

4. Left in the water unattended.

(h) *Baiting.* By the aid of baiting as described by the U.S. fish and wildlife service in 50 CFR 20.11 and 20.21(i).

**(2)** POSSESSION. No person shall possess any live or crippled migratory game bird reduced to possession by means of hunting. Such bird shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

**(3)** OPEN WATER RESTRICTIONS. No person may hunt waterfowl in any portion of a navigable water body from or with the aid of any blind which may include any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance or similar device except:

(a) *Mississippi river.* Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi river and adjoining waters west of the BNSF railway provided the blinds are securely anchored and located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline including islands. Blinds in open water in Grant county and the Lake Pepin portions of the Missis-

sippi river are permitted regardless of the distance from shore provided the blinds are securely anchored.

(b) *Great Lakes and Big Green lake.* Blinds in open waters of Big Green lake, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Green Bay beyond 500 feet of any lake or bay shoreline. Blinds do not have to be anchored in these areas.

(c) *Large Lakes.* Blinds in open waters of the following lakes if more than 1,000 feet from any shoreline including islands provided blinds are securely anchored: Beaver Dam Lake in Dodge County (excluding Rakes and Trestle Works Bays), Castle Rock Lake in Adams and Juneau counties (south of railroad bridge and county road G), Fence Lake in Vilas County, Grindstone Lake in Sawyer County, North Twin Lake in Vilas County, Petenwell flowage in Adams, Juneau and Wood counties (north of state highway 21 and south of state highway 73), Lake Puckaway in Marquette and Green Lake counties (the waters west of the west end of the dredge bank, excluding the waters east of the west end of the dredge bank), Shawano Lake in Shawano County, Trout Lake in Vilas County, Lake Winnebago, Lake Wisconsin in Sauk and Columbia counties (north of railroad bridge), and Lake Wissota in Chippewa County (south of county road S and north of county road X).

(d) *Blind removal.* All open water blinds shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.

(e) *Disability provision.* If the boat, blind, or similar device is occupied by at least one individual engaged in hunting who holds a Class A or B disabled permit that authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle and which has been issued for more than 1 year, and is substantially in compliance with par. (f) considering necessary additional distance to maintain the minimum depth of water for operation of the boat, blind, or similar device used.

(f) *Other water bodies.* If any of the following apply:

1. A part of the boat, blind, or similar device is located within 3 feet of any shoreline including islands.

2. A part of the boat, blind, or similar device is located within 3 feet of a naturally occurring, un−manipulated growth of vegetation rooted to the navigable waterway's bed or shoreline and of sufficient height and density to conceal at least 50% of the hunter and the boat, blind, or similar device when viewed from at least one direction beyond the vegetation providing the concealment. For determining if the vegetation provides the minimum 50% concealment, the viewing shall occur from a height approximately the same as height of the boat, blind or similar device being used by the hunter.

(g) *Normal jump shooting activities.* From a non−motorized boat, canoe, or raft, which is not anchored, on streams where shooting shore to shore is possible.

**(4)** SPECIAL BLIND RESTRICTIONS. The department may restrict hunters to certain blind locations within the Collins, Eldorado, Grand River, 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. 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, cable restraint, net, rifle, pistol, crossbow other than as authorized in ss. 29.014 (1m), 29.172, and 29.217, Stats., swivel gun, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, stupefying substance, shotgun chambered for a shell that is larger than a no. 10 gauge, or while in possession of a shell that is larger than no. 10 gauge.

**Note:** The cross−references in this paragraph previously linked to exceptions that allowed the use of crossbows by holders of disable permits and senior citizens. Under 2013 Wis. Act 61, the use of crossbows is no longer limited in those ways and any person who is legally authorized to hunt may use crossbows for hunting migratory birds.

(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, bow and arrow, crossbow, or by falconry.

(d) *Non−toxic shot requirements.* While hunting waterfowl, snipe, rails, moorhens and coot within any areas of the state, or mourning doves on lands which are under the management, supervision and control of the department, no person may:

1. Take, catch, kill or pursue waterfowl, mourning doves, snipe, rails, moorhens, and coot with any shot, either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzle−loading, other than non−toxic shot.

2. Possess any shotshell or muzzle−loading firearm loaded with any material other than non−toxic shot.

**(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 while in the field or during transportation from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing shall remain attached to all migratory game birds while in the field or during transportation 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.

**(10)** WATERFOWL STAMP. No person 16 years of age and older may hunt for waterfowl without a valid state waterfowl stamp approval unless the person is carrying a valid conservation patron license, senior citizen recreation card, free military small game license or first−year hunter education certificate.

**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.

**(11)** HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM. Before hunting any migratory game birds each year, hunters shall register with the department by supplying their names, addresses, date of birth and other necessary information requested by the department in a manner prescribed by the department. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird until registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of registration while hunting migratory game birds.

**(12)** WATERFOWL BLIND IDENTIFICATION. No person may maintain, occupy or use a blind situated on state−owned property for hunting waterfowl unless the owner's name, address and customer identification number, in the English language and in lettering one−inch square or larger, is affixed permanently to the blind. The name and address shall be readily visible on the blind and shall be kept legible at all times.

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

(b) *Maximum allowable harvest.* The total number of Canada goose permits and carcass tags issued by the department annually under this section and under s. NR 19.84 shall be based upon the maximum allowable harvest assigned by the U.S. fish and wildlife service. The assigned harvest shall be distributed within established zones and by time periods based upon historical data on the distribution of geese within the state and hunter success rates.

(c) *Validity.* All permits are valid only in the zones and for the time periods specified on the permit during the open season established for Canada geese. The department shall use the following procedure when specifying the permit zones:

1. If the maximum allowable harvest is 160,000 birds or less, all permits shall be restricted to one zone.

2. If the maximum allowable harvest is between 160,000 and 210,000 birds, the department may:

a. Issue Horicon zone permits that are also valid for the exterior zone during a time period specified by the department.

b. Issue exterior zone permits that are also valid for the Horicon zone during a time period specified by the department.

c. Establish a permit processing deadline for exterior zone permits receiving the 2 zone authorization described under subd. 2. b.

3. If the maximum allowable harvest exceeds 210,000 birds, all permits shall be valid in any zone.

(d) *Permit validation procedures.* When a Canada goose is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall validate the permit by slitting, tearing or punching holes in the permit in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and renders any goose in the person's possession illegal.

**(2)** APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Forms.* Applications shall be on forms supplied by the department.

(b) *Deadlines.* 1. All applications for the Horicon and Exterior zones shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the forms or received by a department service center location on that date to be considered for selection. The annual application deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, the department web site at http://dnr.wi.gov, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Department service center hours may vary by location.

2. Exterior zone and early goose hunt subzone permits may be obtained at a license vendor or department service center location throughout the open season.

**Note:** Department service center office hours may vary by location.

3. Horicon zone permits may be obtained at a license vendor or department service center location throughout the open season unless the department has determined that the special requirements established in sub. (3) are necessary to restrict the harvest of Canada geese.

(c) *Application limitations.* 1. No person may submit more than one application per year except that:

a. Persons who submitted an invalid permit application for the Horicon zone 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 Horicon or Exterior zone permit.

2. If 2 or more persons wish to hunt together in the Horicon zone, each applicant shall complete and submit an application form. A group application shall be considered one application.

(d) *Selection preference.* When 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.

(e) *Undersubscribed zones.* If the number of 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.

**(3)** SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS. If the department determines that extra harvest control measures are necessary to restrict the harvest of Canada geese, the following requirements apply to the Horicon zone:

(a) *Tagging.* When a Canada goose is killed within the Horicon zone, the hunter shall:

1. Completely attach and seal the permit, utilizing its own adhesive, to the neck or leg of the goose before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner.

2. Keep the permit attached to the goose until the meat has been processed for cold storage or human consumption.

(b) *Possession.* No person may possess or transport a dead wild Canada goose unless it is tagged with a validated permit.

(c) *Transportation restrictions.* The hunter shall transport any tagged goose in a motor vehicle so that the permit attached to the goose cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

**(4)** REPORTS. (a) *Harvest reports.* The department may require each successful applicant to submit a harvest report in a manner prescribed by the department within 48 hours of harvesting a goose.

**Note:** The Canada goose harvest reports are used to calculate total harvest estimates in those zones where hunter participation is unlimited.

(b) *Season 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.

**(5)** BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS. (a) *Bag limit.* The aggregate daily bag limit for persons hunting in both the exterior zone and a subzone within the exterior zone in the same day is equal to the larger of the respective daily bag limits established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g).

(b) *Daily possession limit.* No person may possess or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either the person's permanent abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or a commercial preservation facility.

**(6)** SEASON CLOSURE. The secretary of the department may close a portion or all of any Canada goose season established in s. 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. 29.337, Stats.

2. Agents or employees 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, snares or cable restraints, 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, snare or cable restraint.

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 or when using a commercially manufactured, enclosed trigger trap. In addition, persons removing beaver under s. NR 12.10 may use watersets.

5. 'Trap, snare, and cable restraint placement.' Set any traps, snares, colony traps or cable restraints at any time within 15 feet of any beaver dam, except when trapping under the landowner authority established by s. 29.337, Stats., or with a commercially manufactured, enclosed trigger trap.

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

6. 'Trap, snare, and cable restraint use.' Set, place, operate or possess while trapping, any trap other than a steel jawed trap, enclosed trigger trap, cage or box trap, body gripping trap, colony trap, snare or cable restraint for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing furbearing animals. Cage or box traps shall be constructed so that after an animal has been captured, no additional animals may enter the trap until the captured animal is removed and the trap is reset.

7. 'Artificial structures.' 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 fur−bearing animals.

8. 'Body−gripping type traps.' a. Set, place, or operate any body−gripping type trap greater than 75 square inches measured from the maximum outside points on the width and height of the jaws of a trap that has not been set, unless one−half of the set trap is located underwater at all times.

b. Set, place or operate any body−gripping type traps greater than 60 square inches or less than 75 square inches measured from the maximum outside points on the width and height of the jaws of a trap that has not been set: as a water set unless one−half of the trap is located underwater at all times; as an elevated set unless the trap is placed at least 5 feet above the surface; as a baited and/or scented set in or on the ground unless the trap trigger is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 50 square inches for a 7 inch minimum recess or an 8 inch height x 10 inch width opening with a 10 inch minimum recess from the enclosure openings; as an unbaited and/or unscented trail set in or on the ground unless the trap is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 10 inches in height and 10 inches in width and is recessed a minimum of 15 inches from the enclosure openings; or as a bottom entry enclosure set unless the entire opening of the enclosure is no more than 7 inches above the surface. The measurement to the surface is the distance to the first surface beneath the trap or opening, where the surface is ground, ice, crusted or packed snow or any other hard material. For the purposes of this paragraph, an enclosure means any device that creates a barrier to the trap allowing entry only through designated openings.

c. Set, place, or operate any body−gripping type trap less than or equal to 60 square inches with a vertical measurement of greater than 7 $^1/_2$ inches when set. The vertical measurement is taken between the widest vertical points on the trap in the set position.

9. 'Steel jawed traps.' Set, place, or operate any steel jaw trap with a spread width of more than 8 inches.

10. 'Toothed traps.' 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 or mink season is open, set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5 $^1/_2$ inches jaw spread for steel jaw traps or less than or equal to 60 square inches measured from the maximum outside points on the width and height of the jaws of a trap that has not been set, for body−gripping type traps.

12. 'Trap placement.' Set, place or operate any body−gripping type trap greater than 60 square inches measured from the maximum outside points on the width and height of the jaws of a trap that has not been set, or any snare or cable restraint regardless of the size of the noose, 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.

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

13. 'Snare and cable restraint specifications.' Set, place, or operate any snare or cable restraint unless they are non−spring activated, constructed of galvanized aircraft cable and include a swivel, except that a cable restraint which is designed and placed so that it can only be activated by an animal's foot may be spring activated.

14. 'Snare specifications.' Set, place or operate any snare unless the noose cable and noose attachments conform to the following specifications and as authorized under subd. 13.:

a. Cable length shall be 5 feet or less with a diameter not exceeding 1/8 inch.

b. At least one−half of the set snare is located underwater at all times.

15. 'Cable restraints specifications.' Set, place, or operate any cable restraint except for bobcat from December 1 to January 31 and fox and coyotes from December 1 to February 15, dates inclusive, provided the cable restraint conforms to the following specifications, or the specifications established in subd. 18 if the device is a foot activated cable restraint, in addition to those under subd. 13.

a. Cable length of 7 feet or less, with a diameter of 3/32 inch or larger, consisting of multiple strands of wire.

b. Cable stops shall be affixed to the cable to ensure that the portion of the cable which makes up the noose loop may not be longer than 38 inches when fully open, or less than 8 inches when fully closed.

c. The bottom of the set restraint cable loop may not be less than 6 inches nor greater than 12 inches above the surface. The measurement to the surface is the distance to the first surface beneath the bottom of the set cable restraint where the surface is ground, ice, crusted or packed snow or any other hard material.

d. A cable restraint shall include a breakaway device or stop rated at 350 pounds or less; a reverse−bend washer lock with a minimum outside diameter of 1 1/4 inches; and staked in a manner that does not allow the restraint device to reach any part of a fence, rooted woody vegetation greater than 1/2 inch in diameter or any other immovable object or stake that could cause entanglement.

16. 'Incidental take of raccoons and mink.' Retain any raccoon taken incidentally with a cable restraint during the period when the use of cable restraints is authorized under subd. 15. a. unless it is during the open season for raccoons listed in s. NR 10.01 (3) (b). No person may retain any mink taken incidentally with a colony trap unless it is during the open season for mink listed in s. NR 10.01 (4) (e).

17. 'Colony trap use.' Set, place, or operate any colony trap except for muskrat and only if all of the following apply:

a. The trap is set entirely under water at all times.

b. The trap is not placed within 3 feet of any culvert.

c. The trap and set does not utilize bait.

d. The trap is not used in conjunction with any fencing, netting or other material that creates an underwater obstruction designed to force or channel any wild animal into the trap.

18. 'Foot−activated cable restraint specifications.' Set, place or operate any cable restraint which is designed and placed so that it can only be activated by an animal's foot except for bobcat from December to January 31 and fox and coyote from December 1 to February 15, dates inclusive, provided the foot activated cable restraint conforms to the following specifications:

a. Cable length of 7 feet or less, with a diameter of 3/32 inch or larger, consisting of multiple strands of wire.

b. Cable stops shall be affixed to the cable to ensure that the portion of the cable which makes up the foot loop may not be longer than 22 inches when fully open.

c. A cable restraint shall include a breakaway device or stop rated at 350 pounds or less; a roller (or barrel) in−line swivel that acts as the maximum opening cable stop; an in−line shock spring; and staked in a manner that does not allow the restraint device to reach any part of a fence, rooted woody vegetation greater than one−half inch in diameter or any other immovable object or stake that could cause entanglement.

**(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)** SET TENDING INTERVAL. (a) Non−drowning sets shall be tended at least once each day and any animal captured shall be removed from the set.

(b) Drowning sets shall be tended within a 4−day period following the last tending of the set. Any animal captured shall be removed from the set. Water levels shall be monitored to ensure effective drowning sets.

(c) Under ice sets are exempt from the checking periods.

(d) Sets placed for weasels consisting of body gripping traps placed entirely in enclosures, with no opening larger than 1 3/8 inch in diameter, and anchored to an immovable object shall be tended within a 4−day period following the last tending of the set. Any animal captured shall be removed from the set each time the trap is tended.

**(4)** TRAP PLACEMENT. "Lawfully placed" for the purposes of s. 29.331 (5) (a), Stats., refers to when the trap was initially placed by the owner or operator of the trap.

**Note:** Additional restrictions on trapping furbearing animals on department managed lands that are part of the Wisconsin state parks or state park trails are established in s. NR 10.275 (5). This section limits upland trapping activities to the use of pull−activated enclosed trigger traps.

**Note:** For a complete history of s. NR 10.13 from 1−2−56 through 8−31−01 see the History note following s. NR 10.13 published in Register August 2001 No. 548.

**History:** 1−2−56; CR 01−006: am. (1) (b) 11., Register August 2001 No. 548, eff. 9−1−01; CR 01−008: am. (1) (b) 4. and 5., Register October 2001 No. 550, eff. 4−1−02; CR 02−018: am. (3) (a) and (b) Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02; CR 03−018: am. (1) (b) 1., 5., 6., 8., 12. (intro.) and 13., cr. (1) (b) 14. to 16. Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 04−046: am. (1) (b) 6., r. and recr. (3) (c) Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; CR 05−031: am. (1) (b) 8. b., 15. a. and d. Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 06−012: am. (1) (b) 6., 8. a. and b., 11., and 12. (intro.), cr. (1) (b) 8. c. Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 4−1−07, except (1) (b) 6. eff. 2−1−07; CR 06−037: am. (1) (b) 2. Register June 2007 No. 618, eff. 7−1−07; CR 07−015: am. (1) (b) 15. (intro.) and a. Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 2−1−08; CR 07−035: am. (1) (b) 15. Register April 2008 No. 628, eff. 5−1−08; CR 08−011: am. (1) (b) 6. Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2−1−09; CR 09−015: am. (1) (b) 15. (intro.) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 2−1−10; CR 09−024: am. (1) (b) 6., 12. (intro.) and 13. a. Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; CR 10−020: am. (1) (b) 5. and 6., r. and recr. (1) (b) 16., cr. (1) (b) 17. Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 2−1−11; CR 11−030: am. (1) (b) 13. Register February 2012 No. 674, eff. 3−1−12; CR 13−021: cr. (3) (c) 4. Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; CR 15−024: am. (1) (b) 7., 9., 10., 13., 15. (intro.), d., 16., 17. (intro.), cr. (1) (b) 18., r. (3) (title), (a), (b), renum. (3) (c) to (3) Register November 2015 No. 719, eff. 2−1−16; correction in (1) (b) 15. d. made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register November 2015 No. 719.

**NR 10.145 Bobcat, fisher, and otter.** No person may hunt or trap, or attempt to hunt or trap, any bobcat, fisher or otter unless he or she possesses a current and valid permit from the department and any associated pelt tags for the area or unit in which he or she is hunting or trapping.

**(1)** HARVEST QUOTAS. The number of bobcat, fisher and otter permits issued annually shall be determined by the department. The department shall base its determination upon:

(a) Population estimates and trends.

(b) The population goal established in sub. (2) if a goal has been established.

(c) Trends in hunter or trapper success rates.

**(2)** POPULATION GOALS. (a) *Fisher.* The preharvest population goal for fisher management zones A, B, C, and D described under s. NR 10.01 (4) (dm) is one fisher per 2 square miles of fisher range.

(b) *Bobcat.* The preharvest population goal north of the state highway 64 is 2,500 bobcat plus−or−minus 20%.

(c) *Otter.* The statewide preharvest population goal is 13,000 otter.

**(3)** APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES. (a) *Forms.* Applications for permits shall be made on forms provided by the department.

(b) *Deadlines.* All permit applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by a department service center location on those dates to be consid-

ered for selection. The annual application deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, the department web site at http://dnr.wi.gov, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Department service center hours may vary by location.

(c) *Application limit.* No person may apply for more than 1 permit for each species.

(d) *Random selection.* If the number of applications for permits exceeds the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected.

(e) *Pelt tag issuance.* The department shall issue pelt tags to successful permit applicants as follows:

1. 'Oversubscribed zones.' If the number of applications for permits is equal to or more than the number of permits available, each successful applicant shall be issued a pelt tag.

2. 'Undersubscribed zones.' If the number of applications for permits is less than the number of permits available, the department may:

a. Randomly issue successful applicants additional pelt tags; or

b. Make available to any person the remaining permits on a first−come, first−served basis; or

c. Use both procedures described in subd. 2. a. and b.

(f) *Validity.* All permits are valid only in the area and for the time period specified on the permit during the open season established for bobcat.

**(4)** TAGGING REQUIREMENTS. (a) *Field tagging.* When a bobcat, fisher or otter is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the person who trapped or killed the bobcat, fisher or otter shall immediately validate their pelt tag by slitting, tearing, or punching the pelt tag in the manner indicated by the department and attach and seal the pelt tag to the animal in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to validate and attach and seal the pelt tag invalidates the permit. No person may tag a bobcat, fisher, or otter that was trapped or killed by another.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may transport or possess an unskinned bobcat, fisher, otter carcass, or a raw pelt of these species unless it has been tagged in accordance with par. (a).

(c) *Tag retention.* The pelt and registration tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.

**(5)** RECORDING OF HARVEST. (a) 1. 'Bobcat, fisher and otter.' Unless authorized by the department, each person who has killed a bobcat, fisher or otter during the respective open season shall exhibit the pelt, separated from the rest of the carcass, to an authorized department representative no later than 5 days after the month of harvest.

(b) The department may require each person exhibiting a bobcat, fisher or otter pelt to exhibit and provide the skinned carcass to the department.

(c) *Department tagging.* The department shall inspect the pelt, and attach and lock a registration tag to the head portion of the pelt of all lawfully taken and possessed bobcat, fisher and otter.

(d) *Mounting.* Persons who intend to have a bobcat, fisher or otter mounted by a taxidermist may exhibit the bobcat, fisher or otter to the department for registration in whole carcass condition without separating the pelt and shall surrender the skinned carcass to the department within 30 days of registration.

**(6)** POSSESSION AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. No person may:

(a) Possess raw bobcat, fisher or otter pelts after the 5th day following closure of the open season for each species and the respective opening date of the next trapping or hunting season without a registration tag attached and locked to the head of the animal.

(b) Transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase a raw pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat, fisher, or otter pelt without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head portion of the pelt by the department in accordance with sub. (5) (c).

**(7)** SEASON CLOSURE. The secretary of the department may close a portion or all of any bobcat, otter or fisher season established in s. NR 10.01, upon a finding by the department that the harvest for that season will exceed the level authorized by the department under sub. (1). Closure shall become effective upon issuance of an order and publication in the official state newspaper.

**(8)** REPORTS. (a) *Harvest reports.* The department may require each successful bobcat, fisher, or otter permit or wolf harvest license applicant to submit a harvest report in a manner prescribed by the department within 24 hours of harvesting a bobcat, fisher, otter, or wolf. If the department requires a person who has been issued a bobcat, fisher, or otter harvest permit or wolf harvest license to report the harvest under this section, the person shall make the report in the manner required by the department within 24 hours of the time the person kills the bobcat, fisher, otter, or wolf.

**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; r. and recr. Register, February, 1993, No. 446, eff. 3−1−93; r. and recr. (5) (a), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8−1−95; am. (intro.), (3) (e) (intro.), 1., 2. a., (4) (a) and (c), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (5) (a) 1., Register, October, 1997, No. 502 eff. 11−1−97; r. and recr. (2) (a), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 5−1−98; cr. (2) (c) and (7), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; except (7), eff. 3−1−00; am. (5) (a) 1., (d) and (6) (b), r. (5) (a) 2., Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01 except (6) (b), eff. 3−1−01; CR 03−015: am. (2) Register July 2003 No. 571, eff. 8−1−03; CR 04−046: am. (4) (c) Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; CR 05−031: am. (intro.), (3) (b), (4) (b), (5) (a) 1. and (c) and (6) (b) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 06−037: am. (4) (a) Register June 2007 No. 618, eff. 7−1−07; CR 08−011: am. (2) (b) Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2−1−09; CR 09−015: cr. (3) (f) and (8) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 2−1−10; CR 10−051: am. (8) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 13−021: am. (8) (a) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; CR 13−067: am. (1) (b) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14.

**NR 10.15 Horicon national wildlife refuge. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. (a) *Firearm, crossbow, 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, crossbow unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a 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. The loaded uncased firearm restriction of this paragraph does not apply to a handgun possessed by a person who is authorized by law to possess a concealed handgun in Wisconsin.

(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)** DEER SEASON. A firearm season shall be established for hunting deer except for posted closed areas, pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3).

**(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).

**(3m)** CROSSBOW SEASON. An open season for hunting deer with a crossbow in areas designated by posted notice shall be established pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep).

**(4)** SMALL GAME SEASON. (a) *Game birds and rabbits.* The open season for hunting upland game birds and rabbits shall begin as established by s. NR 10.01 (2) and (3), and continue through the end of the pheasant season each year pursuant to s. 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 hunt waterfowl within 75 yards of the Horicon national wildlife refuge boundary during the open season for hunting waterfowl. For purposes of this section, the placement of decoys or shooting at waterfowl which are located within the 75−yard zone immediately outside of the refuge are allowed as long as the hunter does not discharge a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow from within that area when shooting at 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, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2−1−77; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9−1−79; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10−1−83; cr. (6), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; emerg. am. (6) eff. 8−31−06; CR 06−074: am. (6) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 1−1−07; emerg. am. (6), eff. 8−30−07; CR 07−055: am. (6) Register January 2008 No. 625, eff. 2−1−08; CR 13−021: am. (2) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; EmR1420: emerg. am. (1) (a), cr. (3m), am. (6), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (1) (a), cr. (3m), am. (6) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**Note:** For a complete history of NR 10.15 see the history note for NR 10.15 as it appeared in Register August, 1973 No. 212.

**NR 10.16 Necedah national wildlife refuge, Juneau county.** Except as provided in subs. (1), (2), (3), and (4), it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, crossbow unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon that area known as the Necedah national wildlife refuge, Juneau county, Wisconsin. 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. The loaded uncased firearm restriction of this paragraph does not apply to a handgun possessed by a person who is authorized by law to possess a concealed handgun in Wisconsin.

**(1)** TRAPPING. Within the discretion of the U.S. fish and wildlife service, an open season for the taking of fur−bearing animals may be declared within the Necedah national wildlife refuge upon written approval of the department, which shall designate the species to be taken and establish opening and closing dates. Trapping on the Necedah national wildlife refuge shall be conducted under written permit from the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Such permit shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing trapping set forth in this chapter.

**(2)** ARCHERY SEASON. An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with bow and arrow shall be established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge and said season shall be concurrent with the state−wide season for bow and arrow established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tags as required by statutes and this chapter are necessary.

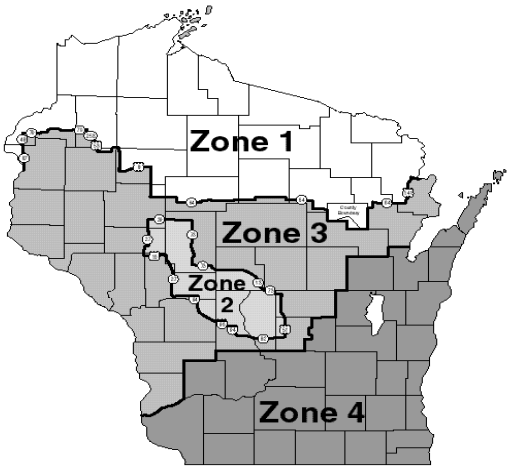
**(2m)** CROSSBOW SEASON. An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with a crossbow shall be established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge and said season shall be concurrent with the state−wide crossbow deer season established s. NR 10.01 (3) (ep). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tags as required by statutes and this chapter are necessary.

**(3)** FIREARM SEASON. An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with firearms shall be established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge and such season shall fall within the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notice of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

**(4)** TURKEY SEASON. An open season for hunting wild turkeys as listed in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) is established on the Necedah national wildlife refuge, and such season shall be concurrent with the open season for hunting turkeys as described in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah national wildlife refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Hunting on the Necedah national wildlife refuge shall be restricted to only those persons holding a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit issued by the department.

**History:** 1−2−56, am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9−1−56; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9−1−57; r. intro, par., (1) and (2), and recr. intro. par., (1) and (2), and cr. (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9−1−58; am. (3), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10−1−59; r. and recr., Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9−1−62; am. intro. par. and cr. (4), Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4−1−67; renum. to be NR 10.16, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (4), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11−1−75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; EmR1420: emerg. am. (intro.), (2), cr. (2m), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (intro.), (2), cr. (2m) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.20 Wolf management zones.**




**History:** Cr. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01.

**NR 10.22 Sandhill wildlife demonstration area, Wood county. (1)** PROHIBITED METHODS. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, crossbow 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 that area known as the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area in Wood county, Wisconsin, except as provided in this section. The loaded uncased firearm restriction of this paragraph does not apply to a handgun possessed by a person who is authorized by law to possess a concealed handgun in Wisconsin.

**(2)** SANDHILL OUTDOOR SKILLS CENTER. (a) *Purpose.* The primary purpose of the Sandhill outdoor skills center is to teach wildlife−related outdoor skills. Wildlife−related outdoor skills are those relating to fishing, hunting, viewing, tracking, trapping, photography, management, study, and conservation of wildlife.

(b) *Demonstration area use.* The department may limit use of the Sandhill wildlife demonstration area to persons participating in outdoor skills training programs.

(c) *Training authorization.* Subject to state law and federal regulations, the department may modify or waive hunting, trapping, and property use rules respecting participants in a Sandhill outdoor skills training program. The modification or waiver shall be writing delivered to each participant upon a finding that it is necessary to achieve the objectives of the training program and consistent with the purpose in par. (a).

(d) *Program participation limits.* The department may limit the number of participants and establish application deadlines and prerequisites for programs at the Sandhill outdoor skills center. The department shall publish any applicable participation limits and program prerequisites as a part of any training program application forms or program guides developed by the department.

(e) *Application procedures.* Applications to participate in any Sandhill outdoor skills center program shall be on forms supplied by the department. No person may submit more than one application per program. All applications shall be mailed or delivered to: Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center, Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413.

(f) *Participant selection.* If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the program participation limit, the department may select program participants using either a first−come, first−served or random selection process.

(g) *Fees.* The department may charge program participants fees equivalent to the costs of providing the program training. All fees shall be paid in advance of program participation.

**(3)** HUNTING. (a) *Permit restrictions.* No person may hunt on the demonstration area without first obtaining a permit issued by the department. Permits shall be issued without charge.

1. 'Effective dates.' Permits are valid only for the date of issue and shall be returned to the established check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

2. 'Compartment limits.' All hunting is restricted to the type of game and compartment designated on the permit.

3. 'Quotas.' Daily hunting permits shall be limited by the department based upon environmental conditions and annual research objectives.

4. 'Exhibition required.' All harvested game shall be exhibited at the established check−out station as described on the permit.

5. 'Limitations.' Permits issued to an individual are not transferrable and may not be altered or defaced.

6. 'Reports.' Permit holders may be required to provide hunt information on department forms at the established check−out station.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* Any person possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license may apply for a hunting permit.

1. 'Forms.' Application shall be made on department forms.

2. 'Issuance period.' Daily permits may be issued by the department at established check−in stations on a first−come, first−served basis or by random selection of mailed applications. Mailed applications are subject to the following restrictions:

a. No person may submit more than one application. Submission of more than one application shall disqualify the application permit eligibility.

b. Group applications up to and including 4 hunters will be honored provided each applicant completes the application form and all forms are submitted in one envelope marked "group application" on the outside.

3. 'Self−completed permits.' Applications for hunting any game species except deer shall be completed by the applicant in person the day of the hunt. The self−completed permit portion of the application shall be retained by the applicant until the hunt is completed.

4. 'University of Wisconsin research.' Permits may be issued to the university of Wisconsin for research purposes under a cooperative agreement with the department.

5. 'Waiting procedure.' Hunters waiting to apply for permits shall form a single line. Each vehicle in line may contain no more than 5 applicants and shall be occupied at all times by all persons applying for permits that day.

(c) *Season and bag limits.* The hunting season and bag limits for all game species are established in s. NR 10.01 and may continue no longer than the Sunday immediately prior to the deer season established in subd. 2. with the following exceptions:

1. 'Rabbits and hares.' Snowshoe hare and cottontail rabbit hunting shall open on the Saturday nearest September 15.

2. 'Deer.' Deer hunting shall be established at the discretion of the department and continue until the annual harvest objective is obtained. The sex and type of legal deer shall be established by permit.

3. 'Extended seasons.' The seasons for any game species may be resumed at the discretion of the department and continue through December 31.

(d) *Hunting hours.* The hunting hours for all species shall be the hours established in s. NR 10.06.

(e) *Information.* Information on the availability of hunting and trapping permits, permit application procedures, species which may be taken and other applicable conditions of taking on the demonstration area for each calendar year, except for extended seasons, shall be made available by the department at the demonstration area, district and Madison offices no later than August 1 of that year. Information relating to extended seasons shall be made available in the same manner prior to the extended season opening.

(f) *Deer hunting rule compliance.* Except as provided otherwise in this section or in a permit issued under this section, the permittee shall comply with all hunting, tagging, transportation and registration rules specified under ch. NR 10 and ch. 29, Stats. Permittees who fail to comply with these rules shall be subject to the penalty applicable to the appropriate ch. NR 10 or ch. 29, Stats., violation.

(g) *Additional restrictions.* The department may list additional restrictions on a permit and the permittee shall comply with all additional restrictions.

(h) *Exemptions.* The department may exempt a person by permit from any of the requirements of ch. NR 10 or ch. 29, Stats.

**(4)** TRAPPING. (a) *Permits.* Trapping will be allowed by permit only and may be issued on a seasonal basis dependent upon furbearer population levels.

(b) *Annual assessment.* Each year the department shall determine:

1. The number of permits to be issued.

2. The number of animals to be harvested.

3. The time when such trapping may take place.

4. The deadline date for receipt of applications.

5. Such additional restrictions as are necessary to preserve, protect and utilize the furbearing resources on this area.

(c) *Permit selection procedure.* If applications for permits exceed the number of permits available, random selection shall be used to determine successful applicants.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1962, No. 81, eff. 10−1−62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9−1−63; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9−1−64; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1965. No. 116, eff. 9−1−65; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9−1−66; am. (2) (a), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9−1−67; r. and recr. (2) (intro. par.) and (a), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.22; r. and recr. (2) intro. par. and (a); cr. (2) (h), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; am. (1) and (2), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8−1−71; r. and recr., Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9−1−72; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9−1−73; am. (2) (b), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 3−1−75; am. (b) and (c), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6−1−77; r. and recr. (2) (a), (b) and (c), Register, July, 1977, No. 259, eff. 8−1−77; cr. (3), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6−1−78; am. (2) (b) 3.a., Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11−1−78; am. (2) (b)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**NR 10.23 Grand River experimental hunting area.** **(1)** DESCRIPTION. The area described in s. NR 11.02 (6) and (7), shall be called the Grand River experimental hunting area.

**(2)** RESTRICTIONS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, crossbow unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow unless it is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case upon that area known as the Grand River experimental hunting area except as provided in this section. The loaded uncased firearm restriction of this paragraph does not apply to a handgun possessed by a person who is authorized by law to possess a concealed handgun in Wisconsin.

(b) Hunting in the Grand River experimental hunting area shall be from blinds as may be located on the area by the department. The department may further limit the number of blinds to be occupied each day.

**(3)** PERMIT AND TAG REQUIREMENT. In order to hunt Canada geese pursuant to this section, the applicant must comply with s. NR 10.01 (1) (L) and possess a special goose blind permit issued by the department.

(a) A goose blind application shall be completed and submitted by the applicant on a 3 x 5 inch postcard bearing the name, address and current year hunting license number of each applicant.

(b) Applications must be received by the department no later than September 10 of each year.

(c) No more than 2 persons may apply on a single application card.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information.

**(4)** REGISTRATION. (a) Each permit issued shall be validated by the department registration station located on the area prior to occupying any blind.

(b) Registration station hours shall begin one hour before the start of hunting hours. Hunters shall report to such station immediately after the close of hunting hours each day as established in sub. (6).

(c) All blinds will be assigned by one−half hour prior to shooting hours. Permittees numbered 1−20 who do not report prior to this time period shall be assigned blinds as they become available on a first−come, first−served basis.

(d) The department shall assign blinds by random selection at the registration station.

(e) Permits shall be returned to the registration station immediately upon completion of the permittee's hunt and all Canada geese bagged shall be presented for registration.

**(5)** GOOSE BLIND PERMIT RESTRICTIONS. (a) Goose blind permits shall be valid for a single, specified date and entitle each permittee to the daily bag limit of Canada geese.

(b) No more than 2 persons shall hunt from any blind.

(c) It shall be unlawful to hunt from any blind except those assigned to the hunter by the department.

(d) Goose blind permits are not transferable or replaceable and shall not be reused, altered or defaced.

(e) Permits and numbers assigned to such permits shall be issued on a random basis with priority of use as follows:

1. Thirty permits shall be issued for each day.

2. Permits numbered 1−20 shall be validated first each day pursuant to sub. (4).

3. Permits numbered 21−30 shall be validated as blinds become available.

**(6)** SEASON AND HUNTING HOURS. (a) The open season for hunting Canada geese shall begin October 2 and continue through November 16.

(b) The commencement of the daily hunting hours shall conform to those in s. NR 10.06 except that hunting hours shall terminate at noon each day unless otherwise indicated by signs posted at the registration station.

**(7)** Dogs are not permitted on the experimental hunting area described in sub. (1).

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1−1−79; correction in (1) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, August, 1999, No. 524; correction in (1) was made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register August 2001 No. 548; EmR1420: emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (2) (a) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.24 Bong state recreation area hunting zone.** **(1)** DESCRIPTION. The area described in s. NR 45.13 (17) (a) 1., shall be called the hunting zone.

**(2)** RESTRICTIONS. (a) *General prohibition.* No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any species of wild animal at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, crossbow unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow unless it is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case in the hunting zone except as provided in this section. The loaded uncased firearm restriction of this paragraph does not apply to a handgun possessed by a person who is authorized by law to possess a concealed handgun in Wisconsin.

(c) *Other hunting methods.* Methods of hunting shall comply with those established in this chapter.

**(3)** PERMIT AND TAGS. (a) *General prohibition.* No person may hunt or trap within the hunting zone without first obtaining a permit issued by the department.

(b) *Limitations.* Permits and associated carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable and are valid only for the date and area specified on the permit.

(c) Daily hunting permits shall be issued as follows:

1. During the first 2 days of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to individuals may not exceed 300.

2. Beginning with the 3rd day of the pheasant season, the number of daily hunting permits issued to individuals may not exceed 300 until 11:30 a.m. After 11:30 a.m., additional hunting permits may be issued on a first−come, first−served basis.

3. During the pheasant season, a maximum of 250 permits may be reserved for pheasant hunting.

(d) *Waterfowl.* Until the pheasant season opens, no more than 16 waterfowl permits may be issued each day for the area north of state highway 142.

(e) *Trapping.* The number of seasonal trapping permits may not exceed 10.

(f) *Legal game.* Permits are only valid for hunting or trapping the species specified on the permit.

(g) *Disposal.* Permits and unused carcass tags shall be returned to a department check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

**(4)** RESERVATIONS. (a) *Application period.* Hunting and trapping permit reservations may be obtained by applying on department forms between August 1 and August 31 each year.

(b) *Application limit.* No one may submit more than one application for a single date.

(c) *Random selection.* If the number of applications exceeds the number of permits available, a random drawing shall select successful applicants.

(d) *Application after deadline.* Applications received after August 31 shall be approved on a first−come, first−served basis if permits are available. Applications may be made in person, by mail or by telephone a minimum of 2 days prior to the desired hunting date.

(e) *Reservation limit.* No person may receive more than 5 waterfowl and 5 pheasant hunting reservations per season.

(f) *Check−in deadline.* Any person who obtains a hunting permit reservation and arrives at the department's check−in station after the opening of hunting hours shall forfeit such reservation. Any person with a waterfowl hunting permit reservation shall report at the department's check−in station no later than one−half hour before the opening of hunting hours or forfeit the reservation. Any person may obtain a daily permit on a first−come, first−served basis provided a permit is available.

(g) *Other standards.* All hunting permits are reservable and nontransferable.

**(5)** HUNTER IDENTIFICATION. The department may require that armbands or other means of identification issued with permits be worn on the outermost garment at all times and be returned to a department check−out station immediately upon termination of hunting.

**(6)** SEASON AND HOURS. (a) *General restrictions.* The open season and limits for hunting and trapping are established in s. NR 10.01, except the pheasant limits which shall be:

1. Daily bag — one, either sex for the first 2 days; 2, either sex, thereafter.

2. Possession — one the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.

(b) *Waterfowl and deer hours.* The daily opening of hunting hours for waterfowl and deer are established in s. NR 10.06.

(c) *Pheasant season exception.* The daily opening of hunting hours shall be in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06 except during the pheasant season. During the pheasant season the daily opening of hunting hours shall be as follows:

1. Waterfowl and deer hunting shall be in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06.

2. Pheasant hunting and all other species except waterfowl and deer hunting:

a. The Saturday nearest October 17 — in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.06.

b. The Sunday nearest October 17 and continuing through the end of the pheasant season as established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) — 9:00 a.m.

(d) *Special closure.* The daily closing of hunting hours for all species is established in s. NR 10.06 except during pheasant season when all hunting except waterfowl south of state highway 142 and archery deer shall end at 2:00 p.m. after the Saturday nearest October 17.

(e) *Trapping hours.* Trapping hours shall be the hours established in s. NR 10.13 (3).

**(7)** PHEASANT HUNTING. (a) *Tagging.* When a pheasant is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall completely attach to the bird's leg a carcass tag issued by the department.

(b) *Tag retention.* The carcass tag shall remain attached to the pheasant until it is prepared for consumption.

**(8)** WATERFOWL HUNTING SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 142. (a) *Blind requirement.* Hunting shall be restricted to blinds or locations assigned by the department except for the retrieval of crippled waterfowl. In assigned locations without a department blind, the hunter may assemble a blind using existing natural vegetation at the assigned site or use a portable blind. Individuals are required to hunt within 20 feet of the blind. All portable blinds shall be removed at the end of the day.

(b) *Blind limitation.* No more than 2 persons may hunt from any blind or location assigned by the department.

**(9)** TRAPPING. (a) *Permit duration.* Trapping permits are valid for the entire season.

(b) *Other limitations.* Areas shall be determined by the department and no more than one permittee or helper may trap in any one area.

**(10)** DOVE HUNTING IN THE SPECIAL USE ZONE. (a) *Special use zone hunting post requirement.* Hunting shall be restricted to locations assigned by the department in a 300 acre area in the southeast part of the special use zone. In assigned locations, the hunter may assemble a blind using existing natural vegetation at the assigned site or use a portable blind. Individuals are required to hunt within 10 feet of the assigned location. All portable blinds shall be removed at the end of the day.

(b) *Blind limitation.* No more than 3 people may hunt from any location assigned by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9−1−81; r. and recr. (3) (c), (4) (g) and (6) (a) and (b), am. (3) (g), (4) (a), (d), (e) and (f), renum. (6) (c) to (6) (e), cr. (6) (c) and (d), Register, August, 1984, No. 344, eff. 9−1−84; am. (3) (c) 2. and (6) (c) 2. b., r. (6) (c) 3., Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7−1−87; am. (4) (f), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8−1−89; am. (1), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; am. (6) (b) 2. b. and (d), r. (6) (b) 2. c., Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95; am. (8) (a) and (b), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 10−1−99; CR 02−018: am. (3) (c) 1., 2. and (6) (a) 1. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02; CR 05−031: am. (8) (a) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 13−021: am. (5), cr. (10) Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11−1−13; EmR1420: emerg. am. (2) (a), r. (2) (b), eff. 9−12−14; CR 13−071: am. (2) (a), r. (2) (b), am. (2) (c) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.25 Wild turkey hunting. (1)** LICENSES, STAMPS AND CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Authorization to hunt.* 1. Except as provided under subd. 2., no person may hunt wild turkey unless he or she possesses a wild turkey hunting license and stamp issued by the department and turkey carcass tag issued by the department or Ft. McCoy military reservation. All licenses, stamps, and carcass tags shall be valid for the current hunting season.

2. Persons possessing a senior citizen recreation card issued prior to January 1, 1992 do not need to possess a turkey hunting license or stamp.

(b) *Landowner preference.* Qualified Wisconsin resident landowners or persons assigned eligibility under s. 29.164, Stats., may request first preference when applying for authorization to hunt wild turkeys provided the zone applied for:

1. Is open to wild turkey hunting.

2. Contains at least 50 acres in one parcel owned by the Wisconsin resident applicant.

(c) *License application procedures.* Persons applying to hunt wild turkeys on the Ft. McCoy military reservation shall apply to that facility. All other applicants shall apply for a turkey hunting license as follows:

1. Application for authorization to purchase a turkey hunting license shall be made on forms provided by the department.

2. All fall and spring hunting season applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the form or received by a department service center location on those dates to be considered for selection. The annual deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, the department web site at http://dnr.wi.gov, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Department service center hours may vary by location.

3. If a maximum of 4 persons wish to hunt together, each shall complete an application form for individual licenses. The group application shall be treated as one application for purposes of random selection or consideration for a license. Landowner preference may be requested by group applicants provided all individuals are eligible under par. (b).

(d) *Licensee selection procedures.* If the number of applications for licenses for a wild turkey hunting zone and time period exceeds the available quota of licenses, successful applicants shall be randomly selected in accordance with any statutorily established landowner preference system.

(e) *License purchase requirement.* Except for persons who purchase a license in accordance with par. (f) 2., no person may purchase a turkey hunting license without presenting the license vendor with the department−issued purchase authorization.

(f) *Carcass tag issuance.* 1. 'Oversubscribed zones and time periods.' Each successful applicant for a turkey hunting license shall be issued a carcass tag by the department.

2. 'Undersubscribed zones and time periods.' If the number of applications for licenses for a wild turkey hunting zone is less than the available quota of licenses, the department may make available to any person the remaining carcass tags for the zone and time period for purchase at a rate of no more than one carcass tag per day per person.

(g) *License and carcass tag restrictions.* 1. Except for youths participating in the youth turkey hunt established in s. NR 10.01


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(2) (f) 4., licenses and carcass tags issued under this section are only valid for the zone and time period indicated on the carcass tag. Carcass tags used during the youth turkey hunt are valid only for the zone indicated on the carcass tag, but are not limited to the time period indicated on the carcass tag.

2. Licenses or carcass tags issued under this section may not be transferred to or used by any person other than licensee.

3. Persons successful in obtaining a turkey license and tag for any numbered zone and time period under par. (f) 1. are not eligible to receive a Ft. McCoy military reservation turkey hunting license.

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

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

1. Validate the license and carcass tag by tearing or cutting the carcass tag in the manner indicated by the department. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the license and carcass tag.

2. Attach the carcass tag to the leg of the turkey using a wire, string, or similar fastener.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* 1. No person may possess or transport a wild turkey taken in any wild turkey hunting zone established in s. NR 10.29 unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it as required.

2. No person may remove or allow the removal of the validated carcass tag from the turkey prior to registration.

3. No person may possess a validated turkey carcass tag while hunting that is not attached to a lawfully killed wild turkey.

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

(a) *Spring season.* A wild turkey taken during the spring seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) shall be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed.

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

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

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

(b) By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof, or while in possession of any type of device that produces recorded or electronic amplifications of bird calls or sounds. This paragraph does not apply to hunters possessing a Class A or B disabled hunting permit which authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle and which is issued for more than one year.

(c) With the aid of dogs, except during the fall season for hunting turkeys described in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 2.

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

**(5)** HARVEST QUOTA. The number of wild turkey hunting licenses or carcass tags issued annually for the spring and fall seasons shall be determined by the department. The department shall base its determination for each wild turkey hunting zone upon;

(a) The abundance and distribution of wild turkeys;

(b) Trends in hunter success rates;

(c) Hunter distribution and density; and

(d) Zone size and forested acreage.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4−1−66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4−1−67; am. (3), (5) and (7) (a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4−1−68; renum. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7−1−70; r. and recr., Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12−1−82; am. (1) (c) 2. and (3), Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4−1−85; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9−1−86; am. (1) (a), (2) (a) (intro.), (b) and (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; r. and recr. (1) (c) 2. and 3. and (3), cr. (1) (c) 4., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1−1−89; am. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (c) (intro.), cr. (1) (e) 3., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4−1−89; cr. (4) (e), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; am. (1) (c) 2. and 3., Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2−1−91; cr. (5) Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; am. (1) (c) (intro.), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7−1−92; am. (1) (c) 3. and (3) (a), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94; am. (3) (a), r. and recr. (4) (e), Register, September, 1998, No. 513, eff. 10−1−98; CR 02−018: r. (1) (a) 3., am. (1) (c) 3. Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02; CR 04−046: am (2) (a) 1. and 2., cr. (4) (f) Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; CR 05−017: am. (4) (d) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; CR 05−031: am. (1) (c) 2., r. and recr. (2) (b), and r. (4) (e) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 06−012: am. (1) (d), (e), (f) 2. (intro.), (g) 1. and 3., r. (1) (f) 2. a. to c., r. and recr. (4) (b) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 2−1−07; CR 07−015: am. (4) (c) Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 10−1−07; CR 08−011: am. (4) (c) Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2−1−09; CR 09−015: am. (1) (f) 2., (3) (intro.), (4) (b) and (c) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 11−1−09, except (4) (c), eff. 2−1−10; CR 10−051: r. (4) (f) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 13−071: am. (4) (a) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.26 Sharp−tailed grouse hunting. (1)** PERMITS AND CARCASS TAGS. (a) *Authorization to hunt.* No person may hunt sharp−tailed grouse unless he or she possesses a valid sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit and carcass tag issued by the department, in addition to an approval authorizing small game hunting.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* Persons applying to hunt sharp−tailed grouse shall apply for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit as follows:

1. Application for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit shall be made on an application form provided by the department.

2. All applications shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the application form or received by a department service center location on those dates to be considered for selection.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, the department web site at http://dnr.wi.gov, hunting license outlet handouts, and pertinent hunting regulation pamphlets. Department service center hours may vary by location.

3. If a maximum of 4 persons wish to hunt together, each shall complete an application form for individual permits and submit them together in a single envelope clearly marked "group application" on the outside. The group application shall be treated as one application for purpose of random selection or consideration for a permit. If a group contains persons who unsuccessfully applied for sharp−tailed grouse hunting permits in the previous year, and persons who successfully applied or did not apply for sharp−tailed grouse permits the previous year, the group will be placed in the preference category of those who successfully applied in the previous year.

(c) *Permittee selection procedures for oversubscribed units.* If the number of applications for permits for a management unit exceeds the number of available permits in that unit, successful applicants shall be randomly selected according to the preference system established in s. 29.192 (2), Stats.

(d) *Carcass tag issuance.* 1. 'Oversubscribed units.' Each successful applicant for a sharp−tailed grouse hunting permit shall be issued a carcass tag by the department.

2. 'Undersubscribed units.' If the number of applications is less than the available permits for a management unit, the department may:

a. Randomly issue successful applicants additional carcass tags; or

b. Make available to any person the remaining permits for the unit on a first−come, first−serve basis; or

c. Use both procedures described in subd. 2. a. and b.

(e) *Permit and carcass tag restrictions.* 1. Permits and carcass tags issued under this section are only valid for the unit indicated on the permit during the open season established for sharp−tailed grouse.

2. Permits or carcass tags issued under this section may not be transferred to or used by any person other than the permittee.

**(2)** TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) *Carcass tag use.* When a sharp−tailed grouse is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Immediately validate the carcass tag in the manner indicated by the department on the carcass tag. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the tag.

2. Completely attach and seal the carcass tag around the leg of the sharp−tailed grouse in the manner indicated by the department on the carcass tag.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may possess or transport a sharp−tailed grouse unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

**(3)** HARVEST QUOTA. The number of sharp−tailed grouse hunting permits or carcass tags issued annually for units described in s. NR 10.28 shall be based on the annual sharp−tailed grouse harvest quotas established for these units. The department shall base its determination of the annual harvest quota for each unit upon:

(a) The estimated size and distribution of sharp−tailed grouse populations.

(b) Trends in sharp−tailed grouse hunter numbers and hunter success rates.

(c) A maximum allowable harvest of no more than 25% of the projected fall population.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1997, No. 498, eff. 7−1−97; CR 05−031: am. (1) (b) 2. Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05.

**NR 10.275 State park trapping, small game and migratory game bird hunting.** No person may hunt game species listed in s. NR 10.01 (1), (2) (a), (c), (e), (g), (3) (a), (bt), (c), (f) or (h) on the state owned or managed portions of Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, or Mirror Lake state parks except as provided in this section and as established under s. 29.089 (1m), Stats.. No person may trap on the state owned portions of state parks except as provided in this section and as established under s. 29.089 (1m), Stats. Portions of the properties listed may be posted closed to trapping and, small game and migratory bird hunting.

**(1)** SMALL GAME AND MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS. (a) *Small game.* Hunting is allowed for small game in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, and Mirror Lake state parks during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (2) (a), (c), (e), (g), (3) (a), (bt), (c), (f) and (h).

(b) *Migratory game birds.* 1. Migratory game bird hunting with firearms for the species specified in s. NR 10.01 (1) is allowed in Governor Dodge and Mill Bluff state parks from November 1 through December 15 or until the seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (1) conclude, whichever occurs first.

2. Migratory game bird hunting is allowed in Mirror Lake state park during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (1).

**(2)** HUNTING HOURS. (a) Except as provided under pars. (b) and (c), the hunting hours for pursuing small game at Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff and Mirror Lake state parks shall be the same as the hours established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours will close at 12:00 noon daily at times when the Natural Resources Board has made a determination to generally prohibit hunting at other state parks under s. 29.089 (1m) (b) 2., Stats. Hunting is allowed under the specific season frameworks for these parks established in s. NR 10.01.

(b) The hunting hours for pursuing migratory game birds at Governor Dodge and Mill Bluff state parks shall be the same as the hours established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours shall close at 12:00 noon daily at times when the Natural Resources Board has made a determination to generally prohibit hunting under s. 29.089 (1m) (b) 2., Stats. Hunting is allowed under the specific season frameworks for these parks established in s. NR 10.01.

(c) The hunting hours for pursuing migratory game birds at Mirror Lake state park shall be the same as the hours established in s. NR 10.06 (5).

**(5)** TRAPPING. (a) *Purpose.* Section 29.089 (1m) (a), Stats., establishes that trapping is generally allowed in state parks. This subsection is created because prohibiting trapping by certain methods and in certain locations is necessary to protect public safety.

(b) *Applicability.* The provisions of this subsection apply to state parks and state park trails as established in ss. 23.17 (2), 23.175 (2) (a), 23.293 (1) (c), 27.01, and 29.089, Stats., when the property is owned by the department. When traversing another type of department property established under s. 23.09 (2), Stats., portions of state trails and other state park related properties are subject to the hunting and trapping rules of that property type unless otherwise posted.

(c) *Upland trapping.* No person may place any trap that is not completely submerged under water on the state owned portions of state parks except if the trap is an enclosed trigger trap.

**History:** CR 02−089: cr. Register February 2003 No. 566, eff. 3−1−03; CR 04−046: am (1) (b) 1. and (2) (b) Register September 2004 No. 585, eff. 10−1−04; CR 05−102: am. (1) (a), (b) 1., (2) (c) and (3) (a) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 07−035: am. (1) (b) 1., (2) (b) 1. and 2. Register April 2008 No. 628, eff. 5−1−08; CR 08−022: cr. (4) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; cr. (4) (c) (title), (d) (title) under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 2., Stats., Register December 2010 No. 660; correction in (4) (c), (d) 1. under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register August 2012 No. 680; CR 13−108: am. (title), (intro.), (1) (b) 1., r. (2) (title), (a), r. (2) (c), renum. (2) 1. to 3. to (a) to (c), r. (3), (4), cr. (5) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14; correction in (2) (title) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 2., correction in numbering in (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14.



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**NR 10.28 Deer population management units.** Deer population management units are established as designated on the following maps:

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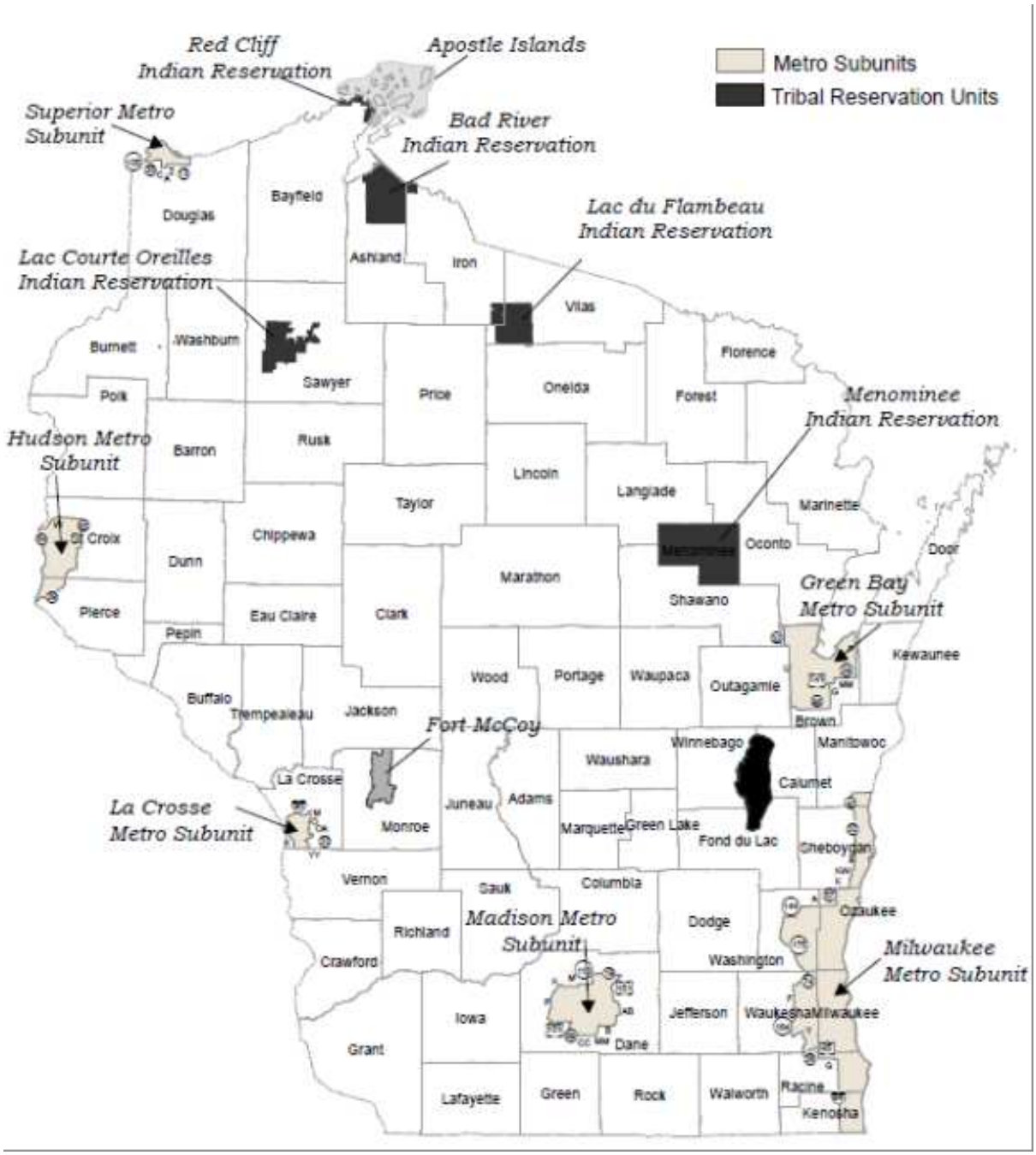
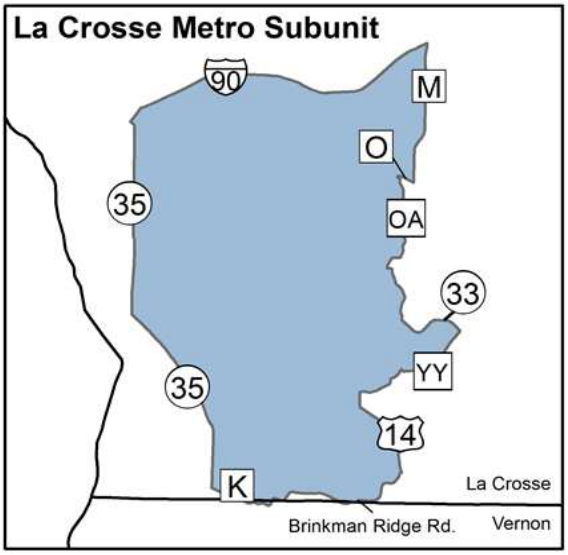
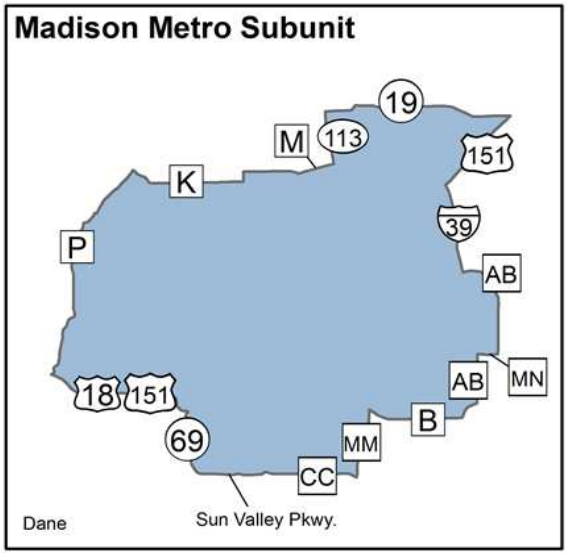


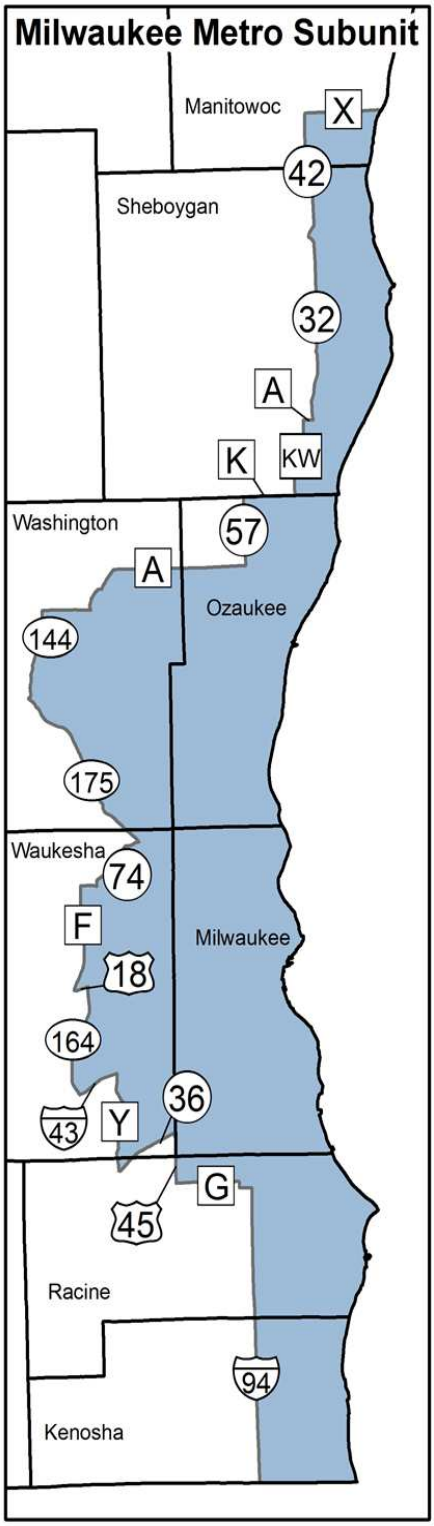
**(2)** METROPOLITAN DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS. (a) *La Crosse area.*



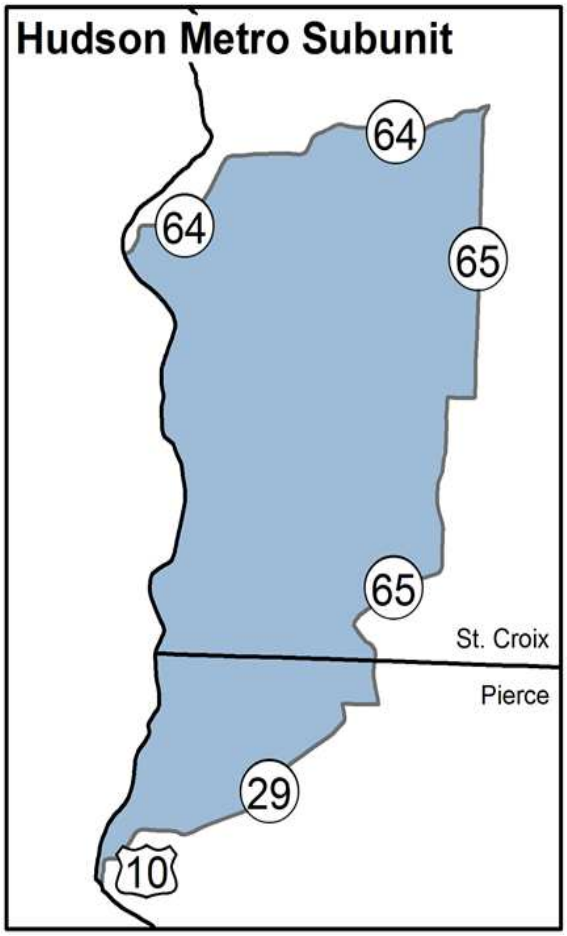

(b) *Madison area.*



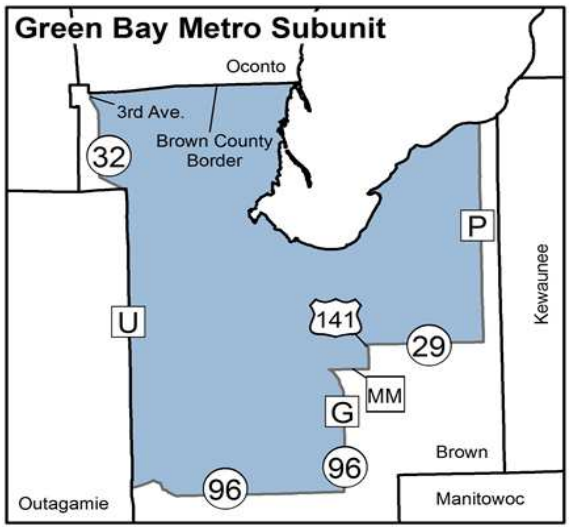

(c) *Milwaukee area.*



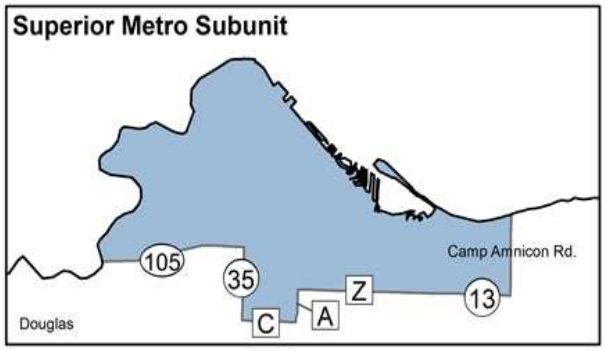
(d) *Hudson area.*



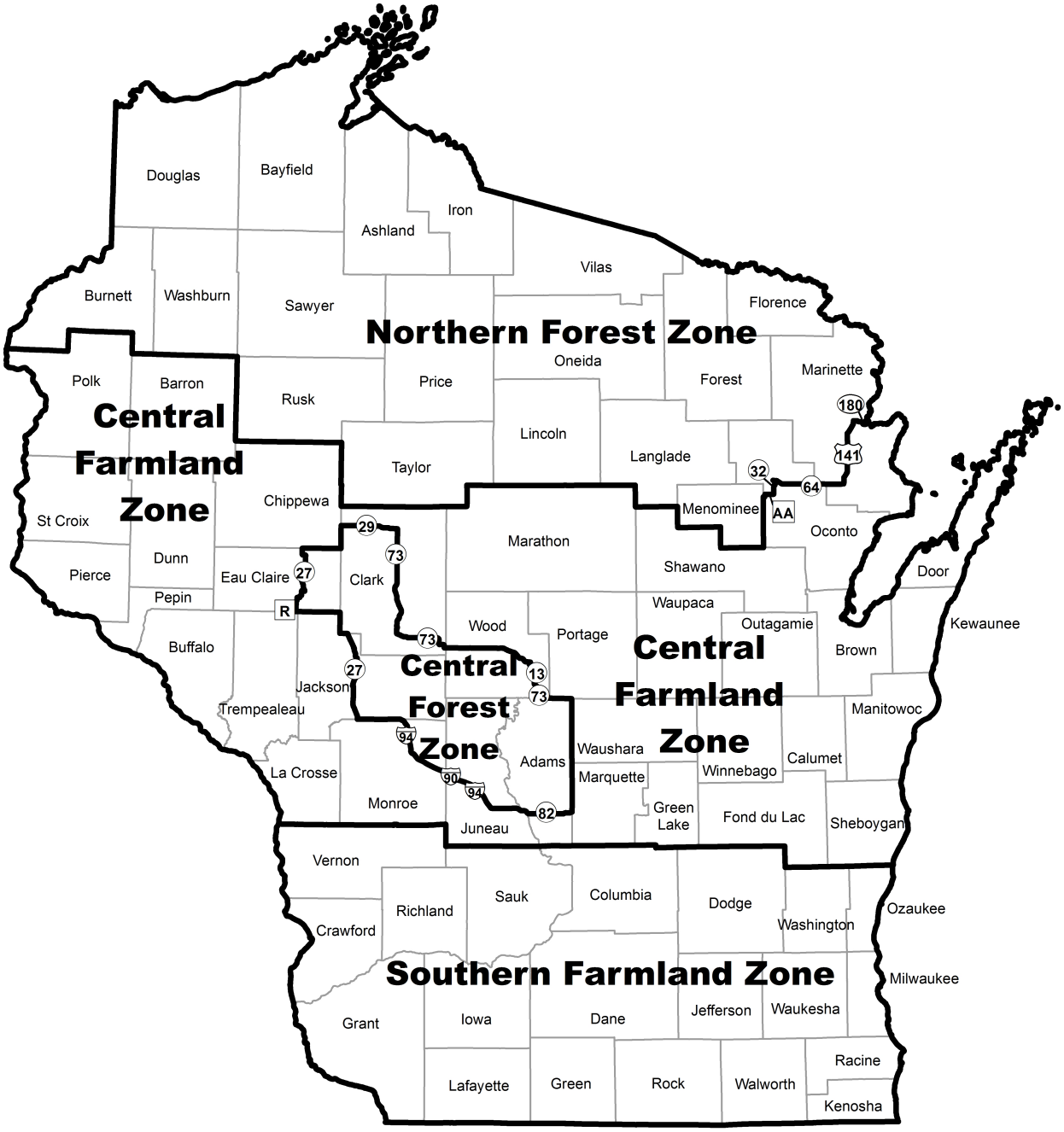

(e) *Green Bay area.*




(f) *Superior area.*



**(4)** DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES.




**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1964. No. 104, eff. 9−1−64; am. map. Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9−1−68; r. and recr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9−1−69; renum. to be NR 10.24; am. (1), Register, June, 1970. No. 174. eff. 7−1−70; am. (1), and map Register, August, 1971. No. 188, eff. 9−1−71; am. (1). Register, September, 1972. No. 201, eff. 10−1−72; am. (1), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10−1−73; am. (1), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8−15−76; am. (1), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12−1−76; am. Register, October, 1977, No. 262, eff. 11−1−77; renum. from NR 10.24 and am., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10−1−79; r. and recr., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11−1−81; emerg. am. eff. 9−9−82; r. and recr. Register, October, 1983, No. 334, eff. 11−1−83; r. and recr. Register, October, 1984, No. 346, eff. 11−1−84; r. and recr. Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8−1−85; r. and recr. October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11−1−85; r. and recr. October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11−1−86; r. and recr. October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; am. map, Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10−1−90; r. and recr. Register August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; r. and recr. (intro.), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; r. and recr. (1), cr. (2) (d) and (e), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 11−1−97; r. and recr. (1) map, Register, July, 1998, No. 511, eff. 8−1−98; r. and recr. (1), Register, June, 1999, No. 522, eff. 7−1−99; r. and recr. (1), Register, May, 2000, No. 533, eff. 6−1−00; r. and recr. (1) and (2) (c), Register, March, 2001, No. 543, eff. 4−1−01; emerg. cr. (3), eff. 7−3−02; r. and recr. (1), Register July 2002 No. 559, eff. 8−1−02; CR 02−018: cr. (2) (f) Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10−1−02; CR 03−016: cr. (3) Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03l; CR 04−020: r. and recr. (3) Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; CR 04−091: r. and recr. (1) Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5−1−05; CR 05−016: r. and recr. (3) Register August 2005 No. 596, eff. 9−1−05; CR 05−017: r. and recr. (1) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; CR 05−086: r. and recr. (1), cr. (4) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 06−012: r. and recr. (1) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 2−1−07; CR 07−015: r. and recr. (1) Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 2−1−08; CR 08−013: r. and recr. (3) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−08; CR 13−071: r. and recr. (1), (2), r. (3), r. and recr. (4) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.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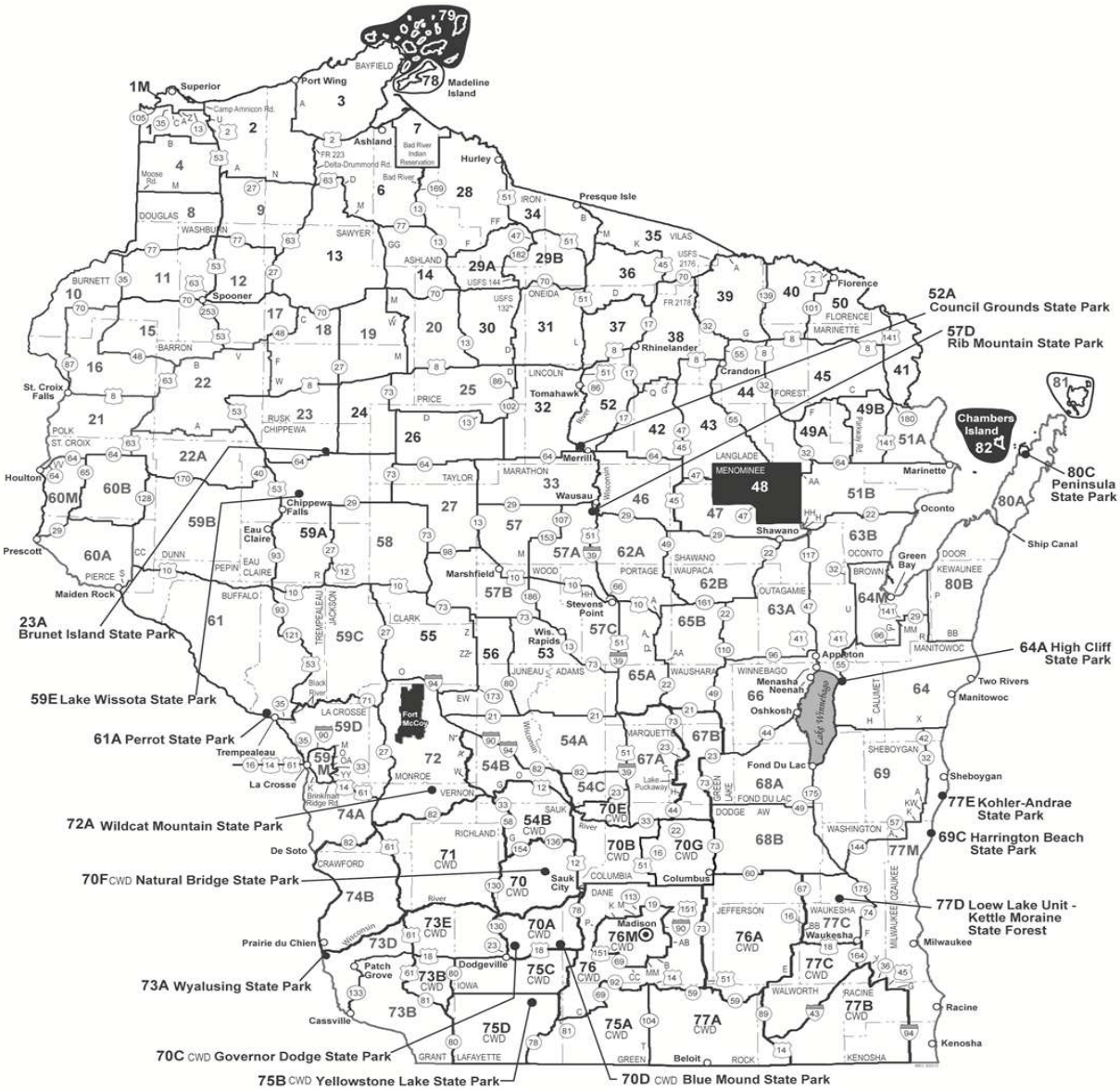
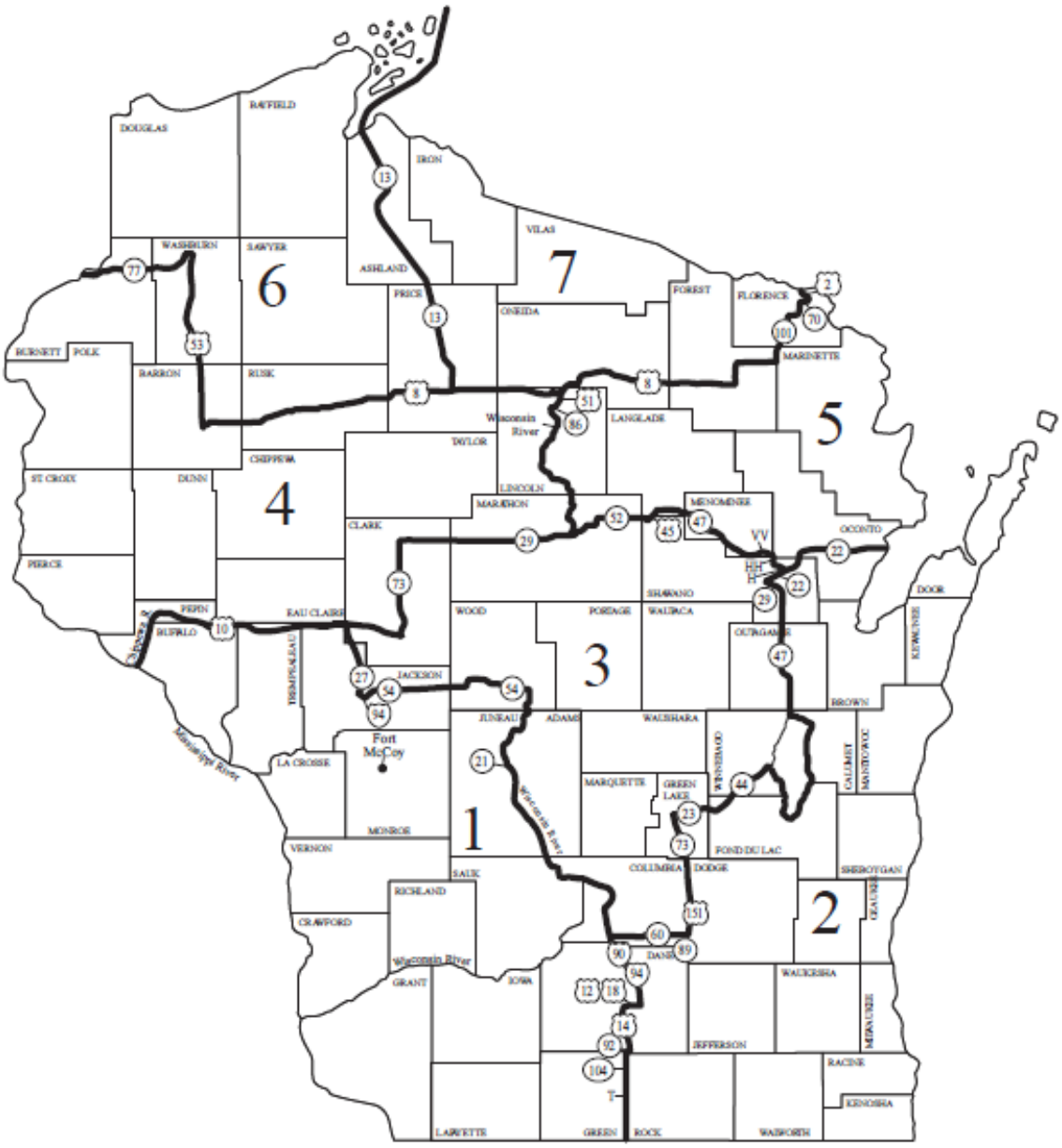
**NR 10.285 Game management zones:**




**Note:** Prior to 2015 the game management zones in this section were also used by the department as deer management units. These game management zones continue to serve as the basis for fisher, sharp−tailed grouse, and bear management zones.

**History:** CR 13−071: cr. Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.29 Wild turkey hunting zones.**




**History:** Cr. Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12−1−82; r. and recr. Register, March, 1984, No. 339, eff. 4−1−84; r. and recr. Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4−1−85; r. and recr. Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11−1−85; r. and recr., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11−1−87; r. and recr. Register, January, 1988, No. 385, eff. 2−1−88; r. and recr. Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4−1−89; r. and recr. Register, January, 1990, No. 409, eff. 2−1−90; r. and recr. Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2−1−91; r. and recr. Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; r. and recr., Register, June, 1992, No. 438, eff. 7−1−92; r. and recr., Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8−1−95; r. and recr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 12−1−97; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 1−1−98; CR 01−008: r. (1), r. and recr. (2), Register October 2001 No. 550 eff. 4−1−02; CR 04−011: r. and recr. (2) Register September 2004 No 585, eff. 4−1−05; CR 05−102: r. and recr. Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; CR 06−037: r. and recr. Register June 2007 No. 618, eff. 7−1−07; CR 07−015: r. and recr. Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 6−1−08; CR 10−020: r. and recr. Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 2−1−11; CR 13−108: r. and recr. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14.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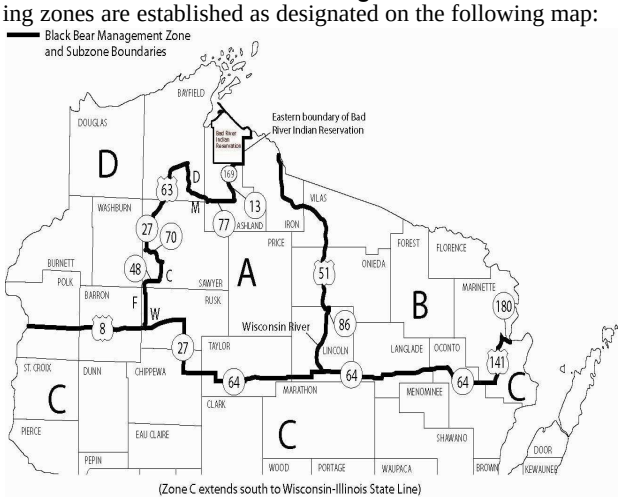
**NR 10.30 Black bear hunting zones.** Black bear hunting zones are established as designated on the following map:

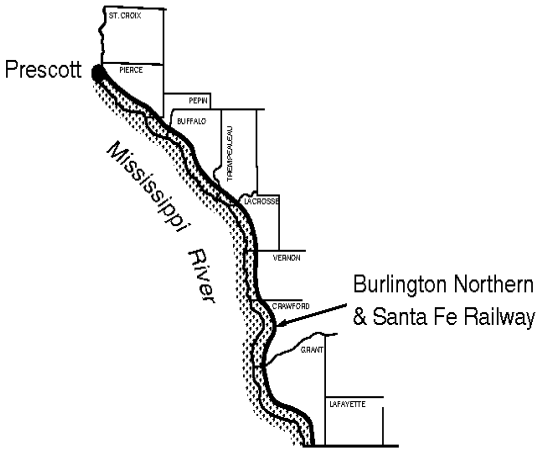



**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8−1−87; r. and recr. map, Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1−1−94; r. and recr. Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; CR 06−037: r. and recr. Register June 2007 No. 618, eff. 7−1−07; CR 07−015: r. and recr. Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 11−1−07; CR 08−021: r. and recr. Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 12−1−08.

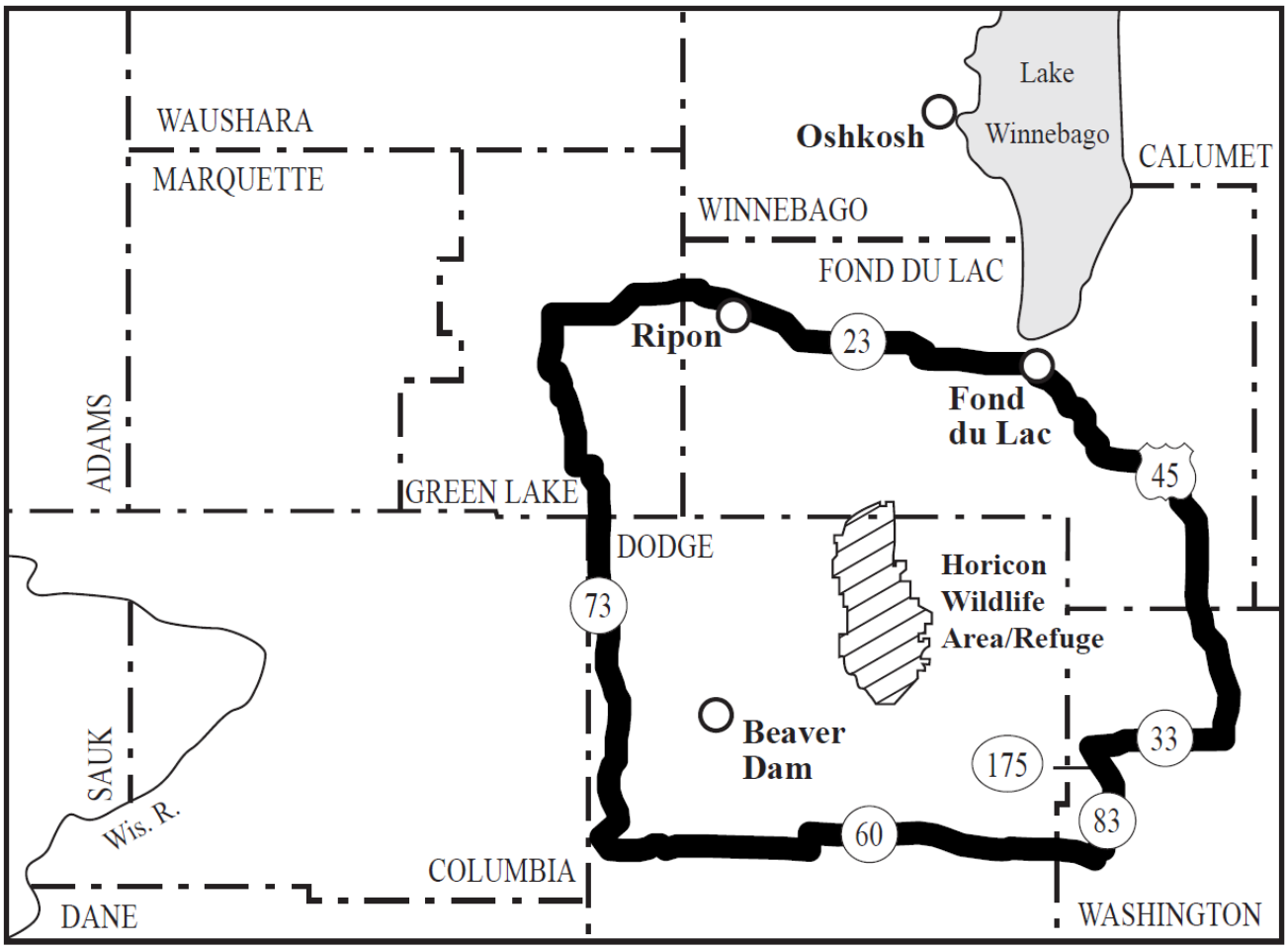
**NR 10.31 Canada goose management zones.** Canada goose management zones are established by the following maps:

**(1)** EXTERIOR ZONE. The exterior goose management zone is defined in s. NR 10.001 (9w) and includes the following subzones:

(c) *Mississippi river subzone.*



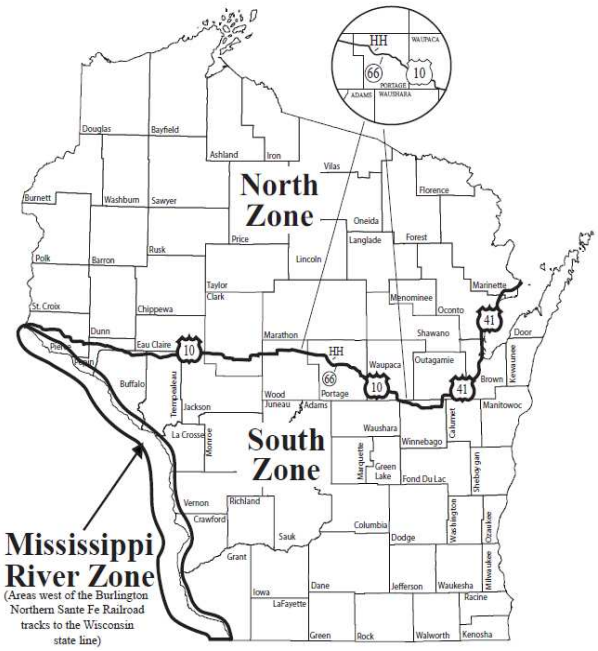

**(3)** HORICON ZONE. (a) *Horicon zone boundaries.*




**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8−1−88; emerg. renum. (1) to (6) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b) and (1) (c), cr. (1) (intro.), eff. 9−15−89; r. and recr. (7), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11−1−89; renum. (1) to (10) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b), (1) (c) and (d), (4), (1) (e) and (5), cr. (1) (intro.) and (3) (intro.), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4−1−90; r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7−1−90; cr. (11), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; am. (2) and

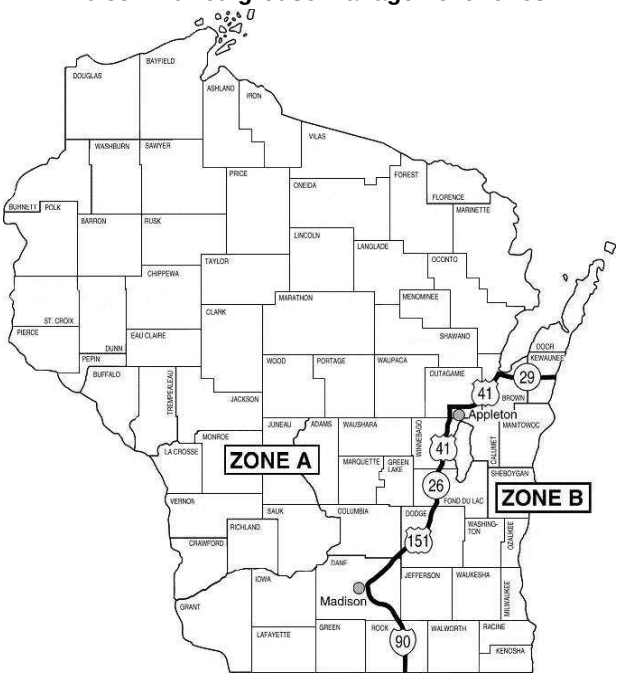
(3) (a), Register, September, 1991, No. 429, eff. 10−1−91; r. and recr. (3), r. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1992, No. 440, eff. 9−1−92; r. and recr. (1) (b), (2) and (11), cr. (3) (b), Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 9−1−94, except (11), eff. 1−1−95; r. and recr. (11), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; emerg. r. and recr. (1), eff. 9−10−99; r. and recr. (11), Register, September, 1999, No. 525, eff. 3−1−00; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1−1−00; r. (1) (d), r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 5−1−01; corrections in (1) (intro.) and (3) (intro.) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register April 2005 No. 592; emerg. r. (11) eff. 8−31−06; CR 06−074: r. (11) Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 1−1−07; CR 09−042: am. (3) (intro.), r. (3) (b) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7−1−10; CR 10−020: r. (1) (b) and (e) Register October 2010 No. 658, eff. 11−1−10; CR 10−066: r. (2) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 2−1−11; CR 13−052: r. (1) (a), r. and recr. (3) (a) Register March 2014 No. 699, eff. 4−1−14.

### NR 10.32 Migratory game bird hunting zones.



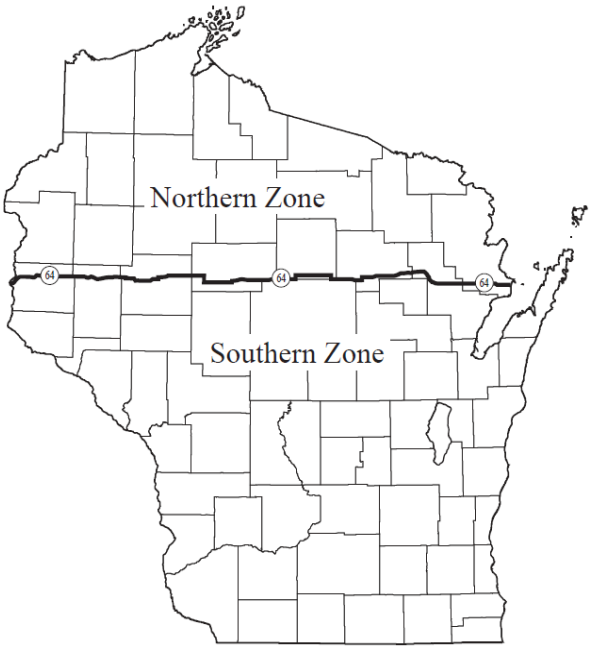

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 9−21−88; cr., Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2−1−89; r. and recr. May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6−1−96; emerg. r. and recr. eff. 8−31−06; CR 06−074: r. and recr. Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 1−1−07; CR 09−042: r. and recr. Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7−1−10; CR 11−032: r. and recr. Register August 2012 No. 680, eff. 9−1−12.

### NR 10.33 Ruffed grouse management zones.




**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1990, No. 418, eff. 11−1−90; CR 06−012: r. and recr. Register December 2006 No. 612, eff. 2−1−07.

### NR 10.34 Bobcat hunting and trapping zones.

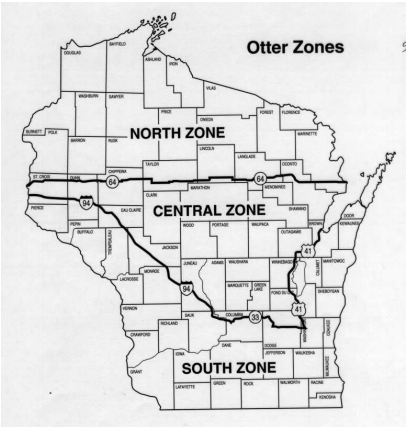



**History:** CR 13−067: cr. August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14.

**NR 10.35 Beaver management zones.**

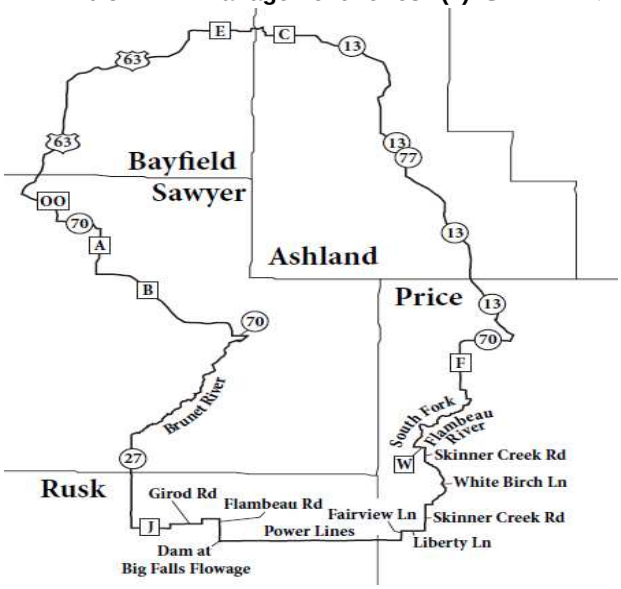
**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1991, No. 425, eff. 6−1−91; r. and recr. Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 5−1−98.

**NR 10.36 Otter zones.**

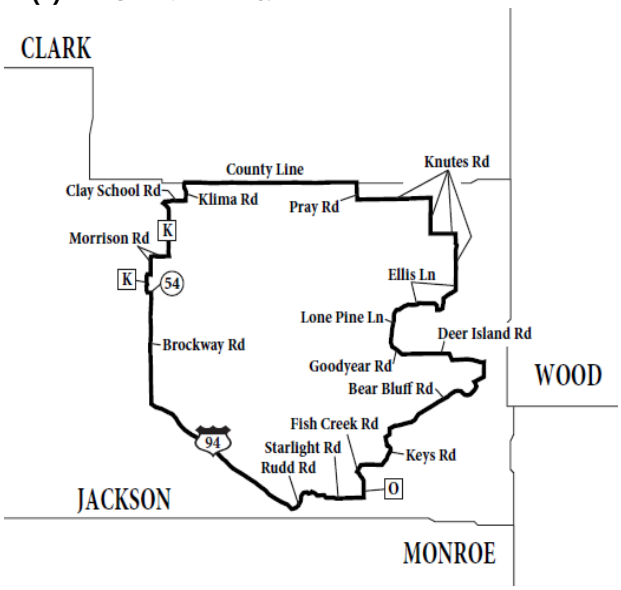



**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1994, No. 464, eff. 1−1−95.

**NR 10.37 Elk management zones. (1)** CLAM LAKE:




**(2)** BLACK RIVER FALLS:




**(3)** ZONE X. Elk management zone X includes the entire state except areas which are part of the Clam Lake and Black River Falls elk management zones.

**History:** CR 03−018: cr. Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 1−1−04; CR 13−067: r. and recr. Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14.

**NR 10.40 Disabled hunters; special hunt authorizations. (1)** PURPOSE. Pursuant to s. 29.053 (3), Stats., the natural resources board establishes this section to provide additional recreational hunting opportunities to the citizens of Wisconsin and to establish procedures for conducting special hunts that will encourage greater hunting participation by persons with physical and visual disabilities.

**(2)** DEFINITION. "Special gun deer hunt" means a department authorized local firearm season for deer conducted outside the regular gun deer hunting seasons established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).

**(3)** SPECIAL GUN DEER HUNTS. (a) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications to conduct a special gun deer hunt shall be on department forms and be submitted to the designated department

office for the county within which the hunt will be conducted by June 1.

2. All applications shall include:

a. The authorization of the host landowner to conduct a special gun deer hunt; and

b. A legal description of the lands on which the hunt is to be conducted.

3. The applicant shall provide a final list of the names, addresses and Class A or C permit numbers of all participating hunters and the names of their designated assistants to the department by September 1.

**Note:** Application forms may be obtained at department region and service center offices.

(b) *Participation limits.* No person may participate in more than one special gun deer hunt in the same calendar year and all participants must possess a valid gun deer license and either a valid Class A permit, valid Class B permit which authorizes hunting from a vehicle that is issued for more than one year, or valid Class C permit issued pursuant to s. 29.193 (2), Stats., that was issued on or after August 9, 1989.

(c) *Participant selection.* No person may be refused participation based on their age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, development disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

(d) *Dates.* All special gun deer hunts shall be conducted during the 9 consecutive day period that begins on the first Saturday of October.

(e) *Hunter participation limits.* The department may not authorize a special gun deer hunt if the number of participating hunters is less than 3 or if the hunter density will exceed 2 per 40 acres of land described on the application.

(f) *Rule compliance.* Unless otherwise provided by the department, all disabled hunters and accompanying persons shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular gun deer season specified under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). The bag limit is one buck deer per valid gun buck deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer per current valid antlerless deer permit. An antlerless deer permit that is issued under s. NR 10.104 (7) may be used by a participant in this special hunt in any unit statewide. Other hunters, hunting on the lands described on the application during the special gun deer hunt, shall comply with the blaze orange clothing requirements in s. 29.301 (2), Stats., except waterfowl hunters.

**Note:** Blaze orange clothing meeting the requirements of s. 29.301 (2), Stats., must be worn by all disabled hunters and accompanying persons. Participants must use their regular gun deer season license, backtag, and carcass tag.

(g) *Authorizations to assistant.* The designated assistant of the special gun deer hunt participant may use a firearm while retrieving a deer shot by a participant provided the assistant possesses a current valid deer hunting license.

(i) *Posting requirement.* The applicant shall post, at intervals not to exceed 100 yards, the boundary of all lands open to public hunting at least 7 days prior to the start of the hunt with a notice that indicates the dates on which the special gun deer hunt will be conducted on those lands and the dates and hours during which hunting by nonparticipants is prohibited. All such notices shall be removed by the applicant within 2 days of the close of the special gun deer hunt.

(j) *Reports.* If requested by the department, the applicant shall complete a special gun deer hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(k) *No fees.* The landowner or applicant shall not charge any form of a fee to a person participating in a special gun deer hunt.

**(5)** DISABLED TURKEY HUNTS ON PRIVATE LANDS. (a) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications to conduct a disabled turkey hunt on private land shall be on department forms and be submitted between September 10 to December 10 of the year prior to the hunt to the department office designated on the application form for the county within which the hunt shall be conducted.

2. An application shall include all of the following:

a. The written authorization of the host landowner to conduct a disabled turkey hunt; and

b. The turkey management zone and a legal description of the lands on which the hunt is to be conducted, including government lot or quarter−quarter section, section, township, range and county; and

c. A list of the names, addresses and Class A permit, valid Class B permit which authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle that is issued for more than one year, or C permit numbers of all participating hunters and the names of their designated assistants.

**Note:** Applications may be obtained from department regional offices and the department license section. The department license section address is 101 South Webster St., P.O. Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(b) *Participation limits.* No person may hunt in more than one disabled turkey hunt in the same calendar year and all special hunt permit applicants shall possess a valid turkey hunting license and stamp and either a Class A permit, valid Class B permit which authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle that is issued for more than one year, or C permit as defined in s. 29.193, Stats., that was issued on or after August 9, 1989. Participants may hunt only on the land described in the application and only during the time period described in the application. A person who is on the list of participating hunters for a disabled turkey hunt may not apply for a permit through the regular spring turkey hunting drawing in that year.

(c) *Participation selection.* No person may be refused participation based on their age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

(d) *Dates.* Each disabled turkey hunt shall be conducted during any one of the 5 day time periods listed in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. The dates of the disabled turkey hunt shall be listed on the application.

(e) *Hunter participation limits.* The department may not authorize disabled turkey hunts once the number of participating hunters exceeds a total of 1,000 statewide in a calendar year. The department shall approve applications in the sequence in which they are received.

(f) *Rule compliance.* Unless otherwise provided by the department in a written condition of the application approval, all disabled hunters and designated assistants shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular spring turkey season specified under s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1.

(g) *Authorizations to assistant.* The designated assistants of a disabled turkey hunt participant shall possess a valid hunting license for hunting of any species and may use the participant's firearm in compliance with s. NR 10.09 (1) while retrieving a turkey shot by a participant hunter.

(h) *Other hunting prohibited.* No person other than the disabled turkey hunt participant may hunt on the lands described on the application during the disabled turkey hunt.

(i) *Reports.* If requested by the department, applicants shall complete a turkey hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(k) *No fees.* The landowner or applicants shall not charge any form of a fee to a person participating in a disabled turkey hunt.

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8−1−90; cr. (4), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7−1−91; am. (3) (e), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6−1−93; am. (3) (d), Register, August, 1996, No. 488, eff. 9−1−96; am. (4) (a), (d) and (e), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 1−1−98; cr. (5), Register, August, 1999, No. 524, eff. 9−1−99; am. (3) (f), Register, September, 2000, No. 536, eff. 10−1−00; correction in (3) (f) was made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register January 2002, No. 553, eff. 2−1−02; CR 05−017: am. (3) (b) and (f), r. (3) (h) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2−1−06; 05−031: am. (4) (b) 1. Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 11−1−05; CR 05−086: am. (3) (f) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7−1−06; correction in (3) (f) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2008 No. 635; CR 09−015: am. (4) (a), (b) 2., (5) (a) 2. c. and (b) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 11−1−09; CR 09−024: am. (5) (e) Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; CR 10−051: am. (3) (f), (g), (4) (g) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1−1−11; CR 13−108: r. (4) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9−1−14; CR 13−071: am. (3) (f) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.41 Wildlife disease management. (1)** PURPOSE. Pursuant to s. 29.063 (1), Stats., the natural resources board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establishes this section to provide guidelines for the department to manage chronic disease in wild cervids in this state.

**(2)** STATE PARKS AND OTHER CLOSED AREAS. State parks, refuges and closed areas identified in chs. NR 11, 15 and 45 may be opened to deer hunting to assist in the control of CWD.

**(3)** CWD–AFFECTED AREA. (a) *Establishment.* The department may establish a CWD−affected area around the location of known positive cases of CWD.

(b) *Population objectives.* Entire counties, or portions of counties, located within the boundaries of a CWD affected area shall be managed toward a population objective established after seeking comment from county deer management advisory councils under s. NR 10.104 (5).

(c) *CWD affected area.* The CWD−affected area consists of the counties identified on the department's website after following the procedures established in par. (f).

(d) *Population monitoring.* The department shall monitor deer populations in a CWD−affected area with information obtained by surveys that may include registration data and aerial surveys.

(e) *Tags.* Pursuant to s. NR 12.06, the department may issue free deer hunting permits or tags to hunters or landowners, lessees, occupants or their duly authorized agents of a single parcel of land at least 5 acres in size, all within the CWD−affected area, which authorizes the individual to hunt deer in the CWD−affected area or a portion of the area.

(f) E*xpansion of the affected area.* 1. The department may include additional counties or portions of counties in the CWD affected area where and when additional CWD−positive deer are found. The department may add adjacent counties or portions of counties if they are within a 10−mile radius of the known location of a captive or free−roaming domestic or wild animal that has been tested and confirmed to be positive for CWD.

2. Affected area expansion under this subsection shall become effective upon issuance of an order by the secretary of the department and publication in the official state newspaper. In addition, a notice of the order shall be provided to newspapers, legislators, and hunting license outlets in the area affected.

**History:** CR 03−016: cr. Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03; CR 04−020: r. and recr. Register August 2004 No. 584, eff. 9−1−04; correction in (3) (e) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register September 2004 No. 585; CR 08−013: am. (1) (b) and (3), cr. (3) (b) and (f), r. (4) Register August 2008 No. 632, eff. 9−1−08; CR 09−024: am. (3) (b) 1. Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6−1−10; CR 13−071: r. and recr. Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.42 Official state duties.** Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the department and its employees, duly authorized agents, or contractors from performing their official duties relating to control of disease in deer and elk.

**History:** Emerg. cr. eff. 7−3−02; CR 03−016: cr. Register August 2003 No. 572, eff. 9−1−03.

## Subchapter II — Deer Management Assistance Program

**NR 10.70 Purpose.** This subchapter is adopted to implement the deer management assistance program under s. 29.020, Stats. The program is established to help landowners to achieve deer and other management objectives at a localized level and collect biological data that supplements statewide data, and to build relationships between landowners, hunters, and the department.

**History:** CR 13−071: cr. Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15.

**NR 10.71 Definitions.** In this subchapter:

**(1)** "Cooperative" means an association of individual property owners or their representatives who are not organized as a business entity but are organized for the purposes of managing deer and other wildlife resources, whose properties are located within one−half mile of another property in the cooperative, and whose members have agreed to participate in the deer management assistance program under this subchapter.

**(2)** "Authorized representative" means the person a landowner has designated to act and make decisions on the landowner's behalf for purposes of the program, including but not limited to, granting access to the landowner's property for department staff to conduct on−site consultation visits.

**(3)** "Program primary contact" means a person who is primarily responsible for submitting program enrollment applications and fees, scheduling meetings with department staff, and sharing information with landowners or their authorized representatives in a group cooperative or when there is more than one owner of an individual property.

**(4)** "Medium to large property" means a property of 640 acres or larger.

**(5)** "Small to medium property" means a property of at least 160 acres but smaller than 640 acres.

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**NR 10.72 Deer management assistance program levels. (1)** LEVEL 1. The first level for participation in the deer management assistance program is designed to increase communication with landowners and hunters. The department shall provide all of the following to Level 1 participants:

(a) Deer management assistance program educational resources.

(b) Opportunities for assistance from department employees including wildlife biologists and foresters.

(c) Annual program reports.

(d) An opportunity to attend annual workshops organized by the department or its partners.

(e) Assistance with projects that have scientific value.

(f) Information on forming program cooperatives.

(g) Assistance with information for participation in other conservation programs.

**(2)** LEVEL 2. The second level for participation in the deer management assistance program is for small to medium properties with basic management goals. A property owner or cooperative of owners or their authorized representatives must apply to the department for Level 2 participation in the deer management assistance program. Participants shall provide deer harvest reports and the department may require collection of additional data and attendance at an annual meeting or workshop sponsored by the department or its partners. The department shall provide all of the following to Level 2 participants who provide the information required in this section:

(a) One on−site consultation visit by a wildlife biologist and a forester.

(b) A management plan with habitat and deer harvest recommendations developed individually for the enrolled property or cooperative.

(c) Antlerless tags established under s. NR 10.104 (9m) when appropriate based on harvest recommendations developed under par. (b).

(d) Annual reports summarizing data collected by the property owner or cooperative.

**(3)** LEVEL 3. The third level for participation in the deer management assistance program is for medium to large properties with complex management goals. A property owner or cooperative of owners or their authorized representatives must apply to the department for Level 3 participation in the deer management assistance program. Participants shall provide deer harvest reports and the department may require collection of additional data and attendance at an annual meeting or workshop sponsored by the department or its partners. The department shall provide the services established in sub. (2), together with all of the following, to Level 3 participants who provide the information required under sub. (2):

(a) Assistance with deer population monitoring.

(b) Technical assistance and design recommendations for habitat and property management activities.

(c) Additional site visits that may be needed to provide detailed management recommendations.

**(4)** PUBLIC LAND. (a) The department may cooperate with the managers of national, state, county, or municipally owned land which is open to the public for deer hunting.

(b) The program coordinator, biologist, and forester shall work together with public access land managers and hunters to enroll properties and recommend harvest quotas.

(c) Local public input sessions conducted by the enrollee shall be used to identify site−specific management concerns and to review antlerless harvest quotas. Property specific antlerless tags established under s. NR 10.104 shall be issued to harvest antlerless deer on enrolled public properties.

(d) The program coordinator, biologist, forester, and local property manager shall work together to promote wildlife habitat improvement projects on properties where quality habitat is limited.

**History:** CR 13−071: cr. Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; correction in numbering of (2) (d) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8−1−15; correction in (2) (c) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register November 2015 No. 719.

**NR 10.73 Fees.** Enrollment in the deer management assistance program is for a period of not less than three years beginning on the date that a valid application is accepted and ending on a date specified by the department. The department may wave the fee for participation by governmental organizations or owners of other lands that the department determines are open to the public for hunting. The fees for participation in the deer management assistance program are as follows:

Level 2 . . . . . $75.00

Level 3 . . . . . $150.00

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**NR 10.74 Ineligibility and penalties.** Any participant who charges a fee for bonus permits issued under this subchapter in violation of s. NR 10.104 (9m) (a), or who fails to keep records or make reports to the department as required under this chapter, shall be denied any benefits of enrollment in the program for the calendar year in which the failure was identified and be ineligible to participate for up to two years subsequent to that.

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