

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on an emergency rule EmR2028 to revise ch. NR 10 relating to establishing the 2020 migratory bird hunting season framework. In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on EmR2028 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: September 30, 2020

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Virtual Location Link: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

Rule Information:

These rules modify season dates, bag limits, and other regulations for the duck and goose hunting seasons, most of which begin in September. These seasons are part of the federal migratory bird season frameworks and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) needs to be informed of the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board decisions on these seasons in the spring season of 2020.

This rule decreases the daily bag limit for scaup from 3 to 1 scaup for 15 days and 2 scaup for 45 days in specific zones. It also increases the daily bag limit for hen mallards from one to two, moves the North Zone duck season one week earlier by opening on the Saturday nearest September 24, and structures the Mississippi River Zone duck season so that it mirrors the South Zone exactly.

This rule changes the season for rail, snipe, and common gallinule (moorhen) to September. 1 and will run for 70 consecutive days to match federal requirements. These sections also utilize the second split (15-day season closure) in the South Zone Canada goose season to extend the season to January 5, similar to 2019.

Accessibility

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Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available [here](#). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please

download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to taylor.finger@wisconsin.gov.

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Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, and no design or operational standards are contained in the rule. Because this rule does not add any regulatory requirements for small businesses, the proposed rules will not have an economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses under s. 227.24(3m) Stats.

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