

Clearinghouse Rule 06-013

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-11-06

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.014, 29.063, 29.177 and 227.11, Stats., interpreting ss. 29.063, 29.177 and 29.361, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

Beginning in 2006, the Department proposes the following CWD hunting rules that:

Create an either-sex hunting regulation for all seasons for both the Herd Reduction Zone (HRZ) and the Disease Eradication Zones (DEZ).

HRZ and DEZ early gun deer season for 9 days beginning the Saturday nearest October 24.

HRZ and DEZ late gun deer season beginning with the traditional opener and ending 3 Sundays after Thanksgiving.

Preservation of the Earn-a-Buck option for the future, if needed. Criteria will be created that will establish when the Department may use the earn-a-buck harvest regulations and add 7 days to the early deer gun season if earn-a-buck regulations are recommended for a unit, units or a herd reduction or disease eradication zone.

In the state parks in the herd reduction zone (Belmont Mound, Cadiz Springs, Devil's Lake, Natural Bridge, New Glarus Woods, Mirror Lake, Rocky Arbor and Yellowstone) the late October season would be extended from 4 to 9 days to mirror the season outside of the park. Also, for consistency, rather than beginning on the Thursday, the season would start on the Saturday nearest October 24. The hunting hours will end at noon for all 9 days to reduce conflicts with traditional park uses.

In state parks in the disease eradication zone (Blue Mound, Governor Dodge and Tower Hill), the number of early gun hunting days will be reduced to be consistent with hunting outside the parks. In 2006, the early firearm season in these parks would begin the Saturday nearest October 24 and extend for 9 days. The archery seasons in these parks will open on the same weekend as the early gun hunt, rather than on the Thursday nearest October 27. The hunting hours will end at noon for all 9 days to reduce conflicts with traditional park uses.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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