

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, 11, 15 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-01-10

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.053(3), 29.059, 29.089, 29.192 and 29.193, Stats., interpreting ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.053(3), 29.059, 29.089, 29.192 and 29.193 Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

The department has recommended modifications to chapters NR 10, 11, 12 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to hunting, trapping, closed areas and game refuges. These rule changes are proposed for inclusion in the 2010 Spring Hearing Questionnaire. Specifically, these proposals do the following:

Sections 1 and 23 establish a definition and allow the use of atlats for small game hunting.

Sections 2, 29 and 30 allow the use of colony traps for muskrats and establish size standards and regulations.

Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 32 and 33 eliminate the Burnett County and Rock Prairie Canada Goose Management Subzones.

Sections 4, 21, 36 and 39 establish and clarify definitions of a normal "agricultural or gardening practice" and "manipulation" for the purposes of enforcing existing prohibitions of baiting and feeding wild animals.

Section 9 allows participation in the youth turkey hunting season by 16 and 17 year olds.

Sections 10 and 31 establish turkey hunting seasons and zones at Hartman Creek, Straight Lake, and the Glacial Heritage Area State Parks.

Sections 11 and 12 establish a single, consistent raccoon season opener for residents and non-residents.

Section 13 allows firearm deer hunting at Nelson Dewey state park during the traditional season in November.

Section 14 allows deer hunting on newly acquired lands at Buckhorn state park during all normal firearm deer hunting seasons.

Section 15 allows muzzleloader deer hunting at Big Bay state park during the normal statewide muzzleloader season that follows the traditional November firearm season.

Section 16 Establishes firearm and archery deer hunting seasons at proposed Glacial Heritage Area state parks that are consistent with other CWD Management Zone state park hunting seasons.

Section 17 allows participation in the youth deer hunting season by 16 and 17 year olds.

Section 18 and 19 establish a single, consistent statewide opening date for fox hunting and trapping and coyote trapping.

Section 21 eliminates the 2:00 p.m. pheasant hunting closure at Scuppernong River Habitat Management

Area in Waukesha County and allows pheasant hunting all day.

Section 22 allows the use of scopes on muzzleloading firearms during the muzzleloader-only deer hunting season.

Section 24 provides that all deer hunting licenses which are issued to 10 year-olds to 17 year-olds will include a carcass tag that is valid for an antlerless deer in any unit statewide.

Sections 25 and 26 allow the transportation of whole deer carcasses from the CWD zone to other areas if the whole carcass is taken directly to a licensed meat processor or taxidermist.

Section 27 and 28 allow dividing a deer into five parts prior to registration in order to facilitate removal from the field. These sections also repeal, recreate and amend provisions which allow quartering bear and elk so that they may be divided into five parts in order to more easily facilitate removal from the field.

Sections 34 and 35 increases the penalty for violation animal damage abatement program requirements by clarifying that program participation can be denied for the following program year in addition to the current year.

Sections 37 and 38 clarify the definition of "novice participant" for learn

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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