

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 repeal NR 10.01(1)(g)1.n., to amend NR 10.01(1)(v), to repeal and recreate NR 10.01(1)(b), (d), (g)1.a. to k., (g)2.a. to k., (g)3.a. to k., (u)1., and (u)2 and creating NR 10.01(1)(dm) relating to the 2002 migratory game bird season.

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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.014, 29.041, 29.197 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.014, 29.041 and 29.197, Stats.

The proposed rules establish the regulations for the 2002 migratory game bird season. The significant regulations are:

Section 1. Ducks - The state is divided into two zones each with 60-day seasons. The north season will run continuous with no split and the south will have a 5-day split. This year the northern duck zone season will begin at noon on September 28 and continue through November 26. The southern duck zone season will begin at noon on October 5 and continue through October 13 and from October 19 to December 8. The daily bag limit is 6 ducks including no more than: 4 mallards, of which only one may be a hen, and from October 19 until the end of the duck seasons in the North and the South 2 of the 4 mallards may be hens, one black duck, 1 pintail (during the open dates of the 30 day pintail season), 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads and 3 scaup. A 30-day pintail season will be offered from September 28 – October 27 in the northern duck zone and from October 5 – October 13 and October 19 – November 8 in the southern duck zone. The canvasback season is closed in 2002.

Canada Geese - The state is apportioned into 3 goose hunting zones: Horicon, Collins and Exterior. Other special goose management subzones within the Exterior Zone include Brown County, Burnett County, Rock Prairie and the Mississippi River. Season lengths are: Collins Zone - 68 days; Horicon Zone - 94 days; Exterior Zone - 94 days in the north and 92 days in the south (North: Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 (noon) – Dec. 23; South: Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 (noon) - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2); and Mississippi River Subzone - 70 days (Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 (noon) - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Dec. 11). The Burnett County subzone is closed to Canada goose hunting.

Section 2. Prohibits the harvesting of canvasbacks during the 2002 waterfowl seasons.

Section 3. This section repeals outdated language that established the bag limit for Canada geese during the 2001 youth waterfowl hunt.

Section 4. This section modifies the date of the two-day youth waterfowl hunt.

SECTION 1. NR 10.01(1)(b), (d), (g)1.a. to k., (g)2.a. to k., (g)3.a. to k., (u) 1 and (u)2. are repealed and recreated to read:

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
NR 10.01(1)(b) All species of wild duck except pintail and canvasback	Entire state	As established by zone	As established by season and zone	Double the daily bag limit through the entire season, except opening day when it is the same as the daily bag limit.
	Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon – Nov. 26	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one black duck, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, and 3 scaup. In addition 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser. From Oct. 19 – Nov. 26 the bag may include 2 hen mallards.	
	Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Dec. 8	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, one black duck, 2 redheads, 2 wood ducks, and 3 scaup. In addition 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser. From Oct. 19 – Dec. 8 the bag may include 2 hen mallards.	

NR 10.01(1)(d) Pintail	Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 27	1	2
	Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 - Nov. 8	1	2
NR 10.01(1)(g) Geese 1. Canada geese and its subspecies	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in this subd. 1.b.	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 23	1	2
	b. Brown county subzone	Sept. 21 - Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 23	1	2
	c. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in this subd. 1. d. to k.	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 - Jan. 2	1	2
	d. Burnett county subzone	None	None	None
	g. Horicon zone	Four permit periods: Sept. 16 - Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 20 Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 3 Oct. 12 - Nov. 15 Nov. 2 - Dec. 18	 2 2 2 2	The possession limit is equivalent to the number of carcass tags issued.
h. Collins zone	Three permit periods:		The possession limit is equivalent to the number of carcass tags issued.	

		Sept. 16 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 6	2	
		Oct. 7 - Oct. 27	2	
		Oct. 28 - Nov. 22	2	
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2	1	2
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Dec. 11	1	2
2. Snow or blue and Ross' geese	Entire state	As established by zone	10	20
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern subzone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in this subd. 2.b.	Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 23		
	b. Brown county subzone	Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 23		
	c. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in this subd. 2. d. to k.	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		
	d. Burnett county subzone	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		

	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 16 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 18		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 16 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 22		
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Dec. 11		
3. All other geese and brant	Entire state	As established by zone	1 white-fronted goose and 1 brant	2 white-fronted geese and 2 brant
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the northern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in this subd. 3.b.	Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 23		
	b. Brown county subzone	Sept. 21 – Sept. 27 and Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 23		
	c. All that part of the exterior zone lying within the southern zone established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in this subd. 3. d. to k.	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		
	d. Burnett county subzone	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		

	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 16 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Dec. 18		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 16 – Oct. 4 and Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 22		
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Jan. 2		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 – Dec. 11		
NR 10.01(1)(u) 1. All species of wild ducks, mergansers and coots except pintails and canvasbacks	Northern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 21 - Sept. 22, Sept. 28 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 26 and Jan. 25 - Mar. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
	Southern zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 21 - Sept. 22, Oct. 5 at 12:00 noon – Oct. 13, Oct. 19 – Dec. 8 and Jan. 25 - Mar. 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
2. Gallinules, Sora rail, Virginia rail, common snipe and woodcock	Entire state	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 1

SECTION 2. NR 10.01(1)(dm) is created to read:

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
NR 10.01(1)(dm) Canvasback	Entire state	None	None	None

SECTION 3. NR 10.01(1)(g)1.n. is repealed.

SECTION 4. NR 10.01(1)(v) is amended to read:

NR 10.01(1) (v) *Special youth waterfowl hunt event.* Persons 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age who possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.591, Stats., or its equivalent from another state or province, may hunt all species of wild duck, mergansers, geese, coots, and gallinules for 2 consecutive days starting on ~~the 14th day before the opening of the regular duck season~~ September 21. Approvals under ch. 29, Stats., are not required pursuant to s. 29.197 (1), Stats., except for registration in the harvest information program under s. NR 10.12 (11) and a Canada goose hunting permit for the zone where goose hunting, as listed in par. (g)1., if hunting Canada geese. Daily bag limits are those described under ~~s. NR 10.01(1)~~ pars. (b), (c), (d), (dm) and (g) and all other waterfowl hunting regulations apply. Hunters shall be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. One adult may not accompany more than 2 hunters.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on August 14, 2002.

The rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
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