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GAME AND HUNTING

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

**NR 10.001 Definitions.** (1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, "bait" means honey and any solid or nonliquid material attractive to wildlife.

(3) "Open water" means any water beyond a natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter. Dead stumps and dead trees in water do not constitute a natural growth of vegetation.

(4) "Waterfowl" means any migratory game bird of the family *Anatidae* including wild ducks, geese and brant.

(5) "Migratory game birds" means any bird which is migratory and on which an open season has been prescribed in this chapter and belonging to one of the following families:

- (a) *Anatidae* (wild ducks, geese and brant),
  - (b) *Rallidae* (rails, coots and gallinules),
  - (c) *Scolopacidae* (woodcock and Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe)).
- (6) "Liquid scent" means any nonsolid material except honey.

(7) For the purpose of hunting bear:

(a) "Hunter" means any person shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, killing or pursuing a bear and any person who aids, assists, abets or acts in concert with such a person in the pursuit of the bear whether or

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not such person possesses a weapon or other means capable of reducing a bear to possession.

(b) "Pursuit" means the activity by a person or persons in concert designed or for the purpose of overtaking and reducing a bear to possession.

(8) "Bow" means any bow, drawn and held by and through the effort of the person releasing it, but does not include crossbow.

(9) "Crossbow" means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

(10) "Molest" means any activity which results in physical damage or destruction of an object.

(11) "Firearm season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: rifle, muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(12) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with either of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(13) For the purpose of hunting deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any smoothbore muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .45 caliber and any rifled muzzle-loading firearm of not less than .40 caliber, discharged from the shoulder.

(14) For the purpose of hunting wild animals other than deer and bear, "muzzle-loader" means any caliber of any muzzle-loading firearm discharged from the shoulder.

(15) "Daily bag" or "bag limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in one day.

(16) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of game species which may be reduced to the possession of a person in 2 days or more.

(17) "Water set" means any trap which is set or staked in such a manner as to permit the trap or trapped animal to reach water at any point.

(18) "Water" in non-toxic shot zones means lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, rivers, streams, and drainage ditches except for temporary sheet water. All county boundary waters and lakes partially within a non-toxic shot zone are totally included except the open water of Green Bay and Lake Michigan and the Wisconsin river outside Columbia county.

(19) "Non-toxic shot" means steel shot.

(20) "Goose zones and areas" means those established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (i) through (t).

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Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Limit
3. Jackrabbit in all counties of the state, except Clark, Lincoln, Marathon, Taylor and Wood counties	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1 through October 31	3 each day, 6 possession
(d) Bobcat (wildcat; hunting and trapping)		
1. All that part of the state lying north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through December 31	One per season by permit
2. Remainder of the state	None	None
(e) Deer gun season		
1. ZONE "A"		
In all portions of the state not otherwise listed in season zones, "B" through "H".		
a. In the counties or parts of counties of Brown, Buffalo (north of U.S. highway 10), Calumet, Chippewa (south of state highway 64 and west of U.S. highway 53), Dane (west of state highway 78 and north of U. S. highway 18), Dodge, Door, Dunn (south of state highway 64), Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Pepin (north of U.S. highway 10), Pierce (north of U.S. highway 10), St. Croix (south of state highway 64), Sheboygan, Shawano (south of state highway 29), Waupaca and Winnebago.		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length or permit limit
b. All other parts of Zone "A"		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length or permit limit
2. ZONE "B"		
The counties or parts of counties of Buffalo, (south of U.S. highway 10), Crawford, Jackson (south of state highways 54, 71 and 108), La Crosse, Monroe (south of state highway 71 and west of state highway 27), Pepin (south of U.S. highway 10), Pierce (south of U.S. highway 10), Trempealeau (west and south of state highways 93 and 121, U. S. highways 10 and 53 and state highway 54), Vernon (west of U.S. highway 61 and state highway 27).		
a. In Vernon county west and north of state highway 27 and state highway 82		

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on Saturday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
b. In the counties of Crawford and that part of Vernon south of state highway 82 and U.S. highway 61.		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days	One deer per season, either sex.
c. In counties of Jackson (south of state highways 54, 108 and 71), La Crosse, Monroe (south of state highway 71 and west of state highway 27), and Trempealeau (west and south of state highways 93 and 121, U.S. highways 10 and 53 and state highway 54).		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 2 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season, with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the day immediately after the season described above and continuing for 7 consecutive days.	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
d. All other parts of Zone "B"		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 9 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.
3. ZONE "C"		
The counties of Grant, Green, Lafayette		
a. In Grant county.		
<i>Firearm season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 3 consecutive days	One buck deer per season, with an antler not less than 3 inches in length, plus quota limit
b. In Lafayette and Green counties		
<i>Shotgun season</i>	Beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 3 consecutive days	One buck deer per season with an antler not less than 3 inches in length, plus quota limit

b. In all other parts of the state, the opening date for trapping otter shall be concurrent with the season on beaver and continuing through the first Sunday in March.

2. Season bag limit. a. Zone "A" - 2

b. Zone "B" - 2

c. Zone "C" - one

d. It is unlawful for any person to take more than a total combined season bag limit of 2 otter in all the open season zones in the state.

3. Tagging and permits. a. No person shall trap or attempt to trap any otter unless having first applied for and received, from the department, a special otter trapping permit and tag (s).

b. Applications for otter permits and tags must be received by the department no later than the third Friday in October each year.

c. Such permit shall be attached to each person's trapping license before trapping any otter.

d. Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current trapping license and show the applicant's name and otter tag number (s).

4. Tagging procedure. a. Each person shall immediately upon possessing an otter, affix a valid tag, issued by the department, through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

b. No person shall have an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping such otter attaches such tag as required by this chapter.

c. Such tag shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at time of preparation.

(e) *Registration of beaver and otter pelts.* 1. Exhibition required. Each person who has trapped a beaver or otter during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the department in the county in which such animal was trapped, or in the adjoining county, but within the area included within the open season in which such animal was trapped, not later than 5 days after the close of said season.

2. Registration. The department representative shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a registration tag to all lawfully taken and possessed animals.

3. Possession and transfer restrictions. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning 6 days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following seasons without a registration tag attached and locked.

b. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any such pelts without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (3) (c) 3.; renum. (3) (e) and am.; am. (3) (g) 2., Register, August, 1974, No. 224, eff. 9-1-74; am. (3) (e) 8. and am. (4) (c) and (d), Register, October, 1974, No.

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226, eff. 11-1-74; emerg. am. (3) (g) 1, eff. 8-2-74; am. (3) (g) 1, Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; emerg. am. (4) (d) and cr. (4) (f), eff. -26-75; am. (3) (f), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; am. (2) (a), (2) (e) 1, (3) (b) 1, (3) (f) 1, and (4) (a) 2, Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; emerg. am. (1) (a) to (e) and (g) (l) and cr. (l) (0), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3) (e) 7., (4) (c) and (d), r. and recr. (3) (e) 8, Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; emerg. am. (3) (e) 8, eff. 11-1-75, emerg. cr. (4) (f), eff. 4-3-76; am. (1) (b), (c), (d), (e), (l) 1. and 3 and cr. (1) (0), (eff. 6-1-76), am. (3) (b), (3) (e) (intro.), (3) (e) 2, (3) (f) and (4) (a), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1) (a) to (e), (g), (l) and (o), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (3) (c) 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 and r. and recr. (4) (c) and (d), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; r. and recr. (1), (3) (e) 6 and 8, Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (2) (a) 2, (3) (e) 1 a, (4) (a) 3 and (4) (b), r. (2) (c) 2, and recr. (2) (d) 2, Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (3) (e) 1. a., 2., 7., (4) (c) and (d); r. (3) (e) 6. b.; cr. (3) (e) 9. and r. and recr. (3) (e) 8.; Register, October, 1977, No. 262, eff. 11-1-77; r. and recr. (1) (b) to (e), (g), (j) and (k), renum. (1) (l) to (p) to be (1) (m) to (q), cr. (1) (l), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (1) (m) and (q), (2) (a) 1, (3) (d) and (f), r. and recr. (2) (e) 1, Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr. (4) (d) and (e), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. (3) (e) 9. and (4) (c), Register, October, 1978, No. 274, eff. 11-1-78; r. and recr. (1) (b), (g) and (l) and am. (4) (a) 3., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (2) (b) and (3) (a), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79; r. and recr. (2) (e) 1., (3) (e) (intro.) and (4) (d) 1. and am. (3) (e) 1., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (3) (c) 2., (3) (e) 3. and (4) (d) 4., r. and recr. (3) (e) 6., 7. and 9. e., (4) (c), (4) (d) 1. and 3., Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; emerg. cr. (4) (c) 1. c., eff. 3-24-80; r. (1) (b) to (g), (1) (l) 3. b. intro. and 3. c., r. and recr. (1) (j), (k), (l) intro. 1., 2. and 8., (2) (a) 1. and (3) (b), am. (1) (l) 5. and 6. b, renum. (1) (l) 3. b. 1) to 5) to be (1) (l) 3. b. to f., Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. and recr. (3) (e) 9. a. to d., Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80; emerg. am. (1) (a), (1) (l) 1., 2. b. and 5.; cr. (1) (b) to (g), eff. 9-12-80; r. and recr. (3) (d), (3) (e) 9. e. and (4) (c), a. (3) (h); am. (4) (d) 2. b. and 3. b., renum. (4) (d) 2. c. to be 2. d. and cr. (4) (d) 2. c., Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; am. (1) (a), (1) (l) 1., 2. b. and 5; cr. (1) (b) to (g), Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; am. (3) (e) 1. a. and b., r. and recr. (3) (e) 2. a., c. and d., am. (3) (h) 2., Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; r. and recr. (3) (e) 9. e., and cr. (4) (c) 4., Register, October, 1981, No. 310, eff. 11-1-81; emerg. am. (1) (b) 2., 5. and 7., (1) (c), (1) (f) 2., (1) (l) 2. b. and 5., renum. (1) (q) to be (1) (t), cr. (1) (q) to (s), r. and recr. (1) (g) and (e) 6., eff. 9-12-81; r. (1) (b), (c) and (g), am. (1) (l) 5., r. and recr. (1) (l) 6., renum. (1) (q) to be (1) (t), cr. (1) (q) to (s), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82.

**Note:** For a complete history of NR 10.01 see history of NR 10.01 as it appeared in Register, November, 1973, No. 215.

**NR 10.02 Protected wild animals.** (1) Canada lynx, timber wolf, badger, moose, elk, marten, fisher, wolverine and flying squirrel.

(2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27, Wis. Adm. Code

(3) White deer (monocolored).

(4) Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.24, Stats.

(5) Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, herons, sandpipers and grebes.

(6) Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls except as provided in ch. NR 18, Wis. Adm. Code.

(7) Hen pheasants except as expressly provided in this chapter.

(8) Any other wild bird not specified in this chapter.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) emerg. eff. 9-20-58; am. (1), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), cr. (3), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; am. (1), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.02; am. (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; r. (3), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

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**NR 10.03 Birds causing depredation.** (1) APPLICATION. The following named birds have been determined by the department to be birds committing depredation or about to commit depredation at all times to and upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, and when concentrated in large numbers that they many constitute a health hazard or other nuisance:

- (a) Red-winged blackbirds.
- (b) Grackles.
- (c) Crows.
- (d) Cowbirds.

(2) PERMITS. Such birds may be taken at all times without need for either a federal or state permit.

(3) INSPECTION OF PREMISES. Any person taking such birds shall at all reasonable times, including during actual operation, permit any federal or state game law enforcement officer, free and unrestricted access on the premises over which such operations have been or are being conducted, and shall furnish promptly to such officer whatever information may be required about said operation.

(4) DISPOSITION. Birds killed pursuant to this subsection and their plumage shall not be sold or offered for sale.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr., Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.03; r. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

**NR 10.04 Unprotected wild animals.** (1) Opossum, skunk and weasel.

- (2) Starlings, English sparrows, coturnix quail and chukar partridge.
- (3) Any other wild animal not specified in this chapter.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1) Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; renum. to be NR 10.04; am. (1) and (2), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; r. and recr. Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

**NR 10.05 Highways.** (1) While hunting it shall be unlawful except by permittees under s. 29.09 (9), Stats., to discharge any firearm or bow and arrow from or across any public road surfaced with concrete or blacktop or to hunt within 50 feet from the centerline of such roads or to the existing fence, whichever distance is shorter. Public roads are defined as those roads shown on the current official county highway map.

(2) It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl or coot by any public roads or railroads including the respective rights-of-way along or within the area described as the Horicon zone in s. NR 10.01 (l) (j).

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) and (2) and recr. (1), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (2), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; cr. (3), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; r. and recr. (2), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-1-67; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2), eff. 8-30-69; am. (2), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.05; cr. (4) and (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-19-73; emerg. am. (2), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 6-1-76; r. and recr. (1) am. (2)

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and r. (3), (4) and (5), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (1), Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79.

**NR 10.06 Hunting hours.** (1) All hunting hours, when specified in this chapter, mean Central Standard Time, and the daily opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) hours listed shall apply to the entire state.

(2) (a) General hunting hour zones are established as follows:

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- A—all that part of the state lying east of 88°-00' longitude.
- B—all that part of the state lying between 88°-00' and 89°-00' long.
- C—all that part of the state lying between 89°-00' and 90°-00' long.
- D—all that part of the state lying between 90°-00' and 91°-00' long.



E—all that part of the state lying between 91°-00' and 92°-00' long.  
 F—all that part of the state lying west of 92°-00' longitude.

(b) The hunting hours for small game in Zone A are listed in the following table in (e). Hunting hours in Zone B are established by adding 4 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A for each day; for Zone C by adding 8 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone D by adding 12 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; for Zone E by adding 16 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A; and for Zone F by adding 20 minutes to the a.m. and p.m. columns for Zone A.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any species of game except deer and bear on which an open season is established on any day during the open season before the time established by the a.m. column or after the time established by the p.m. column in any hunting hour zone, except as provided in s. NR 10.25, Wis. Adm. Code. There are no hunting hour restrictions for coyote, fox, raccoon and all wild animals for which no closed season is established, except during the gun deer season when the general hunting hours shall apply.

(d) The hunting hours for migratory game birds shall be the same as those established for small game hunting.

(e) General Hunting Hours C.S.T.

	September		October		November		December		January		February	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1.....	4:42	6:27	5:18	5:31	5:57	4:40	6:36	4:12	6:57	4:21	6:38	5:00
2.....	4:43	6:26	5:19	5:30	5:59	4:38	6:37	4:11	6:57	4:22	6:37	5:02
3.....	4:45	6:24	5:20	5:28	6:00	4:37	6:39	4:11	6:57	4:23	6:35	5:04
4.....	4:46	6:22	5:21	5:26	6:01	4:36	6:40	4:11	6:57	4:24	6:34	5:06
5.....	4:47	6:20	5:22	5:24	6:03	4:34	6:41	4:11	6:57	4:25	6:33	5:08
6.....	4:48	6:18	5:24	5:22	6:04	4:33	6:42	4:10	6:57	4:26	6:32	5:10
7.....	4:49	6:16	5:25	5:21	6:05	4:32	6:43	4:10	6:57	4:27	6:31	5:11
8.....	4:50	6:15	5:26	5:19	6:07	4:31	6:44	4:10	6:56	4:28	6:30	5:12
9.....	4:52	6:13	5:27	5:17	6:08	4:29	6:45	4:10	6:56	4:29	6:29	5:14
10.....	4:53	6:11	5:29	5:15	6:10	4:28	6:46	4:10	6:56	4:30	6:28	5:16
11.....	4:54	6:09	5:30	5:13	6:11	4:27	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:31	6:26	5:17
12.....	4:55	6:07	5:31	5:12	6:12	4:26	6:47	4:10	6:55	4:32	6:25	5:18
13.....	4:56	6:05	5:32	5:10	6:14	4:25	6:48	4:10	6:55	4:34	6:24	5:19
14.....	4:57	6:03	5:34	5:08	6:15	4:24	6:49	4:11	6:54	4:35	6:22	5:21
15.....	4:59	6:01	5:35	5:06	6:16	4:23	6:50	4:11	6:54	4:36	6:21	5:23
16.....	5:00	6:00	5:36	5:05	6:18	4:22	6:50	4:11	6:53	4:37	6:20	5:24
17.....	5:01	5:58	5:38	5:03	6:19	4:21	6:51	4:11	6:53	4:39	6:18	5:25
18.....	5:02	5:56	5:39	5:01	6:20	4:20	6:52	4:12	6:52	4:40	6:16	5:27
19.....	5:03	5:54	5:40	5:00	6:22	4:19	6:52	4:12	6:51	4:41	6:15	5:28
20.....	5:04	5:52	5:41	4:58	6:23	4:18	6:53	4:13	6:51	4:42	6:13	5:29
21.....	5:06	5:50	5:43	4:56	6:24	4:18	6:54	4:13	6:50	4:44	6:12	5:30
22.....	5:07	5:48	5:44	4:55	6:25	4:17	6:54	4:13	6:49	4:45	6:10	5:32
23.....	5:08	5:46	5:45	4:53	6:27	4:16	6:55	4:14	6:48	4:46	6:09	5:33
24.....	5:09	5:45	5:47	4:52	6:28	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:47	4:48	6:08	5:34
25.....	5:10	5:43	5:48	4:50	6:29	4:15	6:55	4:15	6:46	4:49	6:06	5:35
26.....	5:12	5:41	5:49	4:49	6:30	4:14	6:56	4:16	6:46	4:51	6:04	5:37
27.....	5:13	5:39	5:51	4:47	6:32	4:14	6:56	4:17	6:45	4:52	6:02	5:38
28.....	5:14	5:37	5:52	4:46	6:33	4:13	6:56	4:17	6:44	4:53	6:01	5:39
29.....	5:15	5:35	5:53	4:44	6:34	4:13	6:57	4:18	6:43	4:55		
30.....	5:16	5:33	5:55	4:43	6:35	4:12	6:57	4:19	6:42	4:56		
31.....			5:56	4:41			6:57	4:20	6:40	4:58		

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any deer and bear during the open season on any day during the open season before the time listed in the a.m. column, and after the time listed in the p.m. column in the following table:

## HUNTING HOURS Big Game

Period	C.S.T.	
	A.M.	P.M.
September 1-17.....	5:00	6:15
September 18-October 1.....	5:15	6:00
October 2-9.....	5:30	5:45
October 10-16.....	5:30	5:30
October 17-25.....	5:45	5:15
October 26-November 6.....	6:00	5:00
November 7 through the day before the gun deer season.....	6:15	4:45
First day of gun deer season through December 31.....	6:30	4:30

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2); cr. (2m), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (2m), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), (2m) and (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59, am. (2), cr. (2m) Register, Sept. 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. (2) and r. (2m), Register, September 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; am. (2), cr. (2m), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; r. and recr. (2) and (2m), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (3), emerg. eff. 9-5-65; am. (2), Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. cr. (2); cr. (4) Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; r. and recr. (2) and (3), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; renun. to be NR 10.06; r. (4), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (3), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (3), Register, September, 1972, No. 201, eff. 10-1-72; am. (2), (3), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (2), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (3), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. am. (2) (d), eff. 9-24-75; am. (3), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (2) (d) (eff. 6-1-76), am. (2) (c), Register, May, 1975, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (2) (d) and (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. (2) (d), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; am. (2) (c) and (e), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

**NR 10.07 General hunting.** (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall:

(a) *Aircraft.* Hunt with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive wild animals for hunters on the ground.

(b) *Devices.* 1. Place, operate or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, snare, spring gun, pivot gun, swivel gun, or other similar contrivance for the purpose of catching or which might catch, take or ensnare wild animals.

2. Use or possess any snare, trap or device designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

(d) *Molesting.* Molest the nest or den of any squirrel.

(e) *Ferret.* Use or possess any ferret while hunting.

(f) *Retrieval.* Fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all wild animals killed or crippled; and until such effort is made, such wild animals shall be included in the daily bag.

(g) *Baiting.* 1. Place, use or hunt over bait contained within metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood or other nondegradable materials.

2. Use any bait material for attracting wild animals other than apples, pastry or liquid scent. Such apples and pastry shall be confined to a hole in the ground measuring no more than 2 feet square.

3. Place or hunt over bait or liquid scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.

4. Exception: This subsection does not prohibit hunting over bait materials deposited by natural vegetation or found solely as a result of normal agricultural practices.

(h) *Salt*. Hunt by the use or aid of salt.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; cr. (8), Register, September, 1961, No. 69, eff. 10-1-61; am. (1), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; r. (6), am. (7) (a), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; renum. to be NR 10.07; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (a), r. and recr. (3) and cr. (9) (a) and (b), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3) (a) and (b) and (9) (b), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; am. (1), (2) (b), and (9) (a), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (9) (b), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (9), eff. 8-2-74; r. and recr. (9), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (3) (a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (7) (a), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; cr. (10), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; renum. (1) to be (1) (a), cr. (1) (b), r. (3) (a) to (c), renum. (3) (d) to be (3) and am. (9), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; renum. (1) (b) to be (1) (c) and am., am. (3) and r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. and recr. (10), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; renum. (1) (c) to be 10.001 (8) and (9) am. (8), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; r. (1) (c), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

**NR 10.09 Guns and ammunition.** (1) PROHIBITED METHODS. No person shall:

(a) *Shotshells*. 1. Slugs or balls. Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shotshells loaded with single slug or ball except during the open gun season for deer or bear.

2. Size. Possess or have in control, while hunting, shells containing shot larger than no. BB during the period beginning June 1 through December 31.

3. Game bird hunting. Hunt any game bird with a rifle or shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than no. BB.

(b) *Incendiary shells*. Possess or have in control, while hunting, any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, or incendiary shells or cartridges. Distress flares are exempt from this section.

(c) *Guns*. 1. Type. Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow or by falconry.

2. Deer or bear hunting. Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire rifle, 5 mm rim-fire rifle, .17 caliber center-fire rifle or .410 bore shotgun.

3. Exceptions. a. Handguns and pellet guns. .22 rim-fire handguns and pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions as .22 rim-fire rifles.

b. Muzzle-loaders. Muzzle-loaders may be used for hunting as defined in NR 10.001 (13) and (14).

c. Disabled person. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals qualified under permit issued pursuant to s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

4. Possession. Possess any rifle larger than .22 rim-fire in areas wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.

(2) **SPECIAL ONE-DAY RESTRICTION.** During the 24-hour period prior to the opening date for hunting deer with guns, no person shall possess a gun wherein there is an open season for deer with guns unless the gun is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. Exceptions:

- (a) Target shooting at established ranges.
- (b) Hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves.
- (c) Hunting migratory game birds during the open season.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (6), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (3), (4), (5), (6), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am (4) and (5), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; r. and recr. (4), (5), (6), and r. (7), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1960, No. 56, eff. 9-1-60; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. (1); am. (3); r. and recr. (5), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.09; am. (6), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4) and (5), Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (4), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; am. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; r. and recr. (4), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

**NR 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall hunt deer or bear by any of the following methods:

(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of a dog or dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear in that portion of the state lying northerly of a line beginning with U.S. highway 8 on the western boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along highway 27 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along highway 13 to its junction with U.S. highway 8, thence easterly along highway 8 to its junction with U.S. highway 45, thence southerly along highway 45 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along highway 64 to the eastern boundary of the state during the seasons established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2., Wis. Adm. Code.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (2), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.10, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr. Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; emerg. am. (2), and cr. (6) to (11), eff. 8-2-74; am. (2), cr. (6) to (11), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; am. (7) and r. (9), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (1), (7) and (8), r. (5) and (6), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; r. and recr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. (1) (a), Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

**NR 10.101 Bear hunting. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall:

- (a) *Denned bear.* Hunt or shoot a bear in a den.
- (b) *Restricted areas.* Hunt bear in any dump or sanitary landfill.

(2) **DOG PERMIT. (a) Permit requirement.** No person may use a dog to hunt bear without being in possession of a bear-dog permit and valid state hunting license.

(b) *Permit application procedures.* 1. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to submit an application containing false information.

(c) *Permit issuance procedures.* 1. Permits shall be issued only to persons possessing a valid Wisconsin hunting license.

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2. Permits are not transferable and shall not be altered or defaced.
3. Permits are valid only during the season of issuance.
4. Duplicate permits may be issued to replace lost or destroyed permits.

(3) **DOG USE RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Identification.* No person shall hunt or pursue bear with any dog unless such dog is tattooed or wears a collar with the owner's name and address attached.

(b) *Training.* The training of dogs by pursuing bear is prohibited except during the period of July 10 through August 20.

(c) *Pack size.* No person or persons shall hunt bear with the aid of more than 6 dogs in a single pack, regardless of the ownership of the dogs.

(d) *Dog replacement.* Until the maximum of 6 dogs are released in pursuit of a bear, dogs may be added to the pack. However, no dogs engaged in the pursuit of such bear may be replaced by another dog.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; cr. (1) (b) 5., Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (b) and (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80.

**NR 10.102 Shining deer.** **History:** Cr. Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. Register, April, 1981, No. 304, eff. 5-1-81.

**NR 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting.** (1) (a) Immediately upon killing a deer, any person having killed a deer with a bow and arrow shall completely attach, seal and tie to the gambrel of either hind leg thereof, the deer carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive and string.

(b) Immediately upon tagging, the issued deer carcass tag shall be validated by cutting out notches on the tag designating the month, day, time of kill and sex of the animal. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner renders possession of the deer carcass illegal and the tag invalid.

(2) Any deer or bear killed during the open season for hunting deer or bear with bow and arrow showing evidence that it was shot with a fire-arm shall be an illegal game animal and it shall be unlawful for any person to have such animal in possession.

(3) No person shall use or have in their possession or under their control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any crossbow as defined in this chapter. Arrows used for hunting deer or bear shall have well-sharpened metal broad-head blades not less than seven-eighths of an inch in width, and not more than one and one-half inches in width.

(4) No person shall hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

(5) No person may possess a bow while in, on, or traversing areas inhabited by deer during the open season for hunting deer from one-half hour after the close of hunting hours established in Wis. Adm. Code s. NR 10.06 (3) to one-half hour before opening of hunting hours unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. (1); am. (2), Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (3) and cr. (5), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff.

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9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.11, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2), Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. (3), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; cr. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

**NR 10.115 Deer hunting party permit.** (2) Permit, tag and arm band. It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit unless such member is in possession of the deer tag and permit and is wearing the arm band on the sleeve of the outermost garment.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit except in the specified quota area for which such permit is issued.

(4) Permit issuance. Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party must accompany the application.

(5) First preference for permits shall be given to residents who applied for but were not issued permits in the preceding year. An application for first preference must include validated application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party from the preceding year along with application stubs from the license of each member of the deer hunting party for the current year. Validation of application stubs from the preceding year shall consist of stamping with the department seal. First preference application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(6) Second preference for permits shall be given to all other residents duly applying by applications postmarked no later than the first Friday in October.

(7) Validation of applications will be made by random selections from all eligible applications received for each quota area.

(8) All permits remaining unissued for any designated quota area after all applications filed pursuant to subs. (5) and (6) have been processed may be issued by the department on a first-come, first-served basis to deer hunting parties duly applying therefor.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; r. (1), (2) and (3) and recr. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; r. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; recr. Register, August, 1963, No. 92, eff. 9-1-63; am. (1), (2), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; emergency rule cr. (7), eff. 10-17-64; am. (1), (5) and (6); cr. (7), Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) and (6), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; emerg. am. (5), eff. 9-1-67; am. (5) and (6) Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; am. (1), (5) and (6), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.115, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (5), and am. (7), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 9-1-71; cr. (5) and (8), r. and recr. (6) and (7), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (6), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; r. and recr. (1), (2) and (4), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. (1), Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

**NR 10.116 Deer hunting hunter's choice permit.** (1) FINDING. The natural resources board finds that an additional harvest of deer in the amount established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 9.e. is necessary to properly manage the deer herd in the state.

(2) **APPLICATION AND PERMIT ISSUANCE.** Permits may be issued only to persons duly applying on application blanks furnished by the department, who are in possession of a valid current Wisconsin deer hunting license. Application must be postmarked no later than the first Friday in October. Validation of applications will be made by random selection from all eligible applications received for each quota area. No person shall submit more than one application.

(3) **PERMIT VALIDATION.** Two validation decals numbered to correspond with the permit are issued to each successful applicant. Validation shall consist of affixing a decal to the permit holder's valid Wisconsin deer hunting license and corresponding back tag. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

(4) **PERMIT AUTHORITY.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt antlerless deer in a quota area unless in possession of a hunter's choice permit, hunting license and back tag validated for that quota area.

(5) **BAG LIMIT.** Such permit shall authorize the use of the holder's current Wisconsin deer hunting license and tag for one deer of any age or sex in the quota area designated on the permit.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1980, No. 296, eff. 9-1-80.

**NR 10.12 Migratory game bird hunting.** (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall hunt any migratory game bird by any of the following methods:

(a) *Sinkbox.* From or by means, aid or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.

(b) *Boats.* From any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(c) *Structures.* From any pier, dam, dock or similar structure.

(d) *Rallying.* By the use or aid of any water, air or motor-driven land conveyance used for the purpose of or resulting in stirring up, driving or rallying.

(e) *Bird calls.* By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds or imitations thereof.

(f) *Live decoys.* By using directly or indirectly any live ducks or live geese for decoy purposes regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter.

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(g) *Decoy use.* By the use or aid of decoys which are: placed beyond 200 feet from the blind or cover in which the hunter is located. In addition, it is unlawful to:

- a. Place in the water prior to one hour before opening hunting time.
- b. Leave in the water unattended.
- c. Leave in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of hunting time.

(h) *Baiting.* 1. By the use or aid of salt or shelled or shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains or other feed or means of feeding similarly used to lure, attract or entice such birds to, on, or over the area where hunters are attempting to take them.

2. This subsection shall not be construed to apply to propagating, scientific or other operations in accordance with the terms of lawfully issued state and federal permits, or to the taking of birds over salt blocks, properly shocked corn, standing crops (including aquatics), grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural practices, flooded standing crops or flooded harvested crop lands, or to the feeding of migratory game birds at any time not in connection with hunting.

(2) **POSSESSION.** No person shall possess any live or crippled migratory game bird reduced to possession by means of hunting. Such bird shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

(3) **OPEN WATER RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall hunt waterfowl or coot in open water from any blind which may include any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance or similar device except:

(a) Blinds in any of the waters of the Mississippi river, the St. Croix river, and Lake St. Croix, and their bays, bayous and sloughs wherein they border on the counties of Buffalo, Crawford, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon and in any of the inland lakes of these counties, provided such blinds are set, placed or located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline. Such blinds shall, in all instances, be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of hunting hours each day.

(b) Blinds in any of the waters of Big Green Lake in Green Lake county and the outlying waters of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan including Green Bay under the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin beyond 500 feet of any shoreline of said lakes and beyond 500 feet of any natural growth of vegetation rooted to the bottom and extending above the water surface of such height as to offer whole or partial concealment for the hunter.

(c) Blinds in any waters of the Mississippi river, wherein they border Grant county and Lake Pepin wherein they border Pepin, Pierce and Buffalo counties. Such blinds shall, in all instances, be securely anchored to the place or spot they are to be used, and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of the hunting hours each day.

(d) Blinds in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties. In any of the waters of Lake Winnebago wherein they border Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties it shall be lawful for any person to use blinds that are set, placed or located more than:



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1. Fifteen hundred feet from any shoreline, including islands, for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at migratory game birds during the season prescribed in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b).

2. Five hundred feet from any shoreline, including islands, for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at scaup ducks during the season prescribed in s. NR 10.01 (1) (c).

3. Such blinds may include any boat, canoe, raft or similar device which shall in all instances be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used, and shall be removed from such location at the conclusion of the hunting hours each day.

(4) HORICON INTENSIVE ZONE RESTRICTIONS. (a) 1. It shall be unlawful to hunt waterfowl except from a blind during the open season for Canada geese within the area described in s. NR 10.01 (1) (i).

2. No more than 2 hunters shall occupy any blind at one time nor shall any person hunt waterfowl from a blind placed within 200 yards of any other blind occupied by one or more waterfowl hunters or within 100 yards of the boundary of the property on which such blind is located.

3. It is unlawful for any person or persons to hunt from or to permit any other person or persons to hunt from any blind situated on any 20-acre parcel of land, or residuary parcel thereof of less than 20 acres and more than 10 acres, owned, leased, occupied, or controlled by said person, while any other person or persons, whether with or without permission, are hunting from any other blind situated on the same 20-acre parcel of land or on the same residuary parcel thereof. However, the owner, occupant or lessee of a tract of land which is too small to meet the foregoing spacing requirements and which was partitioned by an instrument executed and recorded before January 1, 1961, may place one blind on such tract at the approximate center thereof.

4. No blind shall be placed within 75 yards of the boundary of the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

5. Retrieving downed birds shall be permitted outside blinds.

6. For the purpose of this subsection, "blind" means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters within.

(5) GUNS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS. No person shall hunt any migratory bird:

(a) With any shotgun of a larger bore than a no. 10 gauge.

(b) With any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than 3 shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined.

(c) By any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, or by falconry.

(d) *Non-toxic shot requirements.* 1. While hunting waterfowl and coot within any area described in part 2 of this subsection, no person may:

a. Take, catch, kill or pursue waterfowl and coot with any shotshells loaded with any metal other than non-toxic shot.

b. Possess any shotshell loaded with any metal other than non-toxic shot.

2. Non-toxic shot zones. a. Mississippi river. In that portion of the state lying west of the Burlington Northern railway in Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, Trempealeau and Vernon counties and all federal lands posted by the U.S. fish and wildlife service lying east of the railway in these same counties.

b. Eastern Wisconsin. In the Horicon and Central zones, shotshells containing non-toxic shot shall be required wherever hunting waterfowl and coot. Outside of these 2 zones, shotshells containing non-toxic shot shall be required on all waters and all areas within 150 yards of these waters in the counties of Calumet, Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Jefferson, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, and Winnebago.

c. Green Bay. The west 500 feet of Green Bay waters, all Brown county islands in Green Bay, all waters in Brown county northwest of the Fox river and east of U.S. highway 141, all waters of Oconto and Marinette counties east of U.S. highway 41 and all areas within 150 yards of these waters.

d. State wildlife areas. Within the zones described in subpars. b. and c., shotshells containing non-toxic shot are required for hunting waterfowl and coot anywhere on state-owned wildlife areas and on the following state wildlife areas: Mead in Marathon, Wood and Portage counties; Wood County and Sandhill in Wood county; and Meadow Valley in Juneau and Monroe counties.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) (e) and (2) (e) and (2) (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) (b); r. and recr. (1) (d); cr. (1) (f) and (g); am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; r. and recr. (1) (f), Register, September, 1963, No. 93, eff. 10-1-63; r. (5) (c) Register, August, 1965, No. 116, eff. 9-1-65; am. (5) (a), Register, September, 1965, No. 117, eff. 10-1-65; am. (1) (f), Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; am. (2) (b); cr. (2) (d), (e) and (f), Register, August, 1967, No. 140, eff. 9-1-67; emer. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-1-67; am. (2) (b) and (e), Register, August, 1968, No. 152, eff. 9-1-68; emerg. am. (1) (f), eff. 9-30-68; emerg. am. (2) (c), eff. 10-11-68, emerg. am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), eff. 8-30-69; am. (1) (f) and (2) (c), Register, November, 1969, No. 167, eff. 12-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.12, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (2) (d) and (e), and r. (f), Register September 1970, No. 177, eff. 10-1-70; am. (2) (b), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; emerg. am. (1) (f) eff. 10-10-72; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 9-24-75; am. (2) (a), Register, June, 1976, No. 246, eff. 7-1-76; am. (2), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; am. (5), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; r. (2) (a), r. and recr. (2) (c), and cr. (5) (b), Register, February, 1978, No. 266, eff. 3-1-78; r. and recr. (1) to (4) and (5) (a), cr. (5) (intro.), renum. (5) (b) to (5) (d), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; r. and recr. (3) (d) and (5) (d) 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, April, 1980, No. 292, eff. 5-1-80; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2., Register, June, 1981, No. 306, eff. 7-1-81; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (d), eff. 9-12-81; r. and recr. (5) (d), Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82.

**NR 10.13 Fur-bearing animals. (1) PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person shall:

(a) *Hunting.* Hunt any mink, muskrat, beaver, or otter with the aid of any spear, gun or dog.

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(b) *Trapping*. 1. Traps. Set out or place traps, whether set or sprung, during the closed season.

2. Bait or scent. Set out or place any bait or scent for attracting fur-bearing animals during the closed season.

3. Trap limit. Set, place or operate more than 75 traps of any kind for the purposes of capturing furbearing animals.

4. Water sets. Take, capture or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any furbearing animals at any time by means of water sets except during that period when and in those areas where there is an open season for trapping muskrat, beaver, or otter.

5. Trap placement. Set any trap or traps at any time within 50 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam except during the regular or special season for beaver, when it shall be lawful to set traps for beaver not less than 15 feet from any beaver house or beaver dam.

(2) **MOLESTING**. While hunting or trapping, no person shall:

(a) *Raccoon*. Molest any raccoon den or den trees.

(b) *Mink*. Molest any mink den.

(c) *Muskrat and beaver*. Molest any muskrat house, muskrat feeding house, beaver house or beaver dam.

(3) **TRAPPING HOURS**. (a) *Legal time period*. The trapping hours shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (CST).

(b) *Illegal time period*. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (CST).

(c) *Special checking period*. All dry land sets shall be checked and animals therein removed at least once each day.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. and recr. (1) and (3), Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; r. and recr. (3), Register, August, 1966, No. 128, eff. 9-1-66; renum. to be NR 10.13; am. (3), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 8-1-71; am. (3), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; emerg. am. (1), eff. 4-3-76; r. and recr. Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 10-1-79; r. and recr. (1) (b) 5., Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80.

**NR 10.14 Trapping, prohibited methods.** (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, operate or possess while on or adjacent to waters of this state, any trap other than a steel-jawed trap or live traps for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals. Such live traps shall be constructed so that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any single trap setting.

(3) No person shall construct or place on the ice of any of the waters of this state any artificial house or den for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any fur-bearing animals, or place or set therein any trap or traps of any kind which might take, catch, or kill fur-bearing animals.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate except as a waterset any killer type trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7".

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jaw trap with a spread width of more than 8 inches.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth except as a water set.

(7) Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, it shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any waterset smaller than 5½" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 6¾" x 6¾" for killer traps of the conibear type during the beaver and otter season.

**History:** 1-2-56; cr. (4), Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.14; am. (1), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. (1), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; cr. (5), Register, August, 1975, No. 236, eff. 9-1-75; cr. (6), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; cr. (7), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (2), Register, May, 1978, No. 269, eff. 6-1-78; am. (7), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; am. (2) and (7), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81.

**NR 10.15 Horicon national wildlife refuge.** (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** (a) Except as provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or trap any wild animal or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon the area known as the Horicon national wildlife refuge.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employes in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

(2) **SHOTGUN SEASON.** A shotgun season shall be established for hunting deer except for posted closed areas, pursuant to NR 10.01 (3).

(3) **BOW AND ARROW SEASON.** An open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow in areas designated by posted notice shall be established pursuant to s. NR 10.01 (3).

(4) **SMALL GAME SEASON.** (a) The open season for hunting upland game birds and rabbits shall begin as established by NR 10.01 (2) and (3), and continue through the end of the pheasant season each year pursuant to NR 10.01 (2) (c), and shall be subject to all other rules covering hunting set forth in this chapter.

(b) With the written approval of the department, such season may be closed at any time upon request by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(5) **TRAPPING.** (a) With the written approval of the department, an open season may be declared for trapping muskrat, mink and raccoon.

(b) If permits are required, they shall be issued by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

(c) The legal number of traps allowed for each trapper shall be prescribed by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

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(d) All other rules covering trapping are set forth in this chapter.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2) (a) and r. (2) (b) to (e), Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71; am. (5), (6) and (7), Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76; am. (6), Register, January, 1977, No. 253, eff. 2-1-77; r. and recr. Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79.

**Note:** For a complete history of NR 10.15 see the history note for NR 10.15 as it appeared in Register, August, 1973.

**NR 10.16 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county.** Except as provided in subs. (1), (2), (3), and (4) it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any species of wild animal or bird at any time, or have in possession or under control any firearm unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or any bow and arrow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, upon that area known as the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau county, Wisconsin. Nothing in this section shall prohibit, prevent, or interfere with the U.S. fish and wildlife service, its deputies, agents, or employes in the destruction of unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04.

(1) Within the discretion of the U.S. fish and wildlife service an open season for the taking of fur-bearing animals may be declared within the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge upon written approval of the department, which shall designate the species to be taken and establish opening and closing dates. Trapping on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge shall be conducted under written permit from the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Such permit shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing trapping set forth in this chapter.

(2) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with bow and arrow shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and said season shall be concurrent with the state-wide season for bow and arrow established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

(3) An open season for hunting deer, and unprotected wild animals as listed in s. NR 10.04, with firearms shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and such season shall fall within the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notice of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. No special permits shall be required, but hunting licenses and deer tag as required by statutes under NR 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

(4) An open season for hunting wild turkeys as listed in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) is established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, and such season shall be concurrent with the open season for hunting turkeys as described in NR 10.01 (2) (f). Such open season shall be effective only in those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Hunting on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge shall be restricted to only those

persons holding a valid principal or guest turkey hunting permit issued by the department.

**History:** 1-2-56, am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. intro. par., (1) and (2), and recr. intro. par., (1) and (2), and cr. (3), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (3), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; r. and recr., Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. intro. par. and cr. (4), Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; renum. to be NR 10.16, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (4), Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. Register, May, 1976, No. 245, eff. 8-15-76.