

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 10, and 19, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order WM-03-09

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.014, 29.089, 29.193, 29.197, 29.597, 169.085, 169.24, and 227.11, 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 code language and cross-references and updates regulations relating to hunting and trapping and wildlife rehabilitation. The proposals contained in this rule primarily originate from the recommendations of department staff. The proposed rule changes will:

1. Clarify that access permits are required of deer hunters at Lake Wissota state park.
2. Clarify that the harvest of deer of either sex is allowed by archery and gun hunters who possess disabled hunting permits, making this regulation consistent with the law that applies to disabled hunters during firearm seasons.
3. Clarify that, where it is legal to place bait for hunting deer, bait may be placed on the day before the archery season as is currently allowed on the day before the gun seasons.
4. Remove the prohibition of hunting deer with full metal jacketed, nonexpanding type bullets so that only nonexpanding type bullets are prohibited.
5. Establish that the prohibition of hunting and firearm discharge on the day before the firearm deer season applies only to the traditional nine-day deer season.
6. Establish that velvet antlers may be possessed in a CWD zone and clarifies that antlers being transported out of a CWD zone must be free of brain tissue but hair or hide does not need to be removed.
7. Incorporate by reference the definitions for a section of federal regulations that are already incorporated into Wisconsin code related to baiting migratory game birds.
8. Eliminate an unnecessary cross reference.
9. Eliminate confusing and unnecessary language and clarifies that, where body-gripping type traps from 60 to 75 square inches in size are prohibited, larger traps are also prohibited.
10. Eliminate an unnecessary gear requirement; relaxing mechanical locks are not needed on snares.
11. Eliminate a limit on participation by disabled hunters during turkey seasons that is no longer needed with only seven turkey management zones.
12. Correct an omission in the name of a deer management unit.
13. Include trapping as an educational outdoor skills activity for which certain exemptions are available so that this rule language will be consistent with statute.
14. Clarify that volunteer wildlife rehabilitators may only serve in a limited capacity on wildlife rehabilitation activities.
15. Correct the number of a subdivision.
16. Update wildlife rehabilitation code language so that it is consistent with proposed changes to the list of threatened and endangered species.

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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