

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, 11 and 15, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order WM-01-09

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.053(3), 29.059, 29.089, 29.192 and 29.193, Stats., interpreting ss. 23.09(2)(b), 29.014, 29.053(3), 29.059, 29.089, 29.192 and 29.193, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None.

Analysis of the Rule – Rule Effect – Reason for the Rule

The Department of Natural Resources annually prepares a package of administrative rule that updates regulations relating to hunting and trapping and the use of department managed lands. The proposals contained in this rule originate from the recommendations of department staff, members of the Conservation Congress, and members of the public. The proposed rules will:

1. Clarify the definition of “open water hunting” for waterfowl.
2. Allow the harvest stocked hen pheasants at Sand Creek Fishery Area, Monroe County.,
3. Extend the fall turkey season to Dec. 31 in zones 1 - 5, except for the nine-day deer season.
4. Modify bobcat hunting, trapping, cable restraint seasons and reporting.
5. Allow the use of rifles for firearm deer hunting in Dunn and Shawano Counties.
6. Allow firearm deer hunting at Potawatomi and Whitefish Dunes state parks, Door County and allow the use of rifles for deer hunting at all of Hartman Creek state park, Waupaca and Portage counties.
7. Establish that the 19-day muzzleloader-only season and late archery season is antlerless only but buck hunting can be allowed in certain years at Wildcat Mountain state park, Vernon County.
8. Eliminate the late archery deer hunt at Brunet Island state park.
9. Eliminate the special state park hunting season and allow hunting during all normal deer seasons at Cadiz Springs Recreation Area.
10. Establish a special migratory bird hunt with a 1:00 p.m. closure, regulations, and modify refuges at Mead wildlife area, Wood, Portage and Marathon counties and Lake Mills wildlife area, Jefferson County.
11. Clarify the definition of legal firearm types for hunting.
12. Create flexibility in the methods for issuing left-over turkey hunting permits.
13. Create flexibility to register wild turkeys by methods other than in person at registration stations.
14. Allow the use of electronic calls for turkey hunting by certain holders of disabled hunting permits.
15. Allow the use of dogs for turkey hunting during the fall season statewide.
16. Require the registration of sharp-tailed grouse harvest.

17. Allow hunting during special turkey hunts by holders Class B disabled hunting permits that are valid for hunting from a vehicle and issued for more than one year.
18. Eliminate the Nelson-Travino Mississippi River closed area in Buffalo County.
19. Reduce the size of Dike 17 waterfowl refuge and allow trapping and firearm deer hunting (Jackson County).
20. Reduce the size of Vernon Marsh waterfowl refuge because certain areas are no longer needed as goose refuge (Waukesha County).

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, followed by Natural Resources Board adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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