

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original    Updated    Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

NR Ch. 10, Game and Hunting and Ch. 11, Closed Areas

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3. Subject

Wildlife management rules relating to hunting, trapping, and closed areas.

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

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5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

None

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate       Decrease Existing Revenues       Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

The provisions of this rule proposal will not have a fiscal impact on the department. The department already administers seasons and enforces regulations related to all of the hunting and trapping opportunities that are modified by this rules package. No new expenses or revenues are anticipated as a result of these proposals.

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy       Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units       Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes       No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Annually, the department submits rule change proposals relating to hunting, trapping and wildlife management. The statewide April Spring Fish and Wildlife hearings are the traditional vehicle for citizen input. Specifically, individual sections of this rule proposal will:

1. Expand the areas where waterfowl hunting is allowed by eliminating the requirement that hunters and blinds be "concealed" if they are within 3 feet of the shoreline. The WI Conservation Congress has recommended modifications to this rule.
2. Increase the limit on the number of small game animals a person is allowed to possess at home or in transport so that it is three times the daily bag limit instead of two, consistent with federal regulations for migratory game birds.
3. Establish a 9:00 a.m. opening time on the first day of the pheasant, quail, Hungarian partridge, and southern rabbit seasons instead of noon. The WI Conservation Congress has recommended modifications to this rule.
4. Modify the spring wild turkey hunting season opening date so that it is always the third Wednesday in April. This section also simplifies the fall turkey hunting season framework so that hunting is always allowed on the day before the firearm deer hunting season and so that the season is continuous with no closed periods in Zones 1 to 5 in the southern part of the state.
5. Eliminate the trapping hours restriction so that traps may be placed or tended at any time. The WI Conservation Congress has recommended modifications to this rule.
6. Allow the use of foot activated cable restraints, a device used to trap furbearing animals and for which best management practices have been approved by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
7. Modify the standards for construction of cable restraint devices used to trap furbearers to improve their efficiency for catching coyotes. Current standards were developed before wolf trapping opportunities were available.
8. Modify the location and size of a waterfowl hunting closed area at the *Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area* on DNR managed lands in Outagamie County.

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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 50, Section II, this is a level 3 economic impact analysis. A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis will be posted on the department's website during a 14 day period in January/February and various interest groups will be contacted by email.

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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

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12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule making authority, do not have a fiscal effect on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

These rules are not expected to significantly affect currently available outdoor opportunities and no impacts to the economic activities of hunters, trappers, or outdoor recreation enthusiasts are expected.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

These proposals will contribute to providing good opportunities for hunting and trapping and maintenance of the economic activity generated by people who participate in those activities.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implications of this rule proposal will be the same as the short term impacts. These proposals will contribute to providing good opportunities for hunting and trapping and maintenance of the economic activity generated by people who participate in those activities.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

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.

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16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

These rule change proposals do not represent significant policy changes and do not differ significantly from surrounding states. All surrounding states have regulations and rules in place for the management and recreational use of wild game and furbearer species that are established based on needs that are unique to that state's resources and public desires.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes    No
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