

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.

(9e) "Established range" means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.

(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.

Kind of animal	Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Possession limit
	1. Mississippi river subzone south of a line extending from the Chipewa river's center line	Oct. 6 at 12:00 noon - Oct. 9; Oct. 17 - Nov. 11; Nov. 12 - Dec. 21	1 1 2	2 2 4
2. Snow and blue geese	Entire state	Concurrent with the Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County subzone where the season ends Nov. 30	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 Canada goose seasons established in subd. 1 except for the Brown County and Rock Prairie subzones where the season ends Nov. 30; and except for the Horicon Zone where the season ends Dec. 9	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.

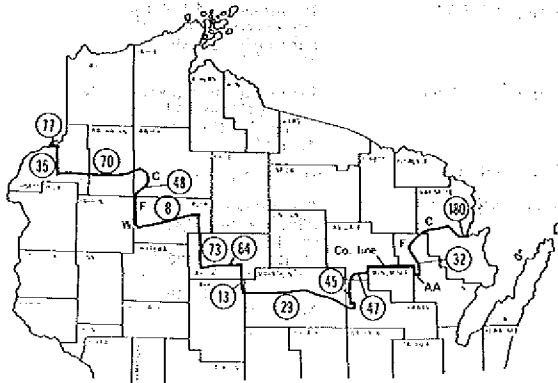
(u) *Falconry special season.* Any person possessing a valid falconry permit and hunting license shall be restricted to the following migratory game bird seasons:

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</i>		
1. Zone A as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through December 31.	Daily bag 5; possession 10
2. Zone B as established under s. NR 10.33.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through January 31	Daily bag 5; possession 10
3. Zone C as established under s. NR 10.33.	Concurrent with the open cock pheasant season established under s. NR 10.01 (2) (c) 1.	Daily bag 2; possession 4
(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 subds. 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 Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
	<p>With aid of dogs only, in accordance with ss. NR 10.10 (1) (b) and 10.101, beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 21 consecutive days in odd-numbered years and the third Saturday in September for 21 consecutive days in even-numbered years.</p>	
(h) <i>Coyote</i>	<p>With other methods of hunting without the aid of dogs or bait, beginning on the second Saturday in September and continuing for 28 consecutive days.</p>	<p>One adult bear per permit issued under s. NR 10.102 taken by bow or firearm.</p>
1. Hunting		
a. North of the highways established by subd. 3.	<p>All year except closed during the gun season as established by s. NR 10.01 (3) (e) 1. d.</p>	<p>None</p>
b. Remainder of the state	<p>All year</p>	<p>None</p>
2. Trapping		
a. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	<p>Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 17 and continuing through January 31</p>	<p>None</p>
b. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	<p>Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 1 and continuing through January 31</p>	<p>None</p>
3. Special closure — No person may hunt, shoot, shoot at, take, catch or pursue any coyote in that portion of the state north of the highways shown in the following map during the closed period described in subd. 1.		



Kind of animal Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(4) FURBEARING ANIMALS		
(a) Muskrat and mink trapping.		
1. 'North zone' — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through December 31	None
2. 'Central zone' — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64 and north of the line beginning at the junction of U.S. highway 18 with the western boundary of the state, then east along highway 18 to its junction with U.S. highway 51, then north along highway 51 to its junction with state highway 60, then east along highway 60 to its junction with Ozaukee county highway "Q" extended east to Lake Michigan except as described in subd. 3.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through December 31	None
3. 'Winnebago zone' — All that part of Dodge county lying north of state highway 60, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 28 and continuing through March 15	None
4. 'Mississippi River zone' — All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway	Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b)1. and continuing through January 15	None
5. 'South zone' — All other parts of the state	Beginning on the Saturday nearest November 4 and continuing through December 31	None

(b) Incidental take of muskrats. During the closed season for muskrats, licensed trappers may retain for salvage any muskrats taken incidentally while trapping for beaver in the portions of the state open to beaver trapping as described in par. (c).

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(c) Beaver trapping.		
1. Zone A as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on the Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through March 15.	None
2. Zone B as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on Saturday nearest October 21 and continuing through April 30.	None
3. Zone C as described in s. NR 10.35.	Dec. 1 - Mar. 15	None
4. Zone D as described in s. NR 10.35.	Beginning on the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1) (b) 1. and continuing through March 15.	None

Kind of animal Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(d) Otter trapping.		
1. North zone — All that part of Wisconsin north of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	2 per season by permit
2. South zone — All that part of Wisconsin south of state highway 64	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March	One per season by permit
(dm) Fisher trapping.		
1. Management zone A - Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 17 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
2. Management zone B - Units 6, 7, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 25, 28, 29A and 30 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
3. Management zone C - Units 29B, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 62 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
4. Management zone D - Units 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49 and 50 as described in s. NR 10.28	December 1-11	One per season by permit
5. Remainder of the state	None	None

(e) Recording of fisher and otter. 1. Tagging and permits. a. No person may trap or attempt to trap any fisher or otter unless having first applied for and received from the department a trapping permit and tag or tags authorizing such trapping.

b. Applications for permits and tags shall be postmarked no later than the Friday nearest October 1 or received by the department license section, 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707, no later than 4:30 p.m. on that Friday each year.

c. If the number of applications for fisher permits exceeds the number available in subd. 2, successful applicants shall be determined by random selection.

e. Each permit shall be numbered to correspond to the applicant's current trapping license and show the applicant's name and tag numbers.

f. No person may apply for more than one fisher permit or one otter permit.

2. Permit quota. a. Fisher quotas shall be primarily based on density estimates derived from annual track counts coupled with home range information based on telemetry data, numbers of fishers trapped during the previous year, and the sex, age and reproductive composition of harvested fishers. The department shall issue trapping permits in sufficient numbers to assure healthy, biological populations for each management zone indicated in subd. d.

b. In each management zone, the number of permits to be issued to harvest the desired numbers of fisher shall be based on an average of the trapper success rates from the most recent 3 previous seasons or by an average of fewer seasons where a 3-year average is not available. In establishing a quota for a zone without an adequate history of permits, the average success rates of similar quota areas shall be applied or the department shall estimate an anticipated success rate.

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, 1985, No. 356, eff. 9-1-85; 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 Register, May, 1991, No. 425

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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-

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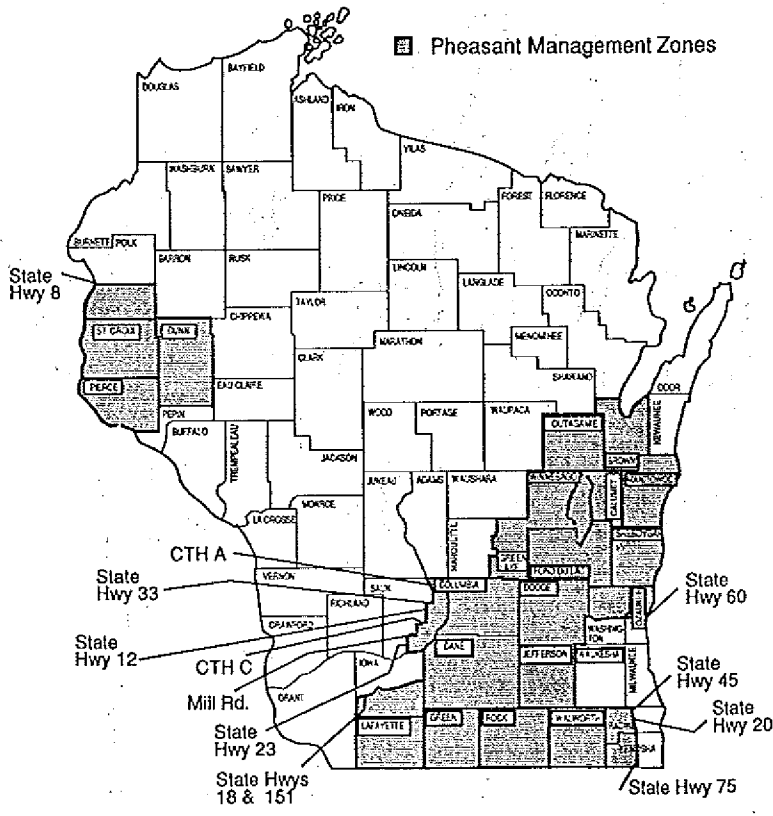
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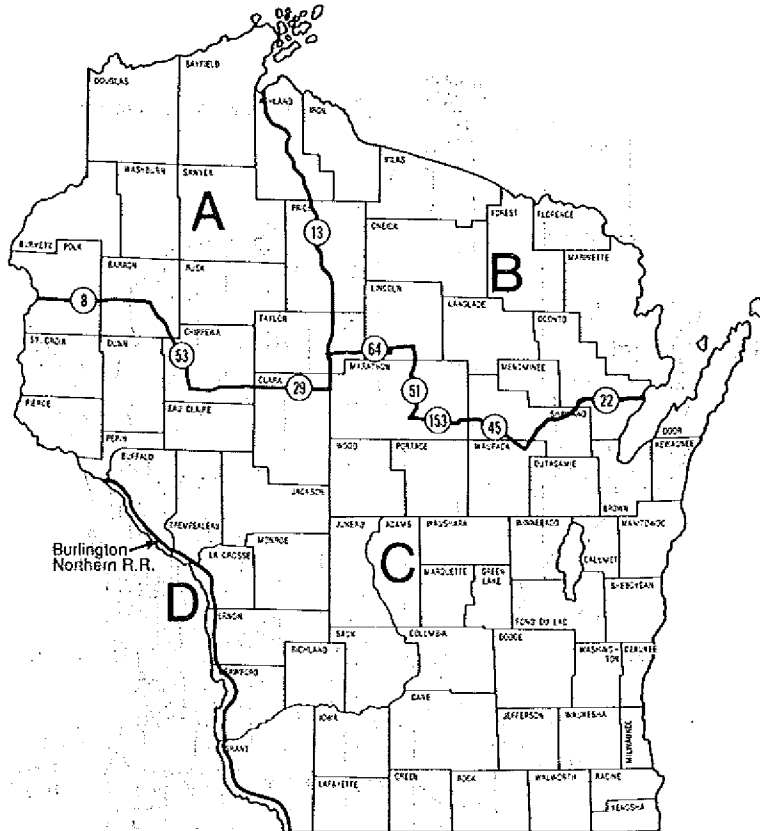
NR 10.34 Pheasant management zones.



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NR 10.35 Beaver management zones.



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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.

(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 Register, May, 1991, No. 425

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.

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