

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10 and 45, Wis. Adm. Code

Correcting management unit boundaries, clarifying mapping requirements, correcting cross-references, and updating rules on the identification of tree stands on state lands

Board Order No. WM-02-06
Clearinghouse Rule No. 06-037

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule contains technical rule changes that are minor and noncontroversial in nature. The proposals provide clarifications to current rules, update definitions, increase management efficiency and alter limitations on hunters. Annually the department updates administrative code language to correct inconsistencies and outdated language and provide clarification where appropriate. This year, the department is proposing the following changes related to hunting and trapping. Specifically, this rule:

- Corrects an inaccurate statutory cross-reference in ch. NR 10
- Clarifies that site exposed bait and scent restrictions in place for trapping apply to all traps, including snares and cable restraints
- Clarifies that the trapper who catches or kills a bobcat, fisher or otter must use their own carcass tag on the animal
- Corrects and clarifies the boundaries between wild turkey hunting zones and bear hunting zones in Lincoln County, and provides consistency between deer, turkey and bear hunting zone boundaries
- Updates regulations regarding the identification of tree stands on state-owned lands

Summary of Public Comments

No comments were received on the proposed rule.

Modifications Made

The rule that went out for public hearing included corrections and clarifications to deer management unit boundaries in Deer Management Units 41, 50, 51A, 67A and 67B. However, these boundary corrections were implemented through the 2006 deer rule package that went into effect earlier this year. Therefore, these corrections were removed from this rule order.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

No one appeared at the public hearing.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

The rule analysis was changed to reflect the portions removed from the proposed order.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The recommendations were accepted.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rules regulate individual hunters and trappers and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. Therefore, a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.