

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

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to amend s. NR 10.01(3)(e), 10.01(3)(em)1., 10.01(3)(em)4. c. and d., 10.01(3)(es)1., 10.01(3)(et)1., 10.03(3)(ev), and 10.06(8)(b) and 10.104(8)(a) and to create 10.001(23b), 10.001(23m), 10.01(3)(e)1., 10.01(3)(ed)1.d. and 10.01(3)(em)6. relating to the seasons for hunting deer.

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Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory Authority and Explanation: Statutes that authorize the promulgation of this rule order include ss. 29.014 , 29.063, 29.177 and 227.11, Stats. These sections grant rule making authority to the department to establish and maintain open and closed seasons for hunting and provides that all rules promulgated under this authority are subject to review under ch. 227, Stats.

Statutes Interpreted and Explanation: In promulgating this rule ss. 29.063, and 29.177 Stats., have been interpreted as allowing the department the authority to establish additional CWD zones and regulations for the control and management of the disease.

Related Rule or Statute: One administrative rule that is currently under promulgation, CR 09-024, would amend language in section 2. of this board order. This board order reflects that proposed change.

Plain Language Analysis: These proposed rules establish the deer season framework for hunting with archery gear, firearms and muzzleloaders.

November firearm season	Statewide 16-day season beginning two Saturdays prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. CWD zone would use the same dates. Season would be the normal bucks plus variable quota system
Archery seasons	Opens statewide on the Saturday closest to September 15 and continues through the Thursday immediately prior to November firearm season. Statewide season reopens on 1 st day of the November gun season and continuing through the 2 nd Sunday in January. In herd-control units, the archery season would continue through January 31. Bonus buck incentive for all hunters beginning December 26 and continuing through January 31 in herd control units.
Youth season	Statewide 5-day, either-sex season beginning the 2 nd Saturday in October. Saturday through Wednesday.
Early muzzleloader season	Statewide 5-day, antlerless-only by permit beginning the 2 nd Saturday in October. Saturday through Wednesday.
October herd control firearm season	Herd control units only. 5-day, antlerless-only season beginning the 2 nd Saturday in October. CWD October season would use same dates. Saturday through Wednesday.
Late muzzleloader season	Statewide 7-day season beginning the Monday immediately following the November firearm season. (Bucks plus quota)
December firearm season	Central Forest & Farmland zones. 4-day, antlerless-only season beginning the Thursday immediately following the late muzzleloader season. Appropriate antlerless permit required.
Holiday herd control firearm season	Central Forest & Farmland zones. Herd control units only, 10-day antlerless-only season beginning December 26 th . CWD zone would use

	same dates
Bonus buck incentive	Hunters harvesting an antlerless deer in herd control units beginning on December 26 with this incentive are eligible for a bonus buck tag valid through the end of all deer seasons.
Public/private land tags	Herd control units only. Herd control tags will be specific to public or private lands. Public land tags will be issued based on the percentage of public land within herd control units.

Section 1 establishes a definition of private land that will serve as a basis for determining where antlerless deer permits for public land only are not valid.

Section 2 establishes a definition of public land that will serve as a basis for determining where antlerless deer permits for public land only are valid.

Section 3 establishes a 16 day statewide firearm deer season beginning on the second Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday.

Additionally, this section would establish that, in units where it is unlikely the deer population will be reduced to within 20% of the overwinter population goal under the established deer hunting seasons, an antlerless-only firearm season may be held beginning on December 26 and continuing for 10 days.

This section also establishes that the muzzleloader-only season at Perot, High Cliff and Peninsula state parks and the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest begins on the second Saturday before the Thanksgiving holiday. A 16 day firearm season is also established at the following state parks; the portion of Big Bay state park located on Madeline Island west of a north-south line beginning at the park entrance on Haines road, Governor Thompson, Elroy-Sparta, Hartman Creek, Interstate, the Plum Island portion of Grand Traverse Islands, Mill Bluff, Newport, Rock Island, Straight Lake, Wyalusing (73A), Tuscobia-Park Falls, Kinnickinnic and Willow River, Council Grounds (unit 52A), Brunet Island (unit 23A), and Lake Wissota (unit 59E) state parks.

Finally, this section opens the deer hunting season one week earlier in metro units so that those seasons will run for 26 days.

Section 4 establishes a voluntary earn-a-buck program. The harvest of one antlerless deer during a gun or archery season beginning on December 26 will authorize the harvest of a buck that is in addition to the one authorized under a firearm or archery deer hunting license.

Section 5 establishes that archery hunting is for antlerless deer only during the days of the December 4-day firearm season for antlerless deer.

Section 6 extends the statewide archery deer hunting season so that the last day is the second Sunday in January instead of the Sunday nearest January 6. This section does not include state parks. In units that are designated as herd control, the season is extended through January 31.

Section 7 Opens the archery deer hunting season on the same day as the 16-day firearm season in certain state parks that already have an archery season. This section maintains the current last day for archery hunting season at certain state parks so that it will continue to end on the Sunday nearest January 6. The season will not be extended to January 31 at the following state parks and trails; Elroy-Sparta, Council Grounds (52A), Hartman Creek, Interstate, Kinnickinnic, Wildcat Mountain (unit 72A), Rib Mountain (unit 57D), Harrington Beach (unit 69C), Kohler-Andrae (unit 77E), Willow River, Newport, Tuscobia-Park Falls, and Brunet Island (unit 23A).

Section 8 establishes a statewide, antlerless deer only, muzzleloader-only season beginning on the second Saturday in October and continuing for 5 consecutive days. This section reduces the length of the existing muzzleloader only season by three days.

Section 9 revises the deer seasons in the CWD Management Zone so that they are consistent with the deer seasons in the areas of the state that are herd control units.

Section 10 Amends the youth deer hunting season so that it runs concurrently with the October muzzleloader and herd control seasons.

Section 11 establishes that the hunting hours for all species of game except migratory birds shall occur during the hours when firearm deer hunting is allowed during the first two days of the firearm deer season. Following the first two days of the firearm deer season and at other times when firearm deer hunting is allowed, species for which there are no hunting hours restrictions may be hunted at any time.

Section 12 establishes that antlerless deer permits may be valid for hunting on either public land or private lands but not both. The number of permits issued for public land only will be based on the percent of public land in a deer management unit and the harvest quota needed to manage the herd at goal.

Summary of, and Comparison with, Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations: Federal regulations allow states to manage the wildlife resources located within their boundaries provided they do not conflict with regulations established in the Federal Register. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

Comparison with rules in Adjacent States: All of Wisconsin's surrounding states use hunting seasons to provide hunting opportunities and to manage white-tailed deer herds. All of the surrounding states utilize a range of hunting seasons and allow the use of archery equipment, firearms and muzzleloading firearms at certain times. The seasons proposed in this rule order do not vary significantly from the hunting opportunities that are available in other states.

Illinois

The Illinois archery season in most of the state runs from October 1 - January 17 except that it is closed during the firearm deer season. Illinois has two periods for firearm deer hunting. The first firearm season in 2009 is November 20, 21, 22 and the second season is December 3, 4, 5, 6. The Illinois muzzleloader only season will be December 11, 12, 13 in 2009.

Iowa

There are two archery hunting periods, the first is October 1 - Dec. 4 and the second is December 21 - January 10, 2010. Iowa also has two periods for firearm hunting, December 5 - 9 and December 12 - 20. Iowa's two muzzleloader only hunting periods are October 17 - 25 and December 21 - January 10.

Michigan

Michigan has two archery hunting periods, the first beginning on October 1 and continuing through November 14 and the second running December 1 - January 1. The Michigan firearm season begins on November 15 and continues through November 30. Michigan's muzzleloader-only seasons vary in three zones, all occurring in December and vary from 10 to 17 days in length.

Minnesota

Minnesota's archery season runs from September 19 to December 31. Minnesota's firearm season begins on November 7 and continues to November 15 or 22 depending on the zone. The muzzleloader-only season runs from November 28 to December 13.

Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies: Deer affect nearly every Wisconsin citizen's life in some way. Many of these effects are significant from a recreational, economic, and/or social perspective. There are over 650,000 gun deer hunters and 250,000 bow hunters in Wisconsin. Regulations which require the harvest of an antlerless deer before a buck, called earn-a-buck, have been implemented where necessary to reduce deer populations since 2004. In May of 2009 the department, general public, and members of a committee created by the Natural Resources Board were charged with

working together to recommend a deer hunting season structure that could be an effective alternative to earn-a-buck regulations. Acceptable alternatives must be shown to be effective for deer population management and supported by hunters and landowners and able to be evaluated through established benchmarks. The committee's majority recommended season structure is the basis for construction of this rule proposal.

The committee arrived at its recommendations after evaluating the expected effectiveness of each season component using conservation warden and biologist/wildlife manager input on enforceability and effectiveness, while also taking into consideration the acceptable level of hunter and landowner support needed to ensure participation in herd control seasons. Effectiveness was defined as the ability of a season or incentive to maintain herd populations at or near goal. This includes requiring the ability to allow targeted herd control to reduce over population while also allowing the flexibility to protect from over harvest in units that are at or below goal.

The guidelines for deer management in Wisconsin are established by administrative code and require consideration of the following criteria; 1) carrying capacity relative to habitat and winter severity, 2) hunter success and public deer viewing opportunities, 3) ecological and economic impacts of deer browsing, 4) disease transmission. 5) concern for deer-vehicle collisions 6) Chippewa treaty harvest, 7) hunter access, 8) ability to keep the herd in a unit at goal, 9) tolerable levels of crop damage.

Analysis and Supporting Documents Used to Determine Effect on Small Business or in Preparation of Economic Impact Report: These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule making authority, do not have a significant fiscal effect on the private sector or small businesses. Additionally, no significant costs are associated with compliance to these rules.

Effects on Small Businesses: The proposed revisions to NR 10 Wis. Adm. Code, pertaining to deer hunting and deer harvest management, impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, nor are there any design or operational standards contained within the proposed rule.

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Deadline for Written Comments: The deadline for written comments is November 3, 2009. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>

Section 1. NR 10.001(23b) is created to read:

NR 10.001(23b) Private land for purposes of s. NR 10.104(8)(a) means land that is not public land under sub. (23m).

Section 2. NR 10.001(23m) is created to read:

NR 10.001(23m) Public land for purposes of s. NR 10.104(8)(a) means land owned, under easement to, or lease by federal, state, county, if that land is open to public hunting, and does not include private lands enrolled in the managed forest or forest crop program under ch.77, Stats.

Section 3. NR 10.01(3)(e), as amended by CR 09-024, is repealed and recreated to read:

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
NR 10.01(3)(e)1.		
		The season limit is one

			deer unless the hunter possesses additional antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104. or, beginning on December 26, as authorized under 10.01(3)(ed)1.d.
a.	All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subd. 1. b., subds. 2. to 6., or in CWD zones described in s. NR 10.28 (3).	Firearm season beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	In the counties or parts of counties and deer management units of Brown, Calumet, Dane, Dodge, Door (Detroit, Plum, Rock and Washington Islands only), Dunn (unit 59B portion), Fond du Lac, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pierce (unit 59B, 60A, 60B and 61 portions), Racine, Rock, St. Croix (unit 59B and 60B portions), Sheboygan, Shawano (south of highway 29), Trempealeau national wildlife refuge, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca and Winnebago.	Shotgun season beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
Table (3) (continued)			
c.	All that part of the state not otherwise listed in subds. 2. to 5., <u>in the Northern Forest Region under NR 10.28(4)</u> , or in CWD zones described in s. NR 10.28 (3).	4-day deer gun season beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday. Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the deer gun season identified in subdivision paragraph a. or b.	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
e.	Except for <u>units 77C and 77C CWD and areas identified in subds. 2. and 3.</u> , this season may be implemented in deer management units that meet the criteria established in par. (ed) 2., if the harvest resulting from the permit issuance procedures established in	Firearm season beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days. The firearm type in a deer management unit is the same as authorized during the seasons	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.

	par. (ed) 1. a. in a deer management region does not meet the performance measures established in par. (ef).	listed in subdivision paragraphs a. and b.	
f.	<u>In unit 77C this season may be implemented when the criteria established in par. (ed) 2. are met, if the harvest resulting from the permit issuance procedures established in par. (ed) 1. a. in a deer management region does not meet the performance measures established in par. (ef).</u>	<u>Firearm season beginning on the Thursday nearest October 27 and continuing for 5 consecutive days. The firearm type is the same as authorized during the seasons listed in subdivision paragraphs a. and b.</u>	<u>One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.</u>
g.	<u>Except for areas identified in subds. 2. and 3. or in the Northern Forest Region under NR 10.28(4), this season may be implemented in deer management units that meet the criteria established in par. (ed) 2., if the harvest resulting from the permit issuance procedures established in par. (ed) 1. a. in a deer management region does not meet the performance measures established in par. (ef).</u>	<u>Firearm season beginning on December 26 and continuing for 10 days.</u>	<u>One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.</u>
2.	State parks and forests. No person may hunt deer with a firearm on the state-owned portions of state parks and recreation areas except as provided in this section. Portions of the properties listed may be posted closed to deer hunting. Additionally, no person may hunt deer with a firearm in Perrot, High Cliff, Lake Wissota, Peninsula, Wyalusing, Wildcat Mountain, Council Grounds, Rib Mountain, Harrington Beach, Kohler-Andrae, Brunet Island state parks or the Loew Lake Unit - Kettle Moraine state forest without first obtaining a permit which authorizes access to the park.		
a.	Perrot (unit 61A), High Cliff (unit 64A) and Peninsula (unit 80C) state parks.	Muzzleloading season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	The following state parks and trails: the portion of Big Bay state park located on Madeline Island west of a north-south line beginning at the park entrance on Haines road, Governor Thompson, Elroy-Sparta, Hartman Creek, Interstate, the Plum Island portion of Grand Traverse Islands, Mill Bluff, Newport, Rock Island, Straight Lake, Wyalusing (73A) and Tuscobia-Park Falls.	Firearm season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.

c.	Kinnickinnic and Willow River state parks.	Shotgun season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for <u>9 16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
d.	Wildcat Mountain (unit 72A), Rib Mountain (unit 57D), Harrington Beach (unit 69C) and Kohler-Andrae (77E) state parks.	Muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for <u>9 16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
e.	Council Grounds state park (unit 52A)	Shotgun season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for <u>9 16</u> consecutive days followed by a muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the following Monday and continuing for <u>10 7</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
f.	Brunet Island (unit 23A) and Lake Wissota (unit 59E) state parks.	Shotgun season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for <u>9 16</u> consecutive days.	One antlerless deer or one deer of either sex as authorized by deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
g.	Loew Lake Unit - Kettle Moraine state forest (unit 77D).	Muzzleloading firearm season beginning on the <u>second</u> Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for <u>9 16</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
3.	Federal properties		
a.	Badger army ammunition plant in Sauk county, 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 Badger army ammunition plant, 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.	Deer management unit 79 - Apostle Islands	Muzzleloading firearm season October 1-31.	One buck per carcass tag as described under s. NR 10.104 (15) (c). Additional deer may be taken pursuant to s. NR 10.104 (15) (d).
4.	Menominee county (unit 48)	Firearm season type as established by the Menominee tribe for tribal members only.	As established by the Menominee tribe.
5.	Metro units.		
a.	Deer management units 59M, 60M, 64M and 77M.	Shotgun season beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 19 <u>26</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
		4-day shotgun season beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday.	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
b.	Deer management unit 1M.	Firearm season beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 19 <u>26</u> consecutive days.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104
		4-day firearm season beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday.	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.

Section 4. NR 10.01(3)(ed)1.d. is created to read:

NR 10.01(3)(ed)1.d. The department may, upon making the findings in subd. 2., allow that a person who harvests or tags an antlerless deer in that unit or units with either a bow or a gun during any open deer season beginning on December 26 may tag a buck with either weapon in that unit or units. One antlerless deer is required to authorize harvest of one buck in that unit or units, or in state parks with archery or gun deer seasons that are within or adjoining these units, for each archery and gun deer license. Bucks harvested as described in this paragraph may be tagged with any valid carcass tag but shall be transported in accordance with s. NR 10.105. Only one buck may be harvested during one

year's annual archery and gun seasons under this authority but this buck is in addition to the one allowed under NR 10.104(7)(a) and NR 10.104(7)(b). Harvesting or tagging an antlerless deer is not required prior to tagging a deer with an archery or gun buck carcass tag established in NR 10.104(7)(a) and 10.104(7)b.

Section 5. NR 10.01(3)(em)1. is amended to read:

	Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
NR 10.01(3)(em) Deer bow season			
1.	Statewide except as established under subds. 2. to 5. and pars. (ed) and (et).	Early archery season. Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Thursday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season described in par. (e).	One buck and one antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate archery deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104. During an October firearm season established in par. (e) 1. e. <u>or f.</u> the bag limit is one antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.
		Late archery season. Reopening on the day immediately after first day of the deer gun season described in par. (e) 1. a. and b. and continuing through the second Wednesday following the Thanksgiving holiday. Sunday in January.	One buck and one antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate archery deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104. <u>During a December firearm season established in par. (e) 1. c. the bag limit is one antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.</u>
		Beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under

		continuing for 4 consecutive days.	s. NR 10.104.
		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6.	One buck and one antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate archery deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
2.	<u>In deer management units that meet the criteria established in par. (ed) 2., if the harvest resulting from the permit issuance procedures established in par. (ed) 1. a. in a deer management region will not meet the performance measures established in par. (ef).</u>	<u>Beginning on the day immediately following the late archery hunt above and continuing through January 31.</u>	<u>One buck and one antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate archery deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104.</u>

Section 6. NR 10.01(3)(em)4. c. and d. are amended to read:

	Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
NR 10.01(em)4.			
c.	The following state parks and trails: Elroy-Sparta, Council Grounds (52A), Hartman Creek, Interstate, Kinnickinnic, Wildcat Mountain (unit 72A), Rib Mountain (unit 57D), Harrington Beach (unit 69C), Kohler-Andrae (unit 77E), Willow River, Newport and Tuscobia-Park Falls.	During the late archery seasons described in subd. 1. <u>Beginning on the second Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6.</u>	One buck and one antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate carcass tag and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
d.	Brunet Island (unit 23A) state park.	During the late archery seasons described in subd. 1. <u>Beginning on the second Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and</u>	One antlerless deer as authorized by the appropriate carcass tag or one deer of either sex as authorized by deer

		<u>continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6.</u>	permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
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Section 7. NR 10.01(3)(em)6. is created to read:

NR 10.01(3)(em)6. December antlerless deer hunt.			
	Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
	All units statewide where the antlerless gun deer hunt described in par. (e) 1.c. is in effect.	Archery season beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.

Section 8. NR 10.01(3)(es)1. is amended:

	Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
NR 10.01(3)(es) Muzzleloader deer season.			
1.	Entire state, except for the areas described in subd. 2., par. (et), deer management units 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M, and 77M, and state parks.	<u>Muzzleloader season beginning on the second Saturday in October and continuing for 5 consecutive days.</u> Beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days.	<u>One antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit issued under s. NR 10.104.</u> One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
2.	Loew Lake Unit - Kettle Moraine state forest (unit 77D).	Beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days. Muzzleloader deer hunting is limited to persons holding a permit which authorizes access to hunt deer in unit 77D issued by the department.	One buck deer and additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
3.	Mill Bluff, Newport, Rock Island, and	Beginning on the Monday	One buck deer and

	Straight Lake state parks.	immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days.	additional antlerless deer as authorized by antlerless deer permits issued under s. NR 10.104.
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Section 9. NR 10.01(3)(et)1. is amended to read:

NR 10.01(3)(et) Special disease control hunts.			
1. Disease management zone.			
a.	In the portions of deer management units included in the CWD management zone established in s. NR 10.28 (3), except as established in subdivision paragraphs b. through d e.	1. Archery season. An archery deer hunt beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Wednesday <u>Friday</u> immediately prior to the opening of the early firearm season in this section.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days <u>except in unit 77C where the season begins on the Thursday nearest October 27 and continues for 5 consecutive days.</u>	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day <u>5-day</u> antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Wednesday immediately prior to the opening of the late firearm season in this section.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit

		continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6 <u>January 31</u> .	described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		2. Early firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days. except in unit 77C where the season begins on the Thursday nearest October 27 and continues for 5 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		3. Gun deer season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the <u>second Saturday immediately</u> preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		4. Muzzleloader season. A muzzleloader hunt as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		5. Late firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		6. Holiday firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on December 24 <u>26</u> and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6 . <u>for 10 days.</u> <u>Firearm season beginning on December 26 and continuing for 10 days.</u>	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
b.	Unit 76M.	1. Archery season. An archery	One deer of either

	deer hunt beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Wednesday <u>Friday</u> immediately prior to the opening of the early firearm season in this section.	sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	Beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day <u>5-day</u> antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Wednesday immediately prior to the opening of the late firearm season in this section.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	Beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6 <u>January 31</u> .	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	2. Early shotgun season. A shotgun hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
	3. Shotgun deer season. A shotgun hunt beginning on the <u>second Saturday</u> immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).

		4. Muzzleloader season. A muzzleloader hunt as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		5. Late shotgun season. A shotgun hunt beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		6. Holiday shotgun season. A shotgun hunt beginning on December 24 <u>26</u> and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6. <u>for 10 days.</u>	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
c.	Belmont Mound, Cadiz Springs, Devil's Lake, Mirror Lake, Natural Bridge, New Glarus Woods, Rocky Arbor and Yellowstone state parks.	1. Early firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days. Allowable types of firearms are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Legal hunting hours are those established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours shall close at 12:00 p.m. daily.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		2. Gun deer season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days. Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season in the surrounding county under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).

		3. Muzzleloader season. A muzzleloader hunt as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 <u>7</u> consecutive days.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		4. Late firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days. Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season in the surrounding county under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		5. Archery season. An archery hunt beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through the Wednesday immediately prior to the opening of the late firearm season in this section.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6 <u>January 31</u> .	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
d.	Blue Mound, Governor Dodge and Tower Hill state parks.	1. Early firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days. Allowable types of firearms are those authorized on the first day of the gun deer season under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Legal	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).

	<p>hunting hours are those established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours shall close at 12:00 p.m. daily.</p>	
	<p>2. Gun deer season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 <u>16</u> consecutive days. Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season in the surrounding county under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).</p>	<p>One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).</p>
	<p>3. Muzzleloader season. A muzzleloader hunt as established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (es) beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 40 <u>7</u> consecutive days.</p>	<p>One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).</p>
	<p>4. Late firearm season. A firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days. Allowable types of guns are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season in the surrounding county under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).</p>	<p>One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).</p>
	<p>5. Archery season. An archery hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 <u>second Saturday in October</u> and continuing for 4 <u>5</u> consecutive days.</p> <p>Legal hunting hours are the same as those established in s. NR 10.06 (5) except that hunting hours will close at 12:00 p.m. daily.</p>	<p>One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).</p>

		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Wednesday immediately prior to the opening of the late firearm season in this section.	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 4 consecutive days.	One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).
		Beginning on the day immediately following the 4-day antlerless hunt above and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6 <u>January 31</u> .	One deer of either sex per unused deer carcass tag or permit described under s. NR 10.104 (11).

Section 10. NR 10.03(3)(ev), as amended by CR 09-024, is amended to read:

NR 10.01(3)(ev) *Special youth gun deer hunt event.*

Persons may hunt deer with a firearm for ~~25~~ consecutive days beginning on the ~~Saturday nearest October 8~~ second Saturday in October in all deer management units, except state park units and deer management unit 48. Allowable types of firearms are those authorized on the first day of the regular gun deer season under par. (e) or (et). The bag limit is one buck deer per valid gun deer carcass tag and additional antlerless deer per valid antlerless deer carcass tags issued under par. (ed) or s. NR 10.104 (8). 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. ~~and~~ all All other hunting regulations apply. Blaze orange requirements under s. 29.301 (2), Stats., apply to all hunters on these days except waterfowl hunters. Earn-a-buck requirements do not apply to youth hunters hunting in CWD zones identified in s. NR 10.28 (3) or non-CWD earn-a-buck units when using their regular gun buck deer carcass tag. Youth hunters may harvest and tag bucks or antlerless deer in CWD zones as authorized by CWD tags under s. NR 10.104 (11) or CWD landowner permit tags issued pursuant to s. NR 10.41 (3).

Section 11. NR 10.06(8)(b) is amended to read:

NR 10.06(8)(b) *Gun deer season.* Hunting hours established in sub. (5) shall apply statewide to bow and gun hunters pursuing any species, except migratory game birds listed in s. NR 10.01 (1), during the first two days of the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. a. and b.

Section 12. NR 10.104(8)(a) is amended to read:

NR 10.104(8)(a) Antlerless permits. The department may issue antlerless deer permits on a first-come, first-served basis to individuals who possess a valid deer hunting license. Permits may be valid for hunting on either public land or private land but the number of permits valid for taking an antlerless deer only on public land shall be based on the percent of public land in a deer management unit and the harvest quota needed to manage the herd at goal.

Note: The department conducts extensive publicity on the day when the antlerless permits are first available for sale beginning several months prior to the purchase date. Permit sale dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Permits are available from department license agents, on-line at dnr.state.wi.us or by telephone at 1-877-945-4236.

Section 13. Effective dates. These rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Administrative Register.

Section 14. Board adoption. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on _____.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Matthew J. Frank, Secretary

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