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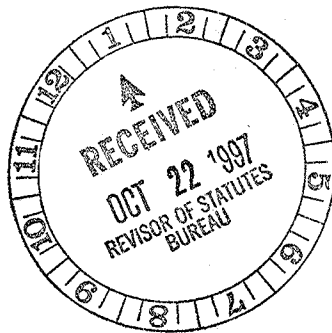
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-17-97 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on August 27, 1997. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 14th day of October, 1997.



George E. Meyer
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(SEAL)

ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
REPEALING, AMENDING AND REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 10.125(4)(a)2, amend NR 10.001(19) and 10.125(2)(b)1. and 2., and (4)(a)1., and repeal and recreate NR 10.01(1)(b), (f)2, (g)1.a.-k., (g)2., (g)3., (u)1 and (u)2. And creating NR 10.01(1)(v) relating to the 1997 migratory game bird season.

WM-17-97

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.085, 29.155, 29.174(3), and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.085, 29.155, 29.174(1) and (2), Stats.

The proposed rules establish the regulations for the 1997 migratory game bird season. The significant regulations are:

Ducks. The state is divided into two zones each with 60-day seasons. The season in the southern duck zone begins at noon October 4 and continues for 60 days, closing December 2. The north duck zone season begins at noon October 4 and continues through December 2. The daily bag limit in both zones is 6 ducks, including four mallards, of which only one may be a hen, and one canvasback for the entire 60 days in both zones. A special youth duck hunt on September 27 is established.

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, New Auburn, Rock Prairie and the Mississippi River. Season lengths are: Collins Zone - 68 days; Horicon Zone - 93 days; Exterior Zone - 93 days; and Mississippi River Subzone - 70 days. The Burnett County and New Auburn subzones are closed to Canada goose hunting.

Woodcock season dates, season length and bag limits are changed to comply with the federal framework.

Bismuth-tin and tungsten shot are legalized for migratory bird hunting.

SECTION 1. NR 10.001(19) is amended to read:

NR 10.001(19) "Nontoxic shot" means steel shot and copper, nickel, zinc chloride and zinc chromate plated steel shot with the plating not exceeding .0002 inches of 1% or less of shot by weight, or other shot approved by the U.S. fish and wildlife service for waterfowl hunting in 50 C.F.R. 20.21.

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
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SECTION 2. NR 10.01(1)(b), (f)2, (g)1.a.-k., (g)2., (g)3., (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	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.
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 2	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, three pintails, one black duck, one canvasback, 2 redheads, and 2 wood ducks; 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	
	North zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 2	6 ducks to include not more than 4 mallards of which only one may be a hen mallard, three pintails, one black duck, one canvasback, 2 redheads and 2 wood ducks; 5 mergansers to include not more than one hooded merganser.	
NR 10.01(1)(f)2. <u>Woodcock</u>	Entire state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest Sept. 22 and continuing for 45 consecutive days	3	6
NR 10.01(1)(g) <u>Geese</u> 1. Canada geese	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 28	1	2

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	
and its subspecies	established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.	None	None	None	
		c. Burnett county subzone	None	None	None
		e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 28	1	2
		f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.- d. and g.- k.	Oct 4 at 12:00 noon - Jan. 4	1	2
		g. Horicon zone	Four permit periods:		The possession limit is restricted by a season limit corresponding to the number of carcass tags issued.
			Sept. 20 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 17;	1	
			Oct. 6 - Nov. 7;	1	
			Oct. 13 - Nov. 21;	1	
			Nov. 1 - Dec. 21	1	
		h. Collins zone	Four permit periods:		The possession limit is restricted by a season limit corresponding to the number of carcass tags issued.
	Sept. 20 - Oct.3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 5;	1			

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		Oct. 6 - Oct. 19;	1	
		Oct. 20 - Nov. 2;	1	
		Nov. 3 - Nov. 21 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 5	1	
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 14	1	2
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12	1	2
2. Snow/blue and Ross' geese	Entire state	As established by zone	10	20
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 28		
	c. Burnett county subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Jan. 4		
	d. New Auburn subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Jan. 4		
	e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 28		
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.-d. and g.- k.	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Jan. 4		
	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 21		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3, Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 21 and Dec. 1 Dec. 5		
	i. Rock Prairie	Oct. 4 at 12:00		

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	subzone	noon - Dec. 14		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
3. All other geese and brant	Entire state	As established by zone	2 white-fronted geese and 2 brant	4 white-fronted geese and 4 brant
	a. All that part of the exterior zone lying north of the boundaries established in s. NR 10.32 except for the subzone described in subpar. e.	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 5		
	c. Burnett county subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
	d. New Auburn subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
	e. Brown county subzone	Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 5		
	f. All that part of the exterior zone lying south of the boundary established in s. NR 10.32 except for the zones and subzones described in subpars. c.-d. and g.- k.	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
	g. Horicon zone	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3 and Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 28		
	h. Collins zone	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3, Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Nov. 21 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 5		
	i. Rock Prairie subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
	k. Mississippi river subzone	Oct. 4 at 12:00 noon - Dec. 12		
NR 10.01(1) (u) 1. All species of wild ducks, mergansers and coots	North zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 13 - Dec. 9	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2

Kind of Animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
		Feb. 20 - March 10	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
	South zone as established in s. NR 10.32	Sept. 13 - Dec. 9	3 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2	6 in aggregate with those species listed under subd. 2
		Feb. 20 - March 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 3. NR 10.01(1)(v) is created to read:

NR 10.01(1)(v) Special youth duck hunt event. Persons 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age who possess a certificate of accomplishment under s. 29.225, Stats. may hunt all species of wild duck on September 27. Approvals under s. 29.09, Stats., are not required pursuant to s. 29.155(1), Stats. Daily bag limits are those described under s. NR 10.01(1)(b) 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.

SECTION 4. NR 10.125(2)(b)1. and 2. and (4)(a)1. are amended to read:

NR 10.125(2)(b)1. All applications for the Horicon and Collins zones ~~and the early goose hunt subzone~~ shall be postmarked no later than the deadline dates indicated on the forms or received by the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date to be considered for selection. The annual application deadlines may not be sooner than July 1.

2. Exterior zone and early goose hunt subzone permit applications may be obtained by mail or in person at department ~~district regional~~ offices and ~~area offices~~ service centers during normal office hours throughout the open season.

(4)(a) 1. The department may require each successful exterior zone and early goose hunt subzone applicant to submit a harvest report in a manner prescribed by the department within 48 hours of harvesting a goose.

SECTION 5. NR 10.125(4)(a)2. is repealed.

The foregoing rules are approved and adopted by the Natural Resources Board on August 27, 1997.

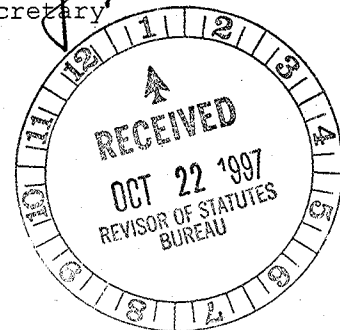
The rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

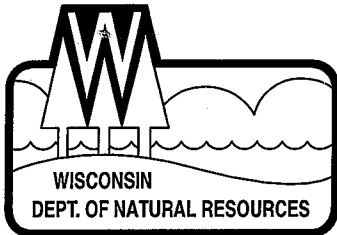
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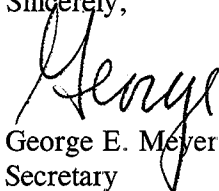
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Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. WM-17-97. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Tourism and Recreation and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,


George E. Meyer
Secretary

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