

Chapter NR 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(ss. 29.085 and 29.174, Stats.)

NR 10.001 Definitions. (1) "Antlerless deer" means any deer without antlers or with an antler less than 3 inches in length.

(1h) "Accompanied by", for the purposes of s. 29.227, Stats., means within sight and voice contact, without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

(1m) "Assisting", for the purpose of bear hunting, means helping a bear harvest permittee hunt a bear by handling dogs, tracking, trailing or locating the bear, or otherwise aiding while with the permittee or baiting.

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

(3) "Bearded turkey" means a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast.

(3m) "Black bear hunting zone" means a zone established in s. NR 10.30.

(3s) "Blind", for the purpose of goose hunting in zones established in s. NR 10.31, means any framed enclosure or pit not more than 15 feet in its greatest dimension and camouflaged to provide concealment to hunters.

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

(5) "Buck deer" means any deer with an antler not less than 3 inches in length.

(5m) "Canada goose management zones and subzones" means those established in s. NR 10.31.

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

(6m) "Current validated deer carcass tag", for purposes of s. 29.40 (2), Stats., means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 10.103 (2).

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

(7m) "Deer management unit" means a zone established in s. NR 10.28.

(8) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(9) For the purposes of ss. 29.224 (2), 29.56, 29.565 (2), 29.57 (4) and 350.06, Stats., "enclosed within a carrying case" for firearms means completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed.

Note: Subsection (9) does not remove the requirement of ss. 29.224 and 350.06, Stats., to enclose bows or crossbows in carrying cases. The rule does not apply to bows or crossbows only because the natural resources board recognizes that certain designed bow cases may allow portions of the bow, for instance the handle, to be exposed and yet still render the bow inoperable.

(9m) For the purpose of administering the Canada goose hunting permit system, "Exterior goose management zone" or the "Exterior zone" means all that part of the state outside of the Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa goose management zones described in s. NR 10.31, and includes the Mississippi River, Brown County, Burnett County, New Auburn and Rock Prairie subzones which shall be treated as separate management subzones for other purposes.

(10) "Firearm season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms loaded with a single slug or ball: rifle, muzzle-loader, shotgun or handgun for deer hunting described in s. NR 10.09 (1) (c) 1. c.

(10m) "Fully automatic firearm" means any firearm which continues to fire or is manufactured to continue to fire as long as the trigger is depressed.

Note: This definition does not include a semi-automatic firearm which fires a single shot with each pull of the trigger, then ejects the spent cartridge case and reloads without effort on the part of the shooter.

(13) "Liquid" means a substance, neither solid or gaseous, that flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70°F.

(14) "Liquid scent" means any nonsolid material except honey.

(15) "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)).

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

(17) 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.

(18) 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.

(19) "Nontoxic shot" means steel shot and copper or nickel plated steel shot with the plating not exceeding .0002 inches or 1% or less of shot by weight.

(19m) "Openly exposed" means to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

(20) "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.

(21) "Permanent abode" means a person's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place as distinguished from a temporary abode.

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

(23) "Preservation facility" means any permanent abode, cold storage facility, locker plant, taxidermy establishment, hunting club or place of business which receives or possesses any game belonging to another person for the purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

(23m) "Shotgun" means a smoothbore barrelled firearm designed to shoot pellets. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are of the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20, 28.

(24) "Shotgun season" means an open season for hunting with any of the following firearms, as provided in s. NR 10.09, loaded with a single slug or ball:

(a) For hunting deer, muzzle-loader, shotgun and handgun; or

(b) For hunting other game, muzzle-loader or shotgun.

(25) "Sight exposed bait" means any bait which can be seen from above the bait.

(25e) "Snare" means a non-spring activated noose used for catching furbearers.

(25m) "Tag authorized for use on the type of deer killed", for purposes of s. 29.40 (2), Stats., means a tag issued to the hunter killing the deer or an individual satisfying the provisions of s. 29.405, Stats., which, based

on the approvals of the person tagging the deer, is valid for the type of deer killed.

(26) "Temporary abode" means a transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any clubhouse, cabin, tent, or trailer used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or roominghouse used during a hunting trip.

(27) "Unforked antler" means a polished antler consisting of a single spike without branches or tines.

(29) "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.

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

(31) "Wild turkey hunting zone" means a zone established in s. NR 10.29.

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NR 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established year-round for each species of wild animal named in this section, except during the specified open season. Seasons open to legal hunting and trapping apply to the entire locality described, except as otherwise provided in chs. NR 11 and 15. Whenever open and closed season areas are defined by highways, the boundary shall be the highway center line. No person may hunt, take, catch or kill any animal specified in this section except during the specified open season.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	subzone	and Oct. 7 at 12:00 noon - Oct 31 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 - Dec. 10	1	2
			2	4
			1	2
	l. Mississippi river subzone south of a line extending from the Chippewa river's center line	Oct. 7 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 10 and Oct. 18 - Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 - Dec. 22	1	2
			1	2
			2	4
			2	4
	m. Early goose hunt subzone	Sept. 1-10, excluding the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend	5	10
2. Snow and blue geese	Entire state	Concurrent with the wild duck seasons established in par. (b) or Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Dec. 1	A total of 7 including 2 white-fronted geese and not more than the established daily limit for Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese	A total of 14 including 4 white-fronted geese and not more than the established possession or season limit on Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese
3. All other geese and brant	Entire state	Concurrent with the wild duck seasons established in par. (b) or Canada goose seasons in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Dec 1; except for the Rock Prairie subzone where the season ends Dec. 8; and except for the Horicon Zone where the season ends Dec. 10	A total of 7 including 2 white-fronted geese and not more than the established daily limit for Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese	A total of 14 including 4 white-fronted geese and not more than the established possession or season limit on Canada geese or its subspecies during the open season on Canada geese

Note: Migratory bird rules, including seasons, limits, hours and areas where authorized, are established by emergency rule procedure in September of each year. The emergency rules will be published in their entirety in the official state newspaper and published in summary form in the current year migratory bird regulation pamphlet. Copies of the emergency rules may be obtained by contacting: State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707.

(u) *Falconry special season.* Any person possessing a valid falconry permit and hunting license shall be restricted to the following migratory game bird seasons:

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
1. All species of wild duck except as provided in par. (a), mergansers and coots	Entire state	Beginning on the first season day established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (b) at 12:00 noon and continuing for 107 consecutive days	3	6
2. Gallinules, Sora rail, Virginia rail, common snipe and woodcock	Entire state	Sept. 1-Dec. 16	3	6

(2) GAME BIRDS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(a) <i>Ruffed grouse (partridge)</i>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying south of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the west boundary of St. Croix county, then east on highway 64 to its intersection with U.S. highway 45, then southeasterly on highway 45 to its intersection with U.S. highway 10, then east on highway 10 and continuing east to the junction with the east boundary of the state.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Remainder of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through December 31	Daily bag 5; 10 possession
(b) <i>Sharp-tailed grouse</i>		
1. All that part of Wisconsin lying north of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 and the west boundary of the state, then east along highway 64 to its junction with state highway 13, then south along highway 13 to its junction with state highway 29, then east along highway 29 ending in the city of Green Bay, except in the areas described in subs. 2. and 3.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing for 23 consecutive days	Daily bag 1; possession 2
2. Closed areas established in s. NR 11.08	None	None
3. All that part of Price county enclosed by a line beginning at the intersection of state highway 70 and county highway F, then south on county highway F to its junction with Fleming's Rapids Road, then south on Fleming's Rapids Road to its junction with county highway W, then west on county highway W to its junction with Price Lakes Road, then north on Price Lakes Road to its junction with state highway 70, then east on state highway 70 to the point of beginning	None	None
4. Remainder of the state	None	None

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
<i>(c) Pheasants</i>		
1. Cocks only — In all counties of the state except the properties specified in subd. 2 and s. NR 10.24 and within closed areas established in s. NR 11.14	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	The bag limit for the first 14 days of the season is one each day with a possession limit of 2; thereafter the bag limit is 2 each day with a possession limit of 4
2. Cocks and hens — Within the following named properties as posted with department signs:	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	The bag limit for the first 14 days of the season is one each day with a possession limit of 2; thereafter the bag limit is 2 each day with a possession limit of 4
a. Avoca (Iowa county)		
b. Blackhawk (Iowa county)		
c. Collins (Manitowoc county)		
d. Holland (Brown county)		
e. Little Scarboro and Kewaunee (Kewaunee county)		
f. Mazomanie (Dane county)		
g. New Munster (Kenosha county)		
h. Pine River (Richland county)		
i. Theresa (Dodge-Washington counties)		
j. Witwen (Sauk county)		
k. Yellowstone (Lafayette county)		

3. Permit and tag requirement. No person may hunt cock or hen pheasants within the posted areas established in subd. 2, without possessing a current pheasant hunting permit decal, pheasant tags and valid Wisconsin hunting license. Permits and tags are valid only for the year of issue.

4. Permit application procedure. Application forms supplied by the department shall be completed and submitted by the applicant. No person may submit more than one application per year or an application containing false information.

5. Permit and tag issuance procedure. Permits and tags are not transferable or replaceable and may not be reused, altered or defaced. The department shall issue a numbered pheasant hunting permit and 10 tags to each applicant.

6. Permit validation. The numbered pheasant hunting permit decal shall be attached to the applicant's current year Wisconsin hunting license to be valid for use as described in this paragraph. Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and tags.

7. Tagging requirement. When a cock or hen pheasant is killed on any lands described in subd. 2 and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall completely attach and seal the carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive, around the leg of the pheasant.

Note: Special rules for the Bong state recreation area are established in s. NR 10.24.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(d) Gray (Hungarian) partridge		
1. In all counties of the state except in the areas listed in subd. 2.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 3; possession 6
2. Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties.	None	None
(e) Bobwhite quail		
In all counties of the state	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 17 at 12:00 noon and continuing for 54 consecutive days	Daily bag 5; possession 10
(f) Wild turkey (zone hunting)		
1. Zones identified in subd. 2. and Ft. McCoy military reservation in Monroe county are open to turkey hunting by permit. The remainder of the state is closed to turkey hunting.	Spring season beginning on Wednesday nearest April 13 and continuing Wednesday through Sunday for 6 consecutive 5-day time periods, except on Ft. McCoy military reservation where the season may continue for 40 consecutive days.	One male or bearded turkey per season by permit.
2. Hunting zones and permit numbers to be issued for each spring hunting period are:		
Hunting Zones	Permits for subd. 1 season	Permits for subd. 3 season
1	200	180
1A	280	300
2	660	500
3	900	850
4	600	800
5	300	250
6	300	none
7	250	none
8	250	none
9	175	150
10	350	400
11	300	225
12	200	150
13	200	none
14	100	none
15	150	none
30	75	none
31	200	200
32	150	150

Fort McCoy permit numbers are determined by Fort McCoy officials.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
3. Zones 1 and 1A to 5, 9 to 12, 31 and 32 as described in s. NR 10.29	Beginning on the second Monday in October and continuing through Sunday for 3 consecutive 7-day time periods	One turkey of either sex per permit per year. Permit numbers are established in subd. 2

c. Permit success rates used to compute the number of permits to be issued for each quota shall be those calculated by the department from annual fisher season harvest reports.

The success rate formula is:

$$\text{Success rate} = \frac{\text{Number of fisher harvested}}{\text{Number of permits issued}}$$

The permit number formula is:

$$\text{Permit number} = \frac{\text{Quota fisher to be harvested}}{\text{Trapper success rate}}$$

d. The overwinter population goal for each management zone is one fisher per 4 square miles of fisher range.

3. Tagging procedure. a. Each person shall immediately upon possessing a fisher or an otter, attach and lock 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 may have a fisher or an otter pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping the animal attaches the tag as required by this subdivision.

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

4. Fisher exhibition. Unless otherwise authorized by the department, each person who has trapped a fisher shall exhibit the pelt separated from the carcass along with the carcass to an authorized department representative in the county in which the animal was trapped, or in an adjoining county, no later than 5 days after the close of the fisher season. The fisher carcass shall be retained by the department.

5. Otter exhibition. Each person who has trapped an otter shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized department representative in the county in which the animal was trapped, or in an adjoining county, but within the area open to otter trapping, no later than 5 days after the close of the otter season.

6. Registration. The department shall inspect the pelt, attach and lock a registration tag to the head of all lawfully taken and possessed fisher and otter.

7. Possession and transfer restrictions. No person may:

a. Possess raw fisher or otter pelts later than 5 days after the close of the fisher and otter seasons to the opening date of the following fisher and otter seasons without a registration tag attached and locked to the head of the animal.

b. Transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any fisher or otter pelt without a registration tag being attached and locked to the head of the pelt.

8. Fisher or bobcat intended for mounting. Persons exhibiting fisher under subd. 4, or bobcat under s. NR 10.145 (3) who intend to have the fisher or bobcat mounted by a taxidermist may exhibit the fisher or bobcat to the department for registration in whole carcass condition without

separating the pelt and need not surrender the skinned carcass to the department until after the taxidermist has separated the pelt.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3) (g), Register, August, 1986, No. 366, eff. 9-1-86; r. and recr. (intro.), (1) (n), (2) (b), (3) (d) 2. c. and (3) (e) 7., am. (2) (f) 1. and 2., (3) (e) 2. intro. and d. and 9. e., Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (g) 1. a, cr. (1) (g) 1. am., eff. 10-19-85; r. and recr. (4) (a) 4., am. (2) (f), Register, January, 1986, No. 361, eff. 2-1-86, except (4) (a) 4. eff. 3-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3., am. (1) (u) 1., Register, April, 1986, No. 364, eff. 6-1-86; r. and recr. (3) (g), Register, June, 1986, No. 366, eff. 7-1-86; am. (1) (l) 2. and 3. b., (3) (e) (intro.) and (4) (e) 4., r. and recr. (3) (e) 2. and 6., (3) (em) and (4) (e) 1. b., r. (4) (d) 3. to 5., Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3. and (u) 1., cr. (1) (e) 3. c., eff. 9-12-86; r. and recr. (3) (e) intro. and 1. to 6., am. (3) (e) 9. e. and (4) (e) 2. intro., Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (a), (b), (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 3., (u) 1., cr. (1) (l) 3. c., Register, January, 1987, No. 373, eff. 2-1-87; am. (2) (f) 1. and r. and recr. (2) (l) 2., Register, February, 1987, No. 374, eff. 3-1-87; cr. (4) (e) 8., Register, March, 1987, No. 376, eff. 4-1-87; r. (1) (q) and (r), r. and recr. (3) (g) and (4) (c), Register, July, No. 379, eff. 8-1-87; emerg. r. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) 2., (g), (l) 2. b. and 5., (tm) 2., 3. and 4., (u) 1., eff. 9-25-87; am. (2) (f) 1. and 2., (3) (e) 9. e., r. and recr. (3) (h) 1. and (4) (e) 2., cr. (3) (h) 3., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 11-1-87; r. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) 2., (g), (l) 2. b., and 5., (tm) 2. to 5., and (u) 1., Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (2) (f) 2., Register, January, 1988, No. 385, eff. 2-1-88; r. and recr. (4) (b), am. (4) (c), Register, June, 1988, No. 390, eff. 7-1-88; renum. (1) (h) to be NR 10.125 (6), r. (1) (i) to (tm), (3) (e) 7. and 9., am. (1) (u) 1., r. and recr. (2) (b) 2., Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; emerg. cr. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g) eff. 9-21-88; am. (intro.) and (2) (c) 1., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88. cr. (2) (f) 3., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; cr. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g), Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2-1-89; r. and recr. (2) (f) 1. and 2., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89; am. (3) (e) (intro.), r. (4) (e) 1. d., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. (2) (b) 1., (3) (e) 1. intro. and a., 2. intro., a., b., and e., r. and recr. (2) (d), (4) (dm) and (e) 2. d., renum. (3) (e) 1. d. to be 1. e., cr. (3) (e) 1. d., 2. f., 6. and 7., Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89; emerg. am. (1) (g) 1. a. and f., eff. 11-26-89; r. and recr. (2) (f) 1. and 2., Register, January, 1990, No. 409, eff. 2-1-90; r. and recr. (1) (b), (c) and (g), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90; am. (4) (b) and (c), Register, May, 1990, No. 413, eff. 6-1-90; r. and recr. (2) (f) 2. and 3., cr. (1) (g) 1. m., Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.

Note: For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 1-2-56 through 11-30-73 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in November 1973 Register. For a complete history of s. NR 10.01 from 12-1-73 through 7-31-85 see the history note following s. NR 10.01 published in the July, 1985 Register.

NR 10.02 Protected wild animals. The following wild animals are designated protected. No person may take, attempt to take, transport or possess any protected wild animal at any time unless expressly authorized by the department.

- (1) Cougar, badger, moose, elk, wolverine and flying squirrel.
- (2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.
- (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.
- (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-

foot pounds. Such handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

Note: Persons under the age of 18 years, pursuant to s. 941.22, Stats., may not hunt with handguns. Hunters using handguns must comply with all state and federal laws respecting handguns, including s. 941.23, Stats., respecting concealment, and s. 29.224, Stats., respecting transportation.

d. Crossbows may be used by disabled individuals issued a permit under s. 29.104 (4), Stats.

2. Deer or bear hunting. Hunt any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire, 5 mm rim-fire rifle, .17 caliber center-fire rifle, .410 bore shotgun or with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, nonexpanding type bullets.

3. 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.

(d) *Automatic firearms.* Hunt with a fully automatic firearm.

(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.

(3) **BOWS AND ARROWS.** No person may:

(b) *Special restrictions.* Use, possess or have under control while hunting, any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrow with explosive tips or any crossbow.

(c) *Arrow standards.* Use, possess or have under control while deer or bear hunting, any arrow with a metal broad-head blade less than seven-eighths of an inch in width. Such broad-head blades must be well-sharpened.

(d) *Bow size.* Hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.

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; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82; cr. (1) (c)2. and 3. and (3), Register, September, 1983, No. 333, eff. 10-1-83; am. (1) (a) 2. and (c) 1. a., Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (a) 2., eff. 9-25-87; am. (1) (c) 1. c., Register, October, 1987, No. 382, eff. 1-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (a) 2., Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; r. (3) (a), Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; am. (1) (a) 2. and (c) 1. c., Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89; am. (1) (c) 2. and cr. (1) (d), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.

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

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(b) *Dogs.* With the aid of dogs, except that dogs may be used for hunting bear during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (3) (g) 2. in that portion of the state north of the highways shown in the following map:

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1-88; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), eff. 9-15-89; am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), r. and recr. (1) (h), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90.

NR 10.125 Canada goose hunting. (1) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) Permit possession. No person may hunt Canada geese in any area of the state without having on their person a current, valid Canada goose hunting permit.

(b) *Validity.* 1. Except as provided under subd. 2, permits and any associated carcass tags are valid only in the zones and for the time periods specified on the permit during the open season established for Canada geese.

2. Horicon zone permit holders possessing a current, valid permit with an unused carcass tag may hunt in the Theresa zone beginning the day after the date on which the Theresa zone harvest quota is reached and continuing through the end of Theresa zone season.

(c) *Permit quota.* 1. Horicon zone. The number of Canada goose permits issued by the department annually under this section and under s. NR 19.84 shall be based upon the assigned federal quota and distributed within established zones based upon the general distribution of geese within the state and the previous year's hunter success rates.

2. Collins zone. Permit numbers for each time period for the Collins zone may not exceed 325.

3. Pine Island zone. Permit numbers for each time period for the Pine Island zone may not exceed 200.

(d) *Application and issuance procedures; all zones.* 1. Applications shall be on forms supplied by the department and, except early goose hunt subzone applications, shall include the applicant's senior citizen recreation card number, hunter education certificate number, armed forces license number or bow license number.

2. No person may submit more than one application per year except that:

a. Persons not applying by the permit application deadline for the Collins, Horicon, Theresa or Pine Island zones established under par. (e) may reapply, provided the goose season is open, for an Exterior zone permit.

b. Persons applying for an early goose hunt subzone permit may also apply for a Collins, Horicon, Theresa, Pine Island or Exterior zone permit.

3. Applicants may indicate preference for any zone and period.

4. No person may submit an application containing false information.

(e) *Application and issuance procedures; Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zones.* 1. *Deadline.* Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zone applications shall be postmarked no later than the first Friday in September or hand delivered to the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

Note: The license section address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

2. *Group applications.* If 2 or more persons wish to hunt together in the Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zones, each shall fill out an application

form and submit them together in one envelope clearly marked "group application" on the outside. A group application shall be considered one application.

3. Preference. When Collins, Horicon or Pine Island applications exceed the number of permits available, successful applicants shall be randomly selected with first preference given to persons who unsuccessfully applied for a permit during the previous year.

4. Multiple tags. If the number of Collins, Horicon or Pine Island zone permit applications is less than the number of permits available for any time period, the department may issue the remaining permits to successful applicants by random selection and increase the applicant's season bag limit accordingly.

(f) *Application and issuance procedures; Exterior zone.* Exterior zone permit applications may be obtained by mail or in person at department district and area offices during normal office hours throughout the open season.

Note: Normal office hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(g) *Application and issuance procedures; Early goose hunt subzone.* Early goose hunt subzone applications shall be postmarked no later than the first Friday in August or hand delivered to the department license section no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

(h) *Permit validation procedures.* In the Exterior zones, when a Canada goose is taken and before it is transported in any manner, the hunter shall validate the permit by slitting or punching the mark indicating the month and day the goose was killed. Failure to follow the validation procedure invalidates the permit and renders any goose in possession illegal.

(2) **CARCASS TAG REQUIREMENTS.** The following carcass tag requirements apply to Canada goose hunting in the Collins, Horicon, Pine Island and Theresa zones:

(a) *Tag possession.* No person may hunt Canada geese without being in possession of a valid carcass tag issued by the department.

(b) *Tagging requirements.* When a Canada goose is taken and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Validate the permit by tearing or cutting out notches on the tag designating the month, day and time of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit and renders any goose in possession illegal.

2. Completely attach and seal the paper tag, utilizing its own adhesive, to the neck of the goose.

3. No person may possess or transport a Canada goose unless it is tagged with a validated tag.

(c) *Transportation restrictions.* The hunter shall:

1. Transport the goose in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the tag attached to the goose cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

2. Keep the tag attached to the goose until it reaches the personal abode of the person taking it.

(3) **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.** Canada geese killed in the Theresa zone shall be registered at on-site department stations no later than 8:00 p.m. on the opening day of the zone's duck season and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day it was killed during the remainder of the season.

(4) **ADDITIONAL TAGS.** Theresa zone hunters may obtain one additional carcass tag for each consecutive time period provided:

1. The zone harvest quota has not been reached; and
2. The additional carcass tag is used in a valid time period established in s. NR 10.01 (1) (g).

(5) **REPORTS.** (a) *Report card issuance.* Canada goose harvest reports shall be issued to each successful applicant for the Early goose hunt and Exterior zones. Exterior zone permit holders shall be issued 5 report cards. Additional report cards may be issued at department district and area offices to applicants appearing in person.

(b) *Harvest reports.* 1. Exterior zone. Each successful Exterior zone permit holder shall complete and submit a harvest report on forms supplied by the department. The report shall be submitted to the department within 48 hours of harvesting a goose.

2. Early goose hunt subzone. Each Early goose hunt subzone permittee shall complete and submit a department harvest report form to the department within 48 hours of the close of the season.

(c) *Hunting reports.* The department may require any permit holder to provide the department a goose hunting report. The selected hunter shall be required to complete the report and mail it within 48 hours of receipt.

Note: The hunting report forms will be mailed to certain hunters only.

(6) **CANADA GOOSE LIMITS.** The daily bag limit on Canada geese statewide is not more than that permitted in any one zone within the state and no person may possess or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily limit, whichever applies, or migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either the person's personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or a commercial preservation facility.

History: Cr. (1) to (5), (6) renum. from NR 10.01 (1) (h), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 9-21-88; am. (1) (c), Register, January, 1989, No. 397 eff. 2-1-89; am. (5) (a) 2., Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; emerg. renum. (1) (c) to be (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), eff. 9-15-89; renum. (1) (c) to (1) (c) 1., cr. (1) (c) 2. and 3., r. and recr. (1) (d) 5. intro., r. (1) (d) 5. a. and (5) (a) 1., am. (1) (e) and (5) (a) (intro.) and (b), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90; r. and recr. (1) (b), (d) to (e), am. (5) (a) (intro.), r. (5) (a) 2., renum. (5) (b) to be (5) (b) 1., cr. (1) (f) to (h) and (5) (b) 2., Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.

NR 10.13 Furbearing animals. (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** No person may:

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

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1. The owner or occupant of any land and members of their families may shoot or trap beaver on their respective lands without license as established in s. 29.24, Stats.

2. Agents or employes possessing written authorization from the landowner, land lessee or responsible governmental body may use firearms to shoot beaver under s. NR 12.10.

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

2. Bait or scent. Set out or place any bait or scent for attracting furbearing animals during the closed season. During the open season, no person may use sight exposed bait consisting of feathers, animal flesh, fur, hide or entrails within 25 feet of any trap.

3. Trap and snare limit. Set, place or operate more than 75 traps or snares in any combination for the purposes of capturing furbearing animals.

4. Watersets. Take, capture or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any furbearing animals at any time by means of watersets except during that period when and in those areas where there is an open season for trapping muskrat, beaver, or otter. In addition, persons removing beaver under s. NR 12.10 may use watersets.

5. Trap and snare placement. Set any snares or traps at any time within 15 feet of any beaver dam, except when trapping under the landowner authority established by s. 29.24, Stats.

Note: The rule exception allows trapping on beaver dams by landowners.

6. Trap and snare use. Set, place, operate or possess while on or adjacent to waters of this state, any trap other than a steel-jawed trap, live traps or snare other than that defined in s. NR 10.001 (25e) for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing furbearing animals. Live traps shall be constructed so that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any single trap setting.

7. Artificial structures. 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 furbearing animals.

8. Killer traps and snares. Set, place, or operate any snare or killer type trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7" unless one-half of the trap or snare noose is located underwater at all times.

9. Steeljawed traps. 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.

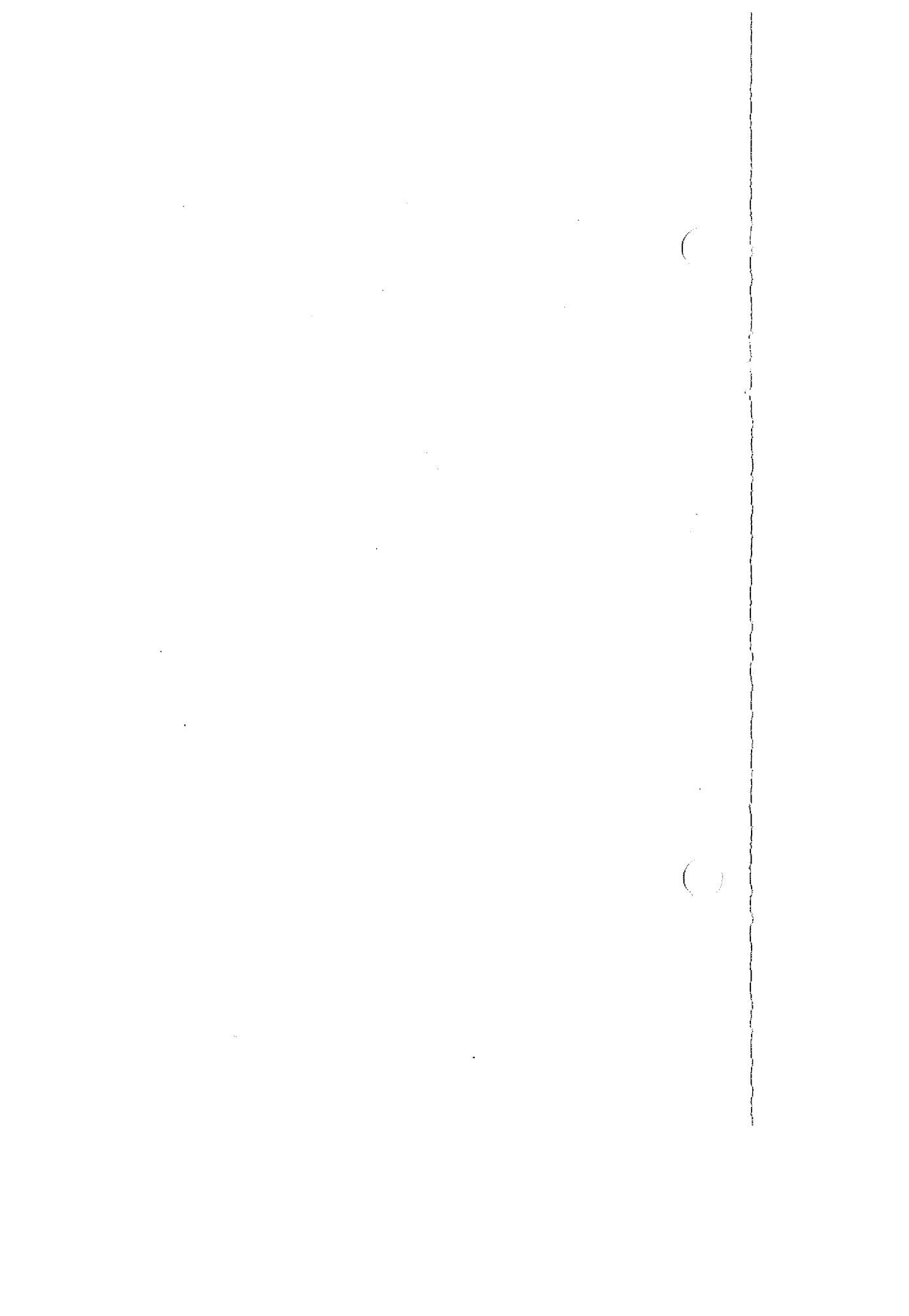
10. Toothed traps. No person may set, place or operate any steel jawed trap with teeth unless it is located completely underwater at all times.

11. Minimum waterset. Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, no person may 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.

12. Trap placement. Set, place or operate any snare or killer trap of the conibear type greater than 6" x 6" or 6" in diameter in the following locations:

- a. Within 3 feet of any federal, state or county road rights-of-way culvert unless completely submerged in water.
- b. Within 3 feet of any woven or welded wire mesh type fence.

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3. Persons successful in obtaining a turkey permit and tag for any numbered zone are not eligible to receive a Ft. McCoy military reservation turkey hunting permit.

Note: Any person may apply for a state and Ft. McCoy wild turkey hunting permit simultaneously. The Ft. McCoy drawing of successful applicants will occur after successful state applicants are listed by the department. As a result, Ft. McCoy officials will be able to reject Ft. McCoy applicants appearing on the department list.

(2) TAGGING PROCEDURE. (a) *Carcass tag use.* In wild turkey hunting zones, when a wild turkey is killed and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall:

1. Validate the permit by tearing or cutting out notches on the carcass tag designating the day of kill. Failure to follow the validation procedure in this manner invalidates the permit.

2. Completely attach and seal the carcass tag, utilizing its own adhesive, around the leg of the turkey.

(b) *Transportation and possession.* No person may possess or transport a wild turkey taken in any wild turkey hunting zone established in s. NR 10.29 unless the person has lawfully killed and tagged it.

(3) REGISTRATION. A person who possesses a wild turkey killed in a wild turkey hunting zone shall exhibit and register the bird at a department station as follows:

(a) *Spring season.* A wild turkey taken during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 1. shall be registered no later than 1:30 p.m. on the day killed.

(b) *Fall season.* A wild turkey taken during the season established in s. NR 10.01 (2) (f) 3., shall be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after it was killed.

(4) RESTRICTIONS. No person may hunt wild turkeys:

(a) By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow.

(b) With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

(c) With the aid of dogs.

(d) With live decoys for the purposes of enticing wild turkeys.

(e) With the aid of bait.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1966, No. 123, eff. 4-1-66; r. and recr. Register, March, 1967, No. 135, eff. 4-1-67; am. (3), (5) and (7)(a), Register, March, 1968, No. 147, eff. 4-1-68; renun. to be NR 10.25, Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; r. and recr., Register, November, 1982, No. 323, eff. 12-1-82; am. (1) (c) 2. and (3), Register, March, 1985, No. 351, eff. 4-1-85; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9-1-86; am. (1) (a), (2) (a) (intro.), (b) and (3), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; r. and recr. (1) (c) 2. and 3. and (3), cr. (1) (c) 4., Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 1-1-89; am. (1) (a), r. and recr. (1) (c) (intro.), cr. (1) (e) 3., Register, March, 1989, No. 399, eff. 4-1-89; cr. (4) (e), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.

NR 10.27 State park deer hunting. No person may hunt deer on state parks and recreation land except as provided in this section. Portions of the properties listed may be posted closed to deer hunting.

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(1) **MUZZLE-LOADER SEASON;** Deer hunting by muzzle-loader is allowed in Blue Mound, Governor Dodge and Perrot state parks during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 3.

(2) **FIREARM SEASON.** Deer hunting by firearm is allowed in Natural Bridge and Wyalusing state parks during the season specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d.

(3) **EARLY BOW SEASON.** Deer hunting by bow and arrow through November is allowed in Buckhorn state park as specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (em).

(4) **FIREARM AND BOW SEASONS.** Deer hunting by firearm and bow and arrow is allowed in the Plum Island part of Grand Traverse Islands state park during the seasons specified in s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d. and (em).

(5) **FIREARM AND LATE BOW SEASONS.** Deer hunting by firearm and bow and arrow is established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d and the December portion of s. NR 10.01 (3) (em) for the following:

- (a) Big Bay state park
- (b) Devil's Lake state park
- (c) Elroy-Sparta state trail
- (d) Hartman Creek state park
- (e) Interstate state park
- (f) Kinnickinnic state park
- (g) Mirror Lake state park
- (h) Newport state park
- (i) Rock Island state park
- (j) Tuscobia-Park Falls state trail
- (k) Wildcat Mountain state park
- (l) Willow River state park

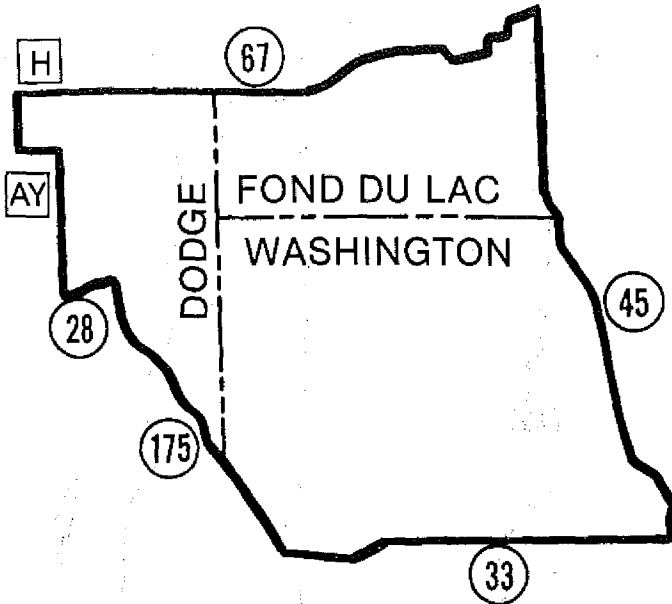
History: Emerg. cr. eff. 10-11-68; cr. Register, August, 1969, No. 164, eff. 9-1-69; renum. to be NR 10.27; am. intro. par., Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; am. (1) Register, August, 1972, No. 200, eff. 9-1-72; am. Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 12-1-72; am. (2), Register, March, 1975, No. 231, eff. 4-1-75; emerg. renum. (3) to be (4) and cr. (3) eff. 9-24-75; renum. (3) to be (4), cr. (4), Register, September, 1975, No. 237, eff. 10-1-75; am. (1) and (2), Register, November, 1976, No. 251, eff. 12-1-76; am. (2), Register, May, 1977, No. 257, eff. 6-1-77; am. (3), Register, August, 1978, No. 272, eff. 9-1-78; am. (1), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79; am. (1) and (2), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; r. and recr. Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85; renum. (2) to be (3) to (5), cr. (2), Register, October, 1985, No. 358, eff. 11-1-85; r. and recr. Register, July, 1987, No. 379, eff. 8-1-87.

NR 10.28 Deer management units. Deer management units are established as designated on the following map:

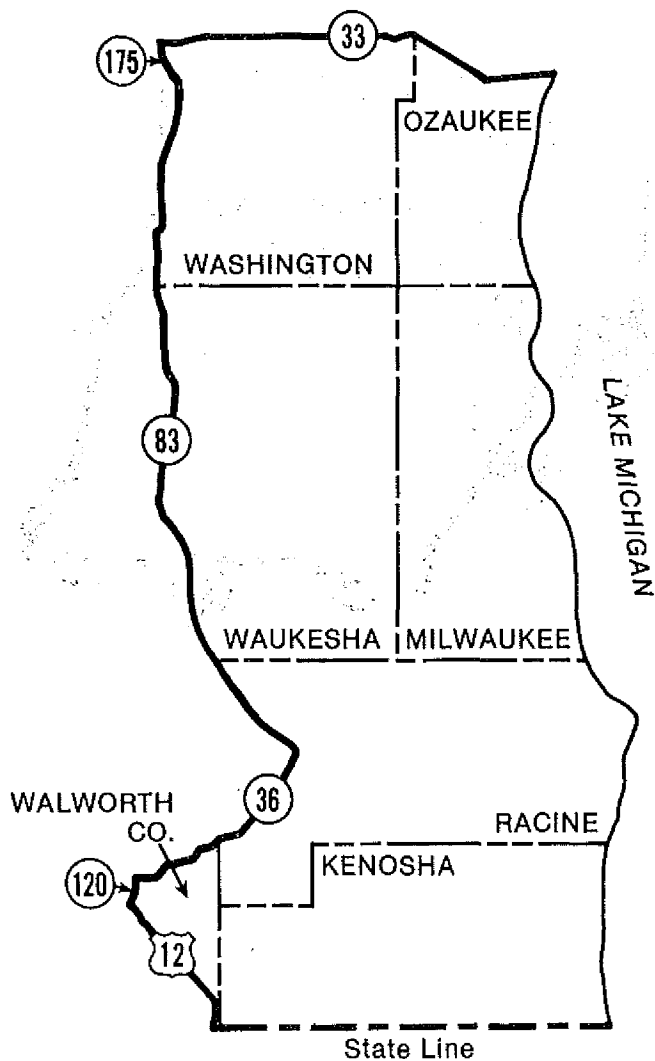
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(5) THERESA ZONE.



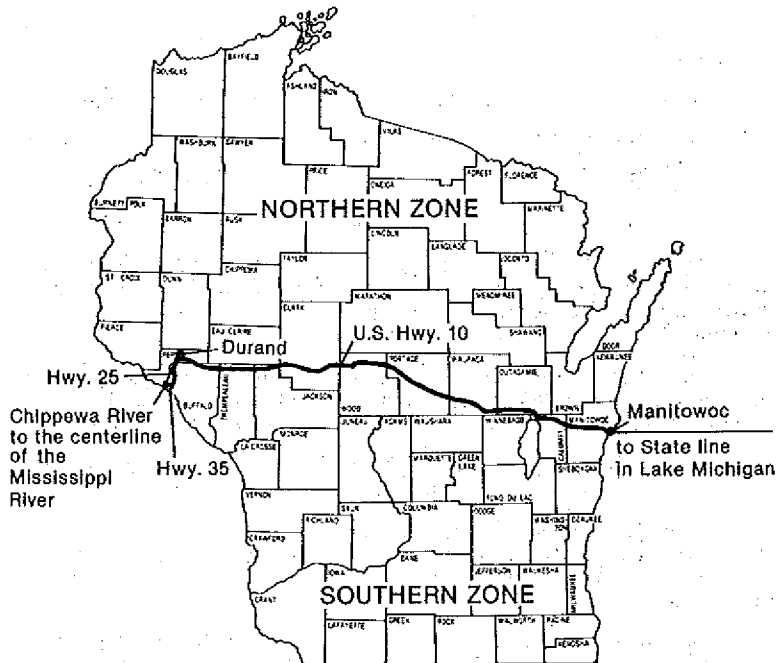
(11) EARLY GOOSE HUNT SUBZONE.



History: Cr. Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; emerg. renum. (1) to (6) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b) and (1) (c), cr. (1) (intro.), eff. 9-15-89; r. and recr. (7), Register, October, 1989, No. 406, eff. 11-1-89; renum. (1) to (10) to be (1) (a), (b), (2), (3) (a), (3) (b), (1) (c) and (d), (4), (1) (e) and (5), cr. (1) (intro.) and (3) (intro.), Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4-1-90; r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7-1-90; cr. (11), Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.

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NR 10.32 Migratory game bird hunting zones.



MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING ZONES

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 9-21-88; cr., Register, January, 1989, No. 397, eff. 2-1-89.

NR 10.40 Disabled hunters; special hunt authorizations. (1) PURPOSE. Pursuant to s. 29.174 (2) (f), Stats., the natural resources board establishes this section to provide additional recreational hunting opportunities to the citizens of Wisconsin and to establish procedures for conducting special hunts that will encourage greater hunting participation by persons with physical and visual disabilities.

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(2) **DEFINITION.** "Special gun deer hunt" means a department authorized local firearm season for deer conducted outside the regular gun deer hunting seasons established under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).

(3) **SPECIAL GUN DEER HUNTS.** (a) *Application requirements.* 1. All applications to conduct a special gun deer hunt shall be on department forms and be submitted to the designated department office for the county within which the hunt will be conducted by June 1.

2. All applications shall include:

a. The authorization of the host landowner to conduct a special gun deer hunt; and

b. A legal description of the lands on which the hunt is to be conducted.

3. The applicant shall provide a final list of the names, addresses and Class A or C permit numbers of all participating hunters and the names of their designated assistants to the department by September 1.

Note: Application forms may be obtained at department district and area offices.

(b) *Participation limits.* No person may participate in more than one special gun deer hunt in the same calendar year and all participants must possess a valid gun deer license and either a Class A or C permit as defined in s. 29.09 (9), Stats., that was issued on or after August 9, 1989.

(c) *Participant selection.* No person may be refused participation based on their age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, development disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin.

(d) *Dates.* All special gun deer hunts shall be conducted during the 9 consecutive day period that begins on the Saturday nearest October 1.

(e) *Hunter participation limits.* The department may not authorize a special gun deer hunt if the number of participating hunters is less than 5 or if the hunter density will exceed 2 per 40 acres of land described on the application.

(f) *Rule compliance.* Unless otherwise provided by the department, all disabled hunters and accompanying persons shall comply with all hunting rules and laws applicable to the regular gun deer season specified under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e).

Note: Firearms are limited to those approved for use during the regular gun deer season in that county as specified under s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) and blaze orange clothing meeting the requirements of s. 29.22 (2), Stats., must be worn by all disabled hunters and accompanying persons. Participants must use their regular gun deer season license, backtag and carcass tag.

(g) *Authorizations to assistant.* The designated assistant of the special gun deer hunt participant may use a firearm while retrieving a deer shot by a participant.

(h) *Other hunting prohibited.* Within the dates specified under par. (d), no person other than the special gun deer hunt participant may hunt on the lands described on the application during the big and small game hunting hours specified under s. NR 10.06.

(i) *Posting requirement.* The applicant shall post, at intervals not to exceed 100 yards, the boundary of all lands open to public hunting at least 7 days prior to the start of the hunt with a notice that indicates the dates on which the special gun deer hunt will be conducted on those lands.

and the dates and hours during which hunting by nonparticipants is prohibited. All such notices shall be removed by the applicant within 2 days of the close of the special gun deer hunt.

(j) *Reports.* If requested by the department, the applicant shall complete a special gun deer hunt report on forms supplied by the department.

(k) *No fees.* The landowner or applicant shall not charge any form of a fee to a person participating in a special gun deer hunt.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1990, No. 415, eff. 8-1-90.