Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 10, 12 and 16, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-16-07

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.104 and 227.11, Stats., interpreting s. 29.014, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

Annually the department updates administrative code language to correct inconsistencies, update outdated language and provide clarification where appropriate. This year, the department is proposing the following changes related to hunting, nuisance wild animal removal and captive wild animals:

- Clarify that a disabled person is a person who holds a Class A, B or C disabled permit.
- Establish that the rabbit hunting season closes on the last day in February rather than February 28
- Correct a cross reference in the firearm deer hunting season
- Update the fisher zone map which is based on the recently updated Deer Management Zone Map
- Relax bear carcass registration so that bear may be registered at stations that are adjacent to highways that form the boundary of the bear management zone in which it was killed
- Correct drafting errors in the rule that establishes small game hunting in state parks
- Clarify that landowners who are removing certain nuisance wild animals are not subject to hunting or trapping seasons
- Update cross references and terminology so that DATCP's animal diseases and movement and DNR's captive wildlife rules are consistent.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

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

<u>Description of any Forms</u> (attach copies if available)

None

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