

Clearinghouse Rule 09-053

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order WM-16-09

Wisconsin Statutory Authority
ss. 29.014, and 227.11, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None.

Analysis of the Rule – Rule Effect – Reason for the Rule

The Department is proposing raising deer population goals in 13 management units and lowering the goal in three. There are currently 131 deer management units with individual overwinter population goals and a statewide over winter population goal of approximately 737,000 deer. Over winter population goals and management units serve as the foundation for managing the deer herd and determining deer hunting season structures. All goals referred to in this rule are the over winter deer population goal for a deer management unit. The hunting season population will generally be substantially larger than the over winter population goal.

These changes are recommended to provide hunters with more deer hunting opportunities in instances where goals are proposed for increases and to alleviate agricultural damage in the instances where the goals have been recommended for a decrease. The department does not anticipate significant ecological, agricultural or forestry impacts because of the proposed goal increases. However, there is a concern that a higher goal with low hunter densities will mean continuous herd control seasons.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

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

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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