

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10 Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-20-20

Federal Statutes or Regulations That Establish Authority or are Relevant to the Substance of the Proposed Rule

Migratory game bird hunting is regulated by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), in 50 CFR part 20. Under international treaty and Federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually through the USFWS regulations process. As part of the federal rule process, the service annually evaluates migratory game bird populations and breeding habitat in cooperation with state provincial agencies and the Canadian Wildlife Service. After considering recommendations from the flyway councils of states and the guidance of cooperatively developed harvest strategies, the USFWS establishes annual frameworks within flyway or bird populations regions. States can then establish hunting seasons within the sideboards for each species and region. As a result, the hunting seasons of neighboring states are similar to Wisconsin migratory game bird hunting regulations because they are subject to the same federal frameworks.

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None.

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