

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

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to **repeal and recreate** NR 11.10; and relating to marten protection closed areas.

WM-10-18

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

1. Statute Interpreted: The chapter on wild animals and plants, in s. 29.014, “rule making for this chapter”, establishes that the department shall maintain open and closed seasons for fish and game and any limits, rest days, and conditions for taking fish and game.

2. Statutory Authority: Statutes that authorize the promulgation of this rule order includes sections 29.014 and 29.053.

3. Explanation of Agency Authority: The chapter on wild animals and plants, in s. 29.014, “rule making for this chapter”, establishes that the department shall maintain open and closed seasons for fish and game and any limits, rest days, and conditions for taking fish and game. This grant of rule-making authority allows the department to make changes related to hunting regulations.

In addition, s. 29.053 (2) grants the department the ability to exercise its authority under s. 29.014 to establish open and closed seasons to the state as a whole, or for any specified county or part of a county.

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore was authorized by an act of Congress on September 26, 1970 (Public Law 91-424). This act allowed hunting, fishing, and trapping within the borders of the lakeshore in accordance with the appropriate laws of the State of Wisconsin and the United States

4. Related Statutes or Rules: There are no currently active related administrative rules.

5. Plain Language Analysis:

SECTION 1 establishes the islands in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as a marten protection area. It also adds additional types of traps that are allowed within a marten protection area.

6. Summary of, and Comparison with, Existing or Proposed Federal Statutes and Regulations: States possess inherent authority to manage the wildlife resources located within their boundaries, except insofar as preempted by federal treaties and laws, including regulations established in the Federal Register. In general, hunting and trapping within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore follows state regulations. However, in some instances, there are specific restrictions set in place by the federal government. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

7. Comparison with Similar Rules in Adjacent States:

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Minnesota both have a regulated marten trapping season. Marten are not currently found in Illinois or Iowa.

8. Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies Used and How Any Related Findings

Support the Regulatory Approach Chosen:

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule-making authority, do not have fiscal effects on the private sector or small businesses. No costs to the private sector or small businesses are associated with compliance to these rules.

9. Analysis and Supporting Documents Used to Determine the Effect on Small Business or in Preparation of an Economic Impact Report:

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10. Effect on Small Business (initial regulatory flexibility analysis): These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, and no design standards are contained in the rule

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12. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

Written comments may be submitted at the public hearings, by regular mail, fax or email to:

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Written comments may also be submitted to the Department at DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov.

Hearing dates and the comment submission deadline are to be determined.

SECTION 1. NR 11.10 is repealed and recreated to read:

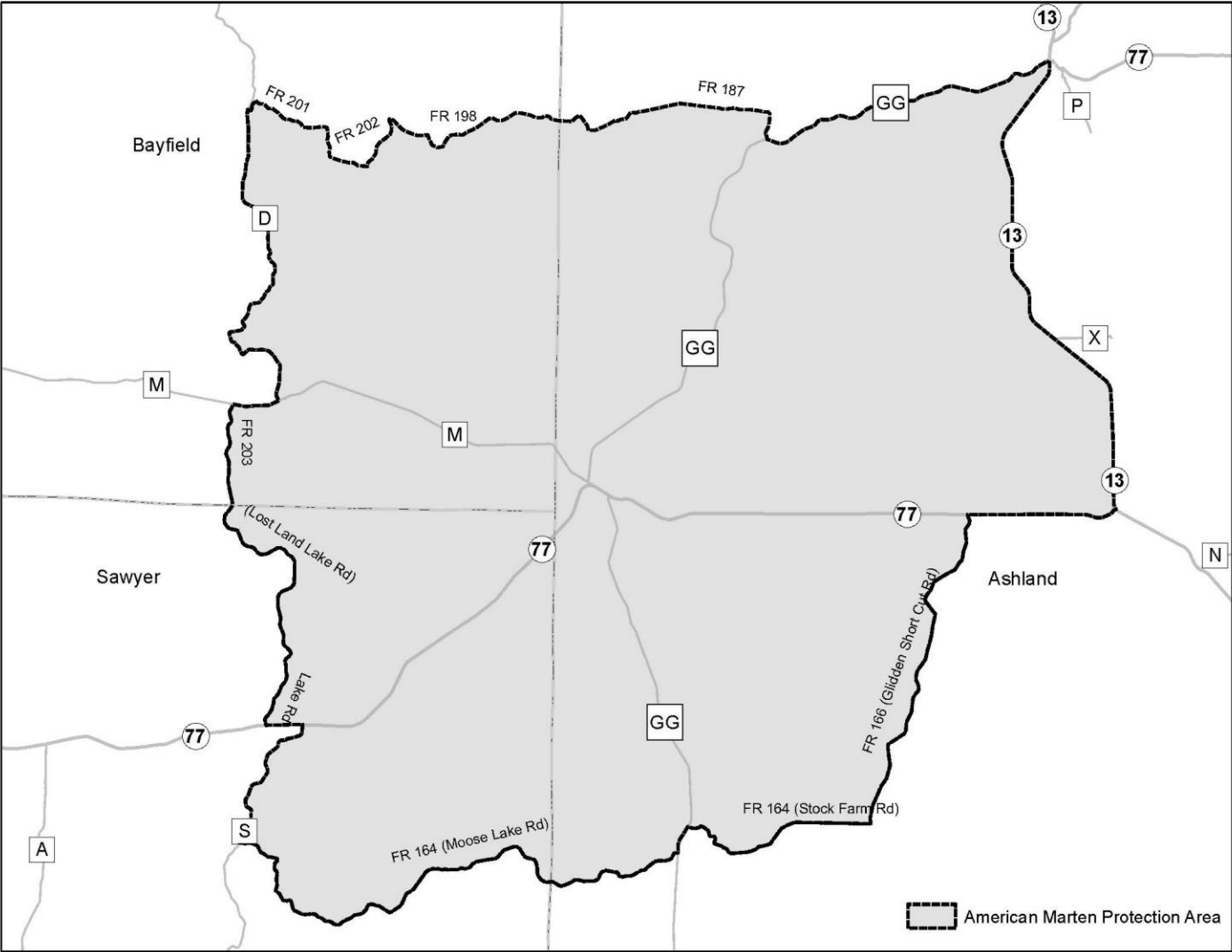
NR 11.10 Martin Protection Closed Areas.

(1) Definitions. In this section:

(a) “Pan tension” means the amount of weight that, when applied to the trap pan of a jawed trap, will result in activation of the trap.

(2) Establishment. No person may trap any species of wild animal in the following areas at any time unless trapping with the equipment identified in sub. (3):

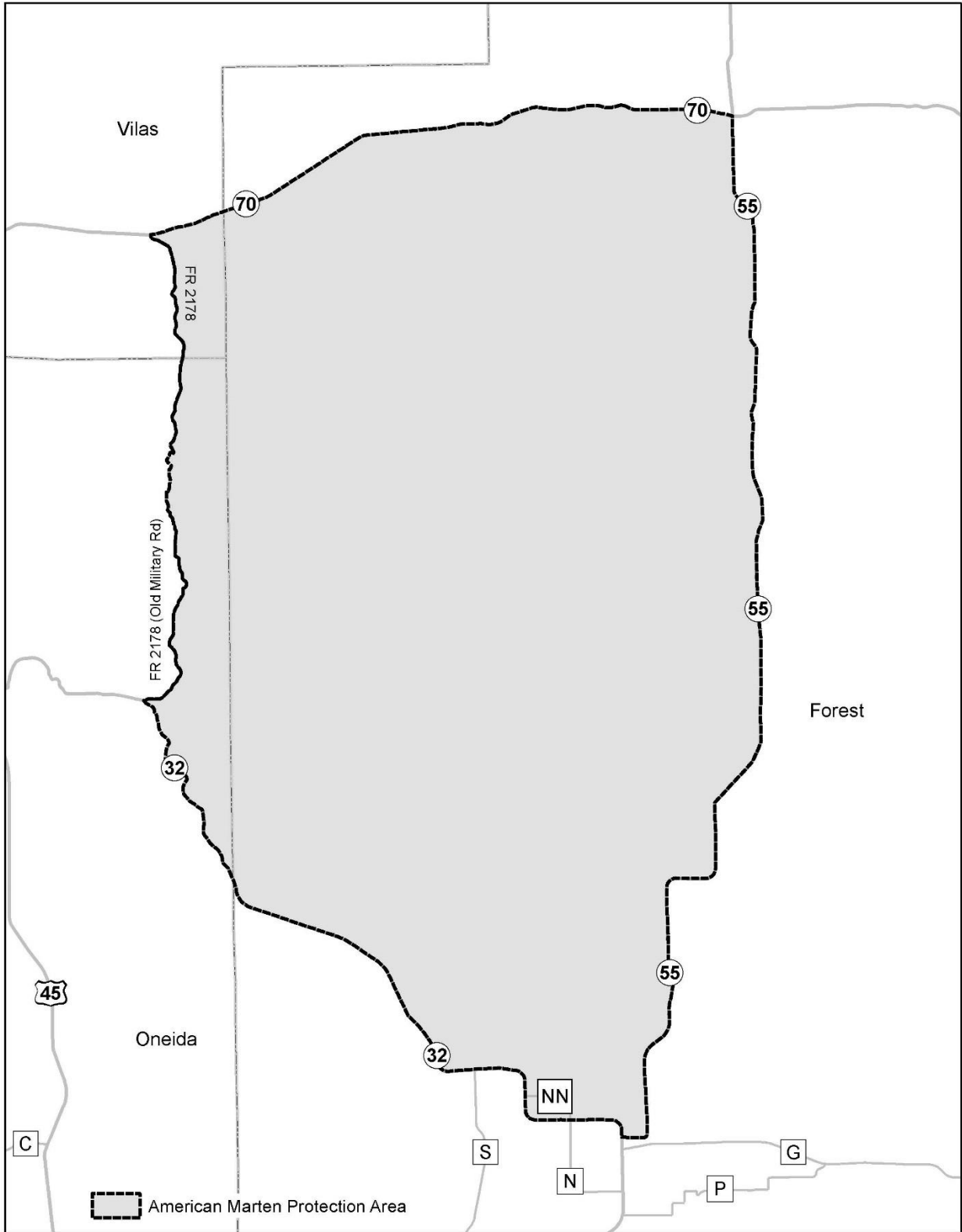
(a) Clam Lake Area (Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer Counties)



(b) Apostle Islands Area (Ashland and Bayfield Counties)



(c) Pine River Area (Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties)



(3) Authorized equipment in a Marten Protection Closed area. The following traps may be used for trapping within a Marten Protection Closed Area:

- (a) Cage or box traps or cable restraints in compliance with s. NR 10.13,
- (b) Weasel boxes in compliance with NR 10.13 (3) (d).
- (c) Jawed traps as non-submersion sets within the areas identified in NR 11.10 (2) (a) & (c) that include a pan tension of no less than 4 lbs.

Note: Pan tension is frequently modified through the use of commercially adjustable pans, sheer pins, springs, spring steel, or foam

- (d) Jawed traps, enclosed trigger traps, snares, or body-gripping traps as authorized under s. NR 10.13 being used as water sets during the open seasons established in s. NR 10.01 (4).

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule takes effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

SECTION 3. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on [DATE].

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____.

STATE OF Wisconsin DNR
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY _____

Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary

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