

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on two emergency rules, WM-04-15(E) related to establishing an early duck season for teal-only and the hunting regulations for teal and mourning doves and WM-05-15(E) related to establishing migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations. Both proposals would revise Ch. NR 10, Wis. Admin. Code. The hearings will be held at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Date and location: October 27 in Room 608 of the Natural Resources State Office Building (GEF-2), 101 South Webster St., Madison, 53707.

Rule Information

Emergency rule order WM-04-15(E) related to teal and mourning dove hunting took effect upon publication in the official state paper on August 30, 2015. Emergency order WM-05-15(E) related to migratory bird hunting regulations also took effect upon publication in the official state paper on August 30, 2015.

These rules revise migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations in response to revisions to a federal framework established by the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Natural Resources Board order WM-04-15(E) establishes a seven day season beginning on September 1 and a six bird daily bag limit for a new, teal-only hunt. The rule extends the mourning dove hunting season from the current 70 to 90 days. The hunting hours for teal during the teal-only season shall begin at 9:00 a.m. on the first day and sunrise on following days. Hunting will end at 7:00 p.m. each day.

Board Order WM-05-15(E) eliminates the 9:00 opening time of shooting hours for ducks and geese on the first day of the regular duck hunting seasons so that hunting begins 30 minutes before sunrise. The duck season in the Mississippi River Zone is modified. In the Horicon Canada goose management zone, the season harvest limit for Canada geese is increased from six birds to twelve.

Under international treaty and Federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulations process.

Accessibility

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by writing to e-mail
2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.

3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before October 27, 2015. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Or email Mr. Loomans at: scott.loomans@wisconsin.gov

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at:

<https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmId=19003> and
<https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmId=19004>

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1) Wis. Stats.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____ 10/8/15 _____