

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. WM-26-18
Clearinghouse Rule No. 19-068

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

These rules modify season dates, bag limits, and other regulations for the duck and goose hunting seasons, most of which begin in September. These seasons are part of the federal migratory bird season frameworks and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) needs to be informed of the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board decisions on these seasons in the spring season of 2019.

This rule eliminates the Horicon Canada goose management zone consistent with options available under the federal framework for Wisconsin in 2019.

This rule expands the light goose (snow and Ross's geese) season to include Sept. 1 – Sept. 15 for a 107-day light goose season consistent with the frameworks established by the USFWS.

This rule utilizes 2 splits (closures) in the South Zone regular Canada goose season to extend the season over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

This rule increases the length of the early teal season to 9 days.

This rule reduces the daily bag limit for pintails from two to one.

This rule increases the daily bag limit for black ducks from one to two.

The proposed modifications included in this rule order are consistent with the parameters and guidelines which are annually established by the USFWS in 50 CFR 20.

Summary of Public Comments

The public did not submit any comments on this proposed rule during the public comment period.

Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule as a result of public comments since no comments were received.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

The DNR held a public hearing regarding WM-10-18 on June 4, 2019 in Madison, Wisconsin. No members of the public attended the hearing.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were made to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate through the public comment process, as no public comments on either were received.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on June 4, 2019. The LCRC provided comments on the form, style and placement in administrative code. All changes to the proposed rule were made to address the recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

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. 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. Therefore, under s. 227.19 (3m) Stats., a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.