

Chapter WCD 10

GAME AND HUNTING

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 10.01 Open and closed seasons. A closed season is established for each species of wild animal and bird named herein extending during all the time of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive, and except as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue, or trap any wild animal or bird at any time other than the open season and established hunting hours therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the daily bag limit designated for each species or each locality respectively, nor have any such protected wild animal or bird in his possession or under his control in excess of the possession limit.

(1) MIGRATORY BIRDS AND WATERFOWL

Locality	Kind of animal	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit	Possession limit
<p>(a) All that part of the counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac enclosed by a line beginning in the city of Fond du Lac at the junction of U. S. highway 151 with state highway 175, thence southwesterly along said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 103, thence westerly along said highway 103 to its junction with state highway 26, thence southerly along said highway 26 to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence southwesterly along said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 49, thence westerly along said highway 49 to its junction with state highway 68, thence southwesterly along said highway 68 to its junction with state highway 33, thence southeasterly along said highway 33 to its junction with state highway 26, thence northerly along said highway 26 to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence northeasterly along said highway 151 to its junction with county highway AS, thence easterly on said highway AS to its junction with</p>				

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<p>county highway B, thence south-westerly on said highway B to its junction with county highway Z, thence south and east on said highway Z to its junction with county highway Y, thence south on said highway Y to its junction with county highway TW, thence west and south on said highway TW to its junction with state highway 28, thence northeasterly along said highway 28 to its junction with state highway 175, thence northerly along said highway 175 to its junction with U. S. highway 151 which is the point of beginning</p> <p>All that part of Fond du Lac county enclosed by a line beginning within the village limits of Marytown at the junction of county highway HHH with state highway 149, thence westerly along said highway HHH to its junction with U. S. highway 151 and a town road extending westerly from said common junction, thence westerly from said town road to its terminus at the east shoreline of Lake Winnebago, thence southerly along said shoreline to the mouth of De Neveu creek, thence upstream along said creek to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence northeasterly along said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 149, thence northerly along said highway 149 to its junction with county highway HHH, which is the point of beginning.</p> <p>All that part of the counties of Juneau, Monroe, and Wood enclosed by a line beginning in the town of Remington, Wood county, at the junction of state highway 173 with state highway 80, thence southerly along said highway 80 to its junction with U. S. highways 12 and 16, thence westerly along said highways 12 and 16 to their junction with Monroe county highway N, thence northerly along said county highway N to its junction with state highway 173, thence northeasterly along said highway 173 to its junction with state highway 80 which is the point of beginning.</p>	<p>1. Wild ducks All varieties and species except wood duck</p> <p>2. Wood duck</p> <p>3. Coot (Mudhen)</p> <p>4. Sora rail</p> <p>5. Geese</p>	<p>Oct. 15 through Dec. 9</p> <p>None</p> <p>Oct. 15 through Dec. 9</p> <p>Oct. 15 through Dec. 9</p> <p>Oct. 15 through Dec. 9</p>	<p>4 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser</p> <p>10</p> <p>25</p> <p>5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.</p>	<p>8 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser</p> <p>10</p> <p>25</p> <p>5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.</p>

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	6. Rails and gallinules All varieties except sora rail and coot	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9	15	15
	7. Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe	Oct. 15 through Oct. 30	8	8
	8. Woodcock	Oct. 15 through Nov. 9	4	4
(b) All that part of the counties of Dodge and Fond du Lac enclosed by a line beginning in the city of Waupun at the junction of U. S. highway 151 with state highway 26, thence south on said highway 26 to its junction with the east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, thence eastward along said center line and continuing eastward along the east-west center line of sections 7, 8, 9, and 10 in township 12 north, range 16 east to its junction with county highway TW, thence north and east on said highway TW to its junction with county highway Y, thence north on said highway Y to its junction with county highway Z, thence west and north on said highway Z to its junction with county highway B, thence northeasterly on said highway B to its junction with county highway AS, thence westerly on said highway AS to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence southwesterly on said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 26 which is the point of beginning	1. Wild ducks All varieties and species except wood duck	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	4 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser	8 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser
	2. Wood duck	None		
	3. Coot (Mudhen)	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	10	10
	4. Sora rail	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	25	25
	5. Geese	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.	5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than 2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.

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(c) All that part of Burnett county lying west and south of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 77, with the west boundary of said county, thence easterly along said highway 77 to its junction with state highway 35, thence southerly along said highway 35 to its junction with the south boundary of said county	6. Rails and gallinules All varieties except sora rail and coot	Oct. 15 through Dec. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	15	15
	7. Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe	Oct. 15 through Oct. 30 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	8	8
	8. Woodcock	Oct. 15 through Nov. 9 Hunting closes at 2 p.m. daily	4	8
	1. Wild ducks All varieties and species except wood duck	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	4 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser	8 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser
	2. Wood duck	None		
	3. Coot (Mudhen)	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	10	10
	4. Sora rail	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	25	25
	5. Geese	None		
(d) All other areas in the state of Wisconsin	6. Rails and gallinules All varieties except sora rail and coot	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	15	15
	7. Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe	Oct. 1 through Oct. 30	8	8
	8. Woodcock	Oct. 1 through Nov. 9	4	8
	1. Wild ducks All varieties and species except wood duck	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	4 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser	8 in the aggregate including not more than 1 hooded merganser
	2. Wood duck	None		
	3. Coot (Mudhen)	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	10	10
	4. Sora rail	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	25	25
	5. Geese	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than	5 in the aggregate including in such limit not more than

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			2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.	2 Canada geese or its subspecies or 2 white-fronted geese or 1 of each.
	6. Rails and gallinules All varieties except sora rail and coot	Oct. 1 through Dec. 9	15	15
	7. Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe	Oct. 1 through Oct. 30	8	8
	8. Woodcock	Oct. 1 through Nov. 9	4	8

(2) UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<p>(a) Ruffed grouse (Partridge) All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state.....</p>	Oct. 1 through Nov. 10	5 each day 10 possession
<p>All that part of Wisconsin enclosed by a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 with state highway 32, thence westerly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64 which is the point of beginning.....</p>	Oct. 1 through Nov. 30	5 each day 10 possession
<p>All that part of Wisconsin lying westerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with state highway 22, thence southerly along said highway 22 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence westerly along said highway 151 to its junction with the west boundary of said state.....</p>	Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Dec. 20	5 each day 10 possession
<p>All that part of Wisconsin lying easterly of a line (except the counties of Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha) beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 151 with the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 151 to its junction with U. S.</p>		

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highway 51, thence northerly along said highway 51 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state.....	Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Nov. 11	5 each day 10 possession
In the counties of Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha.....	None	-----
(b) Sharp-tailed grouse		
All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along said highway 13 to its junction with state highway 153, thence easterly along said highway 153 to its junction with state highway 49, thence northerly along said highway 49 to its junction with state highway 29, thence easterly along said highway 29 to its junction with state highway 22, thence easterly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state.....	Oct. 1 through Oct. 18	3 each day 6 possession
In all other parts of the state.....	None	-----
(c) Ring-necked, black-necked, Mongolian and mutant pheasant		
All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state.....	<i>Cocks only</i> Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Oct. 26 Oct. 27 through Nov. 10	1 each day 2 possession 2 each day 4 possession
All that part of Wisconsin lying southerly of the foregoing described line.....	<i>Cocks only</i> Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Oct. 26 Oct. 27 through Nov. 11	1 each day 2 possession 2 each day 4 possession
There shall be an open season for hunting pheasants with bow and arrow only in Milwaukee county.....	<i>Hens or cocks</i> Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Feb. 15	5 each day 10 possession

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<p>(d) Hungarian partridge All that part of Wisconsin lying easterly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 78 with the south boundary of said state, thence northerly along said highway 78 to its junction with state highway 33, thence easterly along said highway 33 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state.....</p>	<p>Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Nov. 11</p>	<p>5 each day 10 possession</p>
<p>There shall be an open season for hunting Hungarian partridge with bow and arrow only in Milwaukee county.....</p>	<p>Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Feb. 15</p>	<p>5 each day 10 possession</p>
<p>In all other parts of the state.....</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>(e) Bobwhite quail All that part of Wisconsin lying westerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with U. S. highway 10, thence easterly along said highway 10 to its junction with state highway 49, thence southerly along said highway 49 to its junction with state highway 23, thence westerly along said highway 23 to its junction with state highway 73, thence southerly along said highway 73 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with the south boundary of said state.....</p>	<p>Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Nov. 11</p>	<p>3 each day 6 possession</p>
<p>In all other parts of the state.....</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>-----</p>

(3) UPLAND GAME ANIMALS

<p>(a) Gray and fox squirrels All that part of Wisconsin lying westerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 78 with the south boundary of said state, thence northerly along said highway 78 to its junction with state highway 33, thence easterly along said highway 33 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee River, thence easterly along said Wausaukee River to its junction with the Menominee River which is the east boundary of said state.....</p>	<p>Oct. 1 through Jan. 31</p>	<p>Bag limit means total of both species 5 each day 10 possession</p>
<p>All that part of the state of Wisconsin lying easterly of the foregoing described line.....</p>	<p>Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Jan. 31</p>	<p>5 each day 10 possession</p>

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<p>(b) Raccoon All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 16 with the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 16 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with U. S. highway 45, thence southerly along said highway 45 to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence easterly along said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 149, thence easterly along said highway 149, and eastward to Lake Michigan-----</p>	All year	No bag limit
All that part of Wisconsin lying southerly of the foregoing described line-----	Oct. 17 at 12 noon through Dec. 31	No bag limit
<p>(c) Cottontail and jackrabbit All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state-----</p>	<p><i>Cottontail</i> Oct. 1 through Jan. 31</p> <p><i>Jackrabbit</i> Oct. 1 through Jan. 31</p>	<p>4 each day 8 possession</p> <p>4 each day 8 possession</p>
All that part of Wisconsin lying southerly of the foregoing described line-----	<p><i>Cottontail</i> Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Jan. 31</p> <p><i>Jackrabbit</i> Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Jan. 31</p>	<p>4 each day 8 possession</p> <p>4 each day 8 possession</p>
There shall be an open season for the taking of cottontail rabbits in Milwaukee county at all times and cottontail rabbits may be taken during such open season by any means except the use or aid of firearm snares and poison.		
<p>(d) Snowshoe hare All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 64 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with U. S. highway 12, thence southerly along said highway 12 to its junction with state highway 27, thence southerly along said highway 27 to its junction with state highway 21, thence easterly along said highway 21 to its junction with state highway 22, thence northerly along said highway 22 to its junction with state highway 32, thence northerly along said highway 32 to its junction with state highway 64, thence easterly along said highway 64 to its junction with U. S. highway 141, thence northerly along said highway 141 to the Wausaukee river, thence easterly along said Wausaukee river to its junction with the Menominee river which is the east boundary of said state-----</p>	All year	No bag limit
All that part of Wisconsin lying southerly of the foregoing described line-----	Oct. 24 at 12 noon through Jan. 31	4 each day 8 possession

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<p>(e) Deer <i>Rifle Season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting deer with rifles, shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, and with bow and arrow:</p> <p>On all islands, except Madeline Island, in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in the counties of Ashland and Bayfield-----</p>	<p>Oct. 1 through Oct. 31</p>	<p><i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable</p>
<p>In that part of Vilas and Oneida counties enclosed by a line beginning at the junction of county highway K and U. S. highway 45, thence westerly along said highway K to its junction with county highway M, thence northerly along said highway M to its junction with county highway B, thence westerly along said highway B to its junction with county highway W, thence westerly and southerly along said highway W to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with U. S. highway 8, thence northeasterly along said highway 8 to its junction with state highway 17, thence northerly along said highway 17 to its junction with U. S. highway 45, thence northerly along said highway 45 to its junction with county highway K which is the point of beginning-----</p>	<p>Nov. 14 through Nov. 29</p>	<p><i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable</p>
<p>In all other parts of the state lying north of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 70 with the west boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 70 to its junction with U. S. highway 53, thence southerly along said highway 53 to its junction with U. S. highway 8, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with the eastern boundary of the state including Madeline Island, Ashland county-----</p>	<p>Nov. 14 through Nov. 29</p>	<p><i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> One deer per season, either sex</p>
<p>In that part of the state enclosed within a line beginning at the junction of state highway 29 with state highway 13, thence westerly along said highway 29 to its junction with the west boundary of Chippewa county, thence southerly along said boundary of Chippewa county, southerly and easterly along the west and south boundaries of Eau Claire county, southerly and easterly along the west and south boundaries of Jackson county, southerly and easterly along the west and south boundaries of Monroe county, and southerly along the west boundary of Juneau county to its junction with state highway 82, thence northerly and easterly along said highway 82 to its junction with state highway 13, thence northerly along said highway 13 to its junction with state highway 29, which is the point of beginning-----</p>	<p>Nov. 21 through Nov. 29</p>	<p><i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable</p>

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In all other parts of the state lying southerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 70 with the west boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 70 to its junction with U. S. highway 53, thence southerly along said highway 53 to its junction with U. S. highway 8, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with the east boundary of the state except in the counties of Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Dunn, (including Nine Mile Island), Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pierce, Pepin, (including Nine Mile Island), Racine, Rock, Shawano (south of state highway 29 only), Sheboygan, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, and Winnebago.....	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> One deer per season, either sex
In the counties of Crawford, Grant, and Vernon.....	Nov. 21 through Nov. 23	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex
	Nov. 24 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable
In the county of Dane.....	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable
In the counties of La Crosse and Trempealeau.....	Nov. 24 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable
<i>Non-rifle season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting deer with smooth-bore muzzle loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber and shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, and with bow and arrow:		
In the counties of Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Dunn, (except Nine Mile Island), Fond du Lac, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Shawano, (south of state highway 29 only), Sheboygan, St. Croix, Waupaca, and Winnebago.....	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> One deer per season, either sex
In the counties of Jefferson, Kenosha, Rock, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha.....	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable

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In the counties of Buffalo, Pepin (except Nine Mile Island) and Pierce	Nov. 21 through Nov. 23	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex
	Nov. 24 through Nov. 29	<i>Deer License</i> One buck deer per season with antler not less than 3 inches in length. <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable
In the counties of La Crosse and Trempealeau	Nov. 21 through Nov. 23	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex <i>Deer Hunting Party Permit</i> Not applicable
<i>Bow and Arrow Season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow only in all counties of the state	Sept. 19 through Nov. 10 Dec. 5 through Dec. 31	<i>Deer License</i> One deer per season, either sex
<i>Closed Season</i> There shall be no open season for deer with firearms in the counties of Green, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, and on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties.		
<i>(g) Bear Rifle Season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting bear with rifles, shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, and with bow and arrow:		
In the counties of Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn	Sept. 19 through Oct. 15	See note below
On all islands, except Madeline Island, in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in the counties of Ashland and Bayfield	Oct. 16 through Oct. 31	See note below
In that part of the state lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 70 with the west boundary of the state, thence easterly along said highway 70 to its junction with U. S. highway 53, thence southerly along said highway 53 to its junction with U. S. highway 8, thence easterly along said highway 8 to its junction with the east boundary of the state in which an open season for hunting deer with firearms has been established during the same period	Nov. 14 through Nov. 29	See note below
In that part of Wisconsin lying southerly of the above described line and northerly of a line beginning at the junction of State highway 29 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 29 to its junction with the Fox River, thence northeasterly along said Fox River to Green Bay which is the east boundary of the state, except that part of the counties of Dunn, St. Croix, and Pierce lying north of said highway 29 and that part of Brown county lying north of said highway 29 and west of the Fox River	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	See note below
<i>Non-rifle Season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting bear with smooth-bore muzzle loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber and shotguns loaded with single slug or ball, and with bow and arrow:		
In that part of the counties of Dunn, Pierce, and St. Croix lying northerly of state highway 29 and that part of Brown county lying north of said highway 29 and west of the Fox River	Nov. 21 through Nov. 29	See note below

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
<p><i>Bow and Arrow Season</i> There shall be an open season for hunting bear with bow and arrow only in all that part of the state lying northerly of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 29 extended westerly to the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 29 to its junction with the Fox River, thence northerly along said Fox River to its junction with Green Bay which is the east boundary of the state.</p> <p><i>Closed Season</i> There shall be no open season for hunting bear in all other parts of the state.</p>	Sept. 19 through Nov. 10	See note below NOTE: The bag limit on bear in the state shall be one bear per license holder per year.

(4) FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

<p>(a) Muskrat and mink All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of state highway 64.</p>	Oct. 20 through Dec. 19 (water sets permitted)	No bag limit
<p>All that part of Wisconsin (except that part lying west and south of a line beginning at the junction of the Chippewa river with the west boundary of said state, thence northerly along said Chippewa river to state highway 35, thence southeasterly along said highway 35 to its junction with U. S. highway 18, thence westerly along said highway 18 to its junction with the west boundary of said state) lying southerly of state highway 64 and northerly of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 18 with the west boundary of said state, thence southeasterly along said highway 18 to its junction with state highway 60, thence easterly along said highway 60 and eastward to Lake Michigan.</p>	Oct. 28 through Dec. 19 (water sets permitted)	No bag limit
<p>All that part of Wisconsin (except that part lying west and south of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 18 with the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 18 to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad right-of-way, thence southeasterly along said railroad right-of-way to its junction with the south boundary of said state) lying southerly of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 18 with the west boundary of said state, thence southeasterly along said highway 18 to its junction with state highway 60, thence easterly along said highway 60 and eastward to Lake Michigan.</p>	Nov. 5 through Dec. 19 (water sets permitted)	No bag limit
<p>All that part of Wisconsin, including the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge, lying west and south of a line beginning at the junction of the Chippewa river with the west boundary of said state, thence northerly along said Chippewa river to state highway 35, thence southeasterly along said highway 35 to its junction with U. S. highway 18, thence westerly along said highway 18 to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad right-of-way, thence southeasterly along said railroad right-of-way to its junction with the south boundary of said state.</p>	Nov. 20 through Jan. 15 (water sets permitted)	No bag limit
<p>All that part of Dodge county lying northerly of state highway 60, and Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.</p>	Dec. 20 through March 15 (water sets prohibited)	No bag limit

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit
(c) Beaver All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of state highway 64.....	Feb. 1 through April 20	35 per season
All that part of Wisconsin lying south and west of a line beginning at the junction of U. S. highway 16 with the west boundary of said state, thence easterly along said highway 16 to its junction with state highway 33, thence easterly along said highway 33 to its junction with state highway 73, thence southerly along said highway 73 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with the southern boundary of said state.....	Feb. 25 through April 10	35 per season
In the counties of Brown, Calumet, that part of Columbia lying south and east of state highway 73, that part of Dane county lying east of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 73 with the north boundary of said county and southerly along said highway 73 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with the south boundary of said county, all of Dodge county, except that part lying west of state highway 73, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, that part of Rock county lying east of U. S. highway 51, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha.....	None	-----
All other parts of the state of Wisconsin.....	Feb. 25 through March 26	35 per season
(d) Otter All that part of Wisconsin lying northerly of state highway 64.....	Feb. 1 through April 10	2 per season
In the counties of Brown, Calumet, that part of Columbia lying south and east of state highway 73, that part of Dane County lying east of a line beginning at the junction of state highway 73 with the north boundary of said county and southerly along said highway 73 to its junction with U. S. highway 51, thence southerly along said highway 51 to its junction with the south boundary of said county, all of Dodge County, except that part lying west of state highway 73, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, that part of Rock County lying east of U. S. highway 51, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha.....	None	-----
All other parts of the state of Wisconsin.....	Feb. 25 through March 26	2 per season

(e) Tagging of otter and beaver pelts

Each person who has trapped an otter or beaver during the established open season for such animals shall exhibit each pelt to an authorized representative of the conservation commission 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 five days after the close of said season. Said representative shall inspect the pelt and attach and lock a special tag indicating it has been inspected. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts from such animals beginning six days after the close of the season to the opening date of the following season without such tag attached and locked. No person shall transfer, give, trade, sell, or purchase, any such pelts without such tag being attached and locked to the head of each pelt.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1), (2), (3), (4), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (4) (c), (d), (f), Register, January, 1957, No. 13, eff. 2-25-57; am. (1), (2), (3), (4), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; am. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1958, No. 25, eff. 2-1-58; r. and recr., Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58, am. emerg. eff. 10-1-58; 11-17-58; r. and recr. (4) (c), (d) and (f), Register, January, 1959, No. 37, eff. 2-1-59; am. emerg. eff. 3-23-59, 4-10-59; r. and recr. (1) (a), (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e); am. (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b), (c), (d), (e), (g); am. (4) (c); r. and recr. (4) (e) and (f), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59.

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WCD 10.02 Wild animals protected at all times. (1) There shall be no open season on Canada lynx, timber wolf, badger, woodchuck, moose, elk, marten, fisher, wolverine, flying squirrel, or white deer.

(2) There shall be no open season on prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), turkeys, mourning doves, swans, cranes, bitterns, eagles, plovers, sandpipers, all species of hawks and owls except great-horned owls or on any other song birds or wild birds 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.

WCD 10.03 Wild animals protected with exceptions. There shall be no open season on kingfishers except on federal, state, and licensed private fish hatcheries, or on great blue heron or cormorant within 1,000 feet of any rookery used by those birds for nesting purposes. There shall be no open season on hen pheasants unless otherwise expressly provided in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; Am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56.

WCD 10.04 Unprotected wild animals. (1) There shall be no closed season on coyotes, wildcats, any species of foxes and mutations thereof, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in this chapter.

(2) There shall be no closed season on great-horned owls, crows, starlings, red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds, English sparrows, cottontail quail, and chukar partridge.

History: 1-2-56; Am. (1), Register, August, 1957, eff. 9-1-57; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58.

WCD 10.05 Highways. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt deer or bear in any manner at any time within a distance of 200 feet from the center line of any lettered state forest road, and of any federal, state, or county highway.

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.

WCD 10.06 Hunting hours. (1) All hunting hours when specified in this chapter mean central standard time.

(2) The hunting hours for each species of game on which an open season is established (except raccoon and all wild animals for which there is no closed season established for which there are no hunting hour restrictions) shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset as listed in the following table and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or shoot any such game on any day during the open season before the time listed in the AM column or after the time listed in the PM column.

(3) The hunting hours listed in the following table shall apply to the entire state.

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

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.

WCD 10.07 Hunting, prohibited methods. (1) No person shall hunt game with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow, except that .22 rim-fire hand guns may be used in the same manner and for the same purposes and subject to the same restrictions as .22 rim-fire rifles.

(2) No person shall place, 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 game; nor with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally, or drive game for hunters on the ground, except that foxes and coyotes may be spotted, but not shot, from aircraft from January 1 through March 31.

(3) No person shall carry with him in or on any motor-driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and unless such bow is unstrung; or in or on any vehicle or automobile any firearm or bow unless such firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and unless such bow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case; nor load or shoot any firearms or bow and arrow from any automobile, aircraft, or other vehicle, stationary or moving; nor shall any person have in his possession or under his control any firearm or bow and arrow in or on any vehicle or automobile while shining any wild animal.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot into or molest or destroy the nest of any squirrel at any time of the year.

(5) No person shall take, catch, kill, pursue, hunt, shoot, or shoot at any upland game bird, or migratory game bird with a rifle or with

a shotgun loaded with single ball or slug or shot larger than No. BB at any time.

(6) No person shall hunt or pursue any wild animals in the nighttime with a dog for the period of 15 days prior to the open season for raccoon.

(7) (a) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control any ferret, fitch, rat, weasel or guinea pig while hunting, except as provided in this subsection. The owner or occupant of any land where rabbits are found to be doing damage may request from the state conservation commission a permit to use a ferret or fitch for hunting rabbits thereon.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control or use, for hunting rabbits, any snare, trap or any device or contrivance designed or used for the purpose of driving rabbits out of their holes or dens.

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.

WCD 10.08 Permits for trapping rabbits and hares. (1) The state conservation commission or its duly authorized agents are hereby authorized at their discretion to issue permits for the use of box traps and figure 4 traps, such traps not to exceed 4 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height, and wire snares made or constructed of copper wire not larger than 20 gauge or with picture wire, and with a snare loop of not more than 6 inches across at its widest point for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing rabbits or hares within the boundaries of any national, state, or county forest areas where tree plantations, natural or otherwise, are in danger of being destroyed by rabbits or hares.

(2) Any person, persons, or agencies wishing to control rabbits or hares upon or in the vicinity of such areas shall first make a written application to the conservation department for a permit to do so. Such application shall state therein the purpose for which control is believed necessary and such other information as the conservation commission has required in its rules and regulations to be followed by all persons or agencies co-operating with the conservation commission in such matters, adopted on April 14, 1936.

(3) No such permit may be issued for the snaring or trapping of rabbits or hares on private lands except wherein the applicant files with his application a written statement from the owner of the land whereon the rabbits or hares are to be trapped or snared, giving the landowner's consent. All rabbit control activities authorized by a conservation department permit shall be subject at all times to inspection by duly authorized agents of the state conservation commission or department.

WCD 10.09 Guns and ammunition. (1) No person shall, except on his own land, have in possession or under his control any rifle or shot gun on any of the inland waters of the state or in places where wild ducks, geese or coot are to be found from the fifteenth day of August to the opening date for hunting aquatic or upland game birds.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession or under control while hunting or pursuing any game birds,

game animals or other wild animals any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tracer shells, burning tracer shells or any incendiary shells or cartridges which may be discharged from any shotgun, rifle or other firearms.

(3) No person shall have in possession any rifle in territory wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with shotgun only during such open season unless such rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that smooth-bore muzzle-loading muskets of not less than .45 caliber may be possessed and used for the hunting of deer during such open season.

(4) During the period of three days prior to the opening date for hunting deer with firearms, no person shall have in possession any firearm in the area north of state highway 29, wherein there is an open season for deer with firearms, unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, except that waterfowl hunters shall be permitted to hunt waterfowl continually during the open season.

(5) During the open season for hunting deer with firearms, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner or have in possession or under control any .22 rim-fire rifle in the area north of state highway 29, wherein there is an open season for hunting deer with firearms, unless said rifle is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case; and it shall be unlawful for any person to carry in any manner or have in possession or under control shot larger than No. BB in counties or parts of counties where an open season for hunting deer with firearms has been established from three days prior to the opening of a deer season through the close of such season while in, on, or traversing any field or forest lands.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill or wound or shoot at any deer or bear with any .22 rim-fire rifle or any .410 bore shotgun.

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.

WCD 10.10 Deer and bear hunting. (1) No person while hunting or in possession of firearms or bow and arrow shall have in possession or under control any light used for the purpose of shining deer.

(2) No person shall hunt deer or bear in the water of any stream, lake, or pond; or with a dog or dogs; or with the aid of artificial light; or with the aid of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally, or drive deer for hunters on the ground; nor place any salt in any place for the purpose of enticing deer thereto; nor construct, occupy, or use any tree, elevated scaffold or other elevated device for the purpose of hunting, watching for, or killing deer or bear.

WCD 10.11 Bow and arrow hunting. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or under control any gun or firearms at any time while hunting, killing, or pursuing game with bow and arrow during the open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow only.

(2) Any deer killed during such open season showing evidence that it was shot with a firearm shall be an illegal deer and it shall be unlawful for any person to have such deer in his possession.

(3) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control while hunting any wild animal or bird any poisoned arrow, arrow with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means. 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.

WCD 10.115 Deer hunting party permit. (1) The commission finds, pursuant to s. 29.107, Wis. Stats., that the population of deer is such that an additional harvest is reasonably necessary to manage the deer herd properly in the state in balance with the available range and natural food supply, and there shall be open seasons for deer hunting by deer hunting parties, pursuant to s. 29.107, Wis. Stats., as established in s. WCD 10.01 (3) (e).

(2) It shall be unlawful for any member of the deer hunting party to hunt deer under the authority of such permit unless he is in possession of the deer tag and permit and is wearing the arm band on the sleeve of his outermost garment. The arm band shall be surrendered to the officer at the time the hunting party permit deer is presented for registration.

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.

WCD 10.12 Migratory waterfowl. (1) **PROHIBITED METHODS.** (a) No person shall hunt any wild ducks, geese, coot (mudhen), rails or gallinules by shooting it or at it from any boat, canoe, raft, blind, contrivance or device in open water except as otherwise provided in this section, or from any boat or craft other than such as are propelled by paddle, oars or pole, or with the use of any decoys beyond 200 feet from the blind or covering in which the hunter is located, or leave any decoys in the water unattended, or hunt any game bird with the use of a rifle.

(b) No person shall shoot or shoot at migratory waterfowl from any pier, dam, dock, or similar structure.

(c) No person shall take waterfowl or coot by means, aid or use of cattle, horses or mules.

(d) No person shall use in any manner any airplane, power boat, sailboat, or other floating craft or device for the purpose of concentrating, driving, rallying or stirring up migratory waterfowl and coot.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to use in any manner any sink boat or similar blind that is or can be submerged under the water in any manner for the purpose of hunting, taking, catching, killing, molesting or shooting at any wild ducks, wild geese, coot, or any other aquatic or migratory game birds, nor shall any person leave any waterfowl decoys unattended in the water during the open waterfowl hunting season, nor leave such decoys in the water after 20 minutes after the closing time prescribed for hunting or killing such birds or before one hour before the opening time for shooting such birds.

(2) **OPEN WATER; EXCEPTIONS.** (a) "Open water" is any water outside or beyond a natural growth of vegetation extending over

the water surface and of such height as to offer partial or whole concealment for the hunter.

(b) Blinds in Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon counties. In any of the waters of the Mississippi river, the St. Croix river, Lake St. Croix and Lake Pepin, and their bays, bayous and sloughs wherein they border on the counties of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Vernon and in any of the inland lakes of these counties, it shall be lawful for any person to use blinds for the purpose of taking, catching, killing and shooting at wild ducks, wild geese or other aquatic fowl that are set, placed, or located not more than 100 feet from any shoreline during the open season for such game birds. Such blinds shall in all instances be securely anchored to the place or spot where they are to be used.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to hunt wild ducks, wild geese, and other aquatic fowl during the open season therefor in open water in any of the outlying waters of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan under the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin excepting Green Bay and the open water area within 500 feet of any shoreline of said lakes.

(3) BAITING. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, catch or kill any waterfowl or migratory game birds under any circumstances by the aid or use 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.

(b) 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.

(4) LIVE DECOYS. It shall be unlawful in the hunting of any migratory waterfowl to use directly or indirectly any live duck or live goose decoys, regardless of the distance intervening between any such live decoys and the position of the hunter.

(5) GUNS AND AMMUNITION. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, or pursue any migratory bird or waterfowl with any shotgun of a larger bore than a No. 10 gauge nor shall any person take, catch, kill, hunt, pursue or shoot at any migratory birds or waterfowl with any automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than three shells the magazine of which has not been cut off or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of said gun to not more than three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined nor by any means other than a shotgun fired from the shoulder or a bow and arrow.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or have in his possession or under his control more than one gun while hunting migratory waterfowl in any manner.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) (c), (3) (a), (4), (5) (c), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1) (c) and (2) (c) and r. (5) (b), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58.

WCD 10.13 Fur-bearing animals; method of taking. (1) No person shall hunt any mink, muskrat, beaver, or otter with the aid of any spear, gun, or dog, disturb or molest any raccoon den or den trees; disturb or molest any mink den, or disturb or molest any muskrat house, muskrat feeding house, beaver house, or beaver dam, or set any trap or traps at any time within 50 feet of any beaver house or beaver dam, except during the open season for beaver, when it shall be lawful to set traps for beaver not less than 15 feet from any such beaver house, and not less than 30 feet from any such beaver dam.

(2) No person shall set out or place any traps for fur-bearing animals, whether set or sprung, or set out or place any bait or scent for attracting fur-bearing animals thereto during the closed season for such animals.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to set or reset any trap or traps or attend any trapline from sunset to one hour before sunrise.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate more than 75 traps of any kind for the purpose of capturing wild fur-bearing animals.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill, or attempt to take, capture, or kill any fur-bearing 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. A water set is any trap which is set or staked in such manner as to permit the trap or trapped animal to reach the water at any point.

WCD 10.14 Trapping, prohibited methods. (1) No person shall set a steel-jawed trap or any trap which might kill or injure birds, on a pole, post, tree stump, or any other elevated perch more than 3 feet above the ground.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, or operate any trap other than a steel-jawed trap, chain-loop trap, or live traps so constructed that not more than one animal can be taken or captured in any such trap at a single setting, for the purpose of taking, capturing, or killing fur-bearing animals.

(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.

WCD 10.15 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. (3) **HORICON MANAGED PHEASANT HUNT.** (a) An open season is established for hunting cock pheasants, cottontails, jackrabbits, gray and fox squirrels, raccoon, red and gray fox, and opossum, with shotguns or bow and arrow within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge (except posted closed areas), subject to the provisions of this section, beginning December 12 and continuing until the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife determines that the harvest of pheasants is such that to kill additional pheasants would be detrimental to and would endanger the breeding stock and future supply of pheasants; but not after December 16. Daily bag limits and other general hunting regulations for all game will apply as stated elsewhere in this chapter.

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(b) Hunting on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is permitted under permit (arm band) only, as authorized by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The number of permits issued at any one time shall not exceed 500, and a permit shall be valid for one day only. Daily hunting hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(c) RESERVATIONS. Reservations for hunting in the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge may be obtained under the following conditions.

1. Reservation requests by mail only on official application forms will be accepted at the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison. Such requests must be postmarked no later than October 31. Applications which are postmarked after that date will be rejected.

2. Only one application form per person may be submitted and anyone found submitting more than one (1) application for a reservation will have all applications rejected.

3. Selection of mailed application forms will be made on the basis of a random drawing from all eligible applications. Reservations are not transferable and the person whose name appears on the reservation must present the reservation in person at the designated check station.

4. A reservation will entitle the applicant to bring not more than one (1) guest with him.

5. Only one reservation by mail per applicant may be obtained. Hunters are not limited in the number of permits as guests of a reservation holder, however, hunters in the waiting line shall be allowed only 3 permits and may be permitted to hunt thereafter only if no other hunters are waiting in line. Hunting licenses shall be marked for each of said 3 permits from the waiting line.

6. All reservations for any one day will be valid only up to 8:00 a.m.

(d) Hunters must register in person for permits (arm bands) at hunter check stations, and must submit their hunting licenses for inspection. Arm bands to hunt on the Refuge are non-transferable.

(e) Permits not used for reservations or made available when hunters check out will be issued on a first come-first served basis. Hunters must form a line with their automobiles to apply for these permits, and trailers and busses will not be permitted in line. Automobiles in the line must be occupied at all times by persons without reservation desiring to apply for permit.

(f) A service fee of \$1.00 per person per trip shall be paid by each person.

(g) All pheasants taken while hunting under permit within the Refuge shall be tagged immediately when taken by the hunter with a special tag furnished with the permit. Unused tags must be returned to the checking station upon completion of the hunt.

(h) Permittees shall be allowed to use dogs.

(i) When finished hunting, each hunter must surrender in person, his numbered arm band at the checking station through which he entered, and then submit for examination such game as he may have bagged, not later than 5:30 p.m.

(4) HORICON MANAGED GOOSE HUNT. (a) The open season for hunting geese on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge shall begin on

October 15, and the open season on ducks on November 15. Daily shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 p.m.

The open season for hunting geese and ducks on the Horicon National Refuge established by this section and the open season for hunting geese in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties established in s. WCD 10.01 (1) shall close on an earlier date when the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the Wisconsin conservation director determine that the harvest of the Canada goose population in Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties is such that to kill additional Canada geese would be detrimental to and would endanger the breeding stock and the future supply of Canada geese or that the Canada goose population has migrated from the refuge to such an extent that operation of the managed hunting unit is no longer in the public interest and such closing shall take precedence over the provisions of said section WCD 10.01 (1).

(b) Hunting on the managed hunting unit on the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is permitted under permit only as authorized by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

(c) Hunting on such refuge shall be done only under the following conditions:

The Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is divided into 2 units as follows:

1. *Managed hunting unit.* The managed hunting unit varies in width, but is not more than 440 yards wide as marked by single strand of wire, or as posted by the Wisconsin Conservation Department. A single row of blinds spaced approximately 200 yards apart shall be provided by the Wisconsin Conservation Department to accommodate not more than three hunters per blind.

2. *Refuge unit.* The refuge unit shall include all land in the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge not designated above as the managed hunting unit. Within this unit, it shall be unlawful to hunt in any manner at any time.

3. *Reservations.* Reservations for hunting in the managed hunting unit may be obtained under the following conditions:

a. Reservation requests by mail only on official application forms will be accepted at the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison. Such requests must be postmarked no later than September 4. Applications which are postmarked after that date will be rejected.

b. Only one official application form per person may be submitted and anyone found submitting more than one (1) application for a reservation will have all applications rejected.

c. Selections of mailed application forms will be made by random drawing from all eligible applications submitted.

d. Reservations are not transferable and the person whose name appears on the reservation must present the reservation in person at the designated check station. A reservation will entitle the applicant to bring not more than two (2) guests with him.

e. Only one reservation by mail per applicant may be obtained. Hunters are not limited in the number of permits as guests of a reservation holder, however, hunters in the waiting line shall be allowed only three (3) permits and may be permitted to hunt thereafter only if no other hunters are waiting in line. Hunting licenses shall be marked for each of said three permits from the waiting line.

f. All reservations for any one day will be valid only up to one-half hour before the daily shooting time.

4. *Managed hunting unit prohibitions.* Within the managed hunting unit it shall be unlawful to:

a. Enter without first having obtained the necessary permit (arm band) in person at one of the checking stations. Such permit shall be valid for only one day.

b. Leave the immediate vicinity of the managed hunting unit without first surrendering the permit in person at the checking station where it was obtained. The immediate vicinity of the managed hunting unit is defined as the special area in which the 2 p.m. closing hour is in effect and is described as follows:

Beginning in the city of Waupun at the junction of U. S. highway 151 with state highway 26, thence south on said highway 26 to its junction with the east-west center line of sections 9, 10, 11 and 12 in township 12 north, range 15 east, thence eastward along said center line and continuing eastward along the east-west center line of sections 7, 8, 9, and 10 in township 12 north, range 16 east to its junction with county highway TW, thence north and east on said highway TW to its junction with county highway Y, thence north on said highway Y to its junction with county highway Z, thence west and north on said highway Z to its junction with county highway B, thence northeasterly on said highway B to its junction with county highway AS, thence westerly on said highway AS to its junction with U. S. highway 151, thence southwesterly on said highway 151 to its junction with state highway 26, which is the point of beginning.

5. Blinds will be assigned in numerical sequence at the time reservations are drawn. Reservation confirmations will contain assigned blind number. Vacant blinds will be issued on a first come-first served basis.

6. Hunters without reservations must form a line to apply for blinds, and trailers and busses will not be permitted in the line. Automobiles must be occupied at all times by persons without reservations desiring to register for blinds.

7. Hunters must register in person for blinds, and must submit their hunting licenses for inspection.

8. Arm bands to hunt on the unit are non-transferable and no permittee shall occupy or shoot from any other than his assigned blind.

9. Hunters may use their own decoys.

10. A service fee of three dollars per blind per trip shall be paid by each party. A party consists of from 1 to 3 hunters.

11. Hunters must keep their guns unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case at all times except while occupying assigned blinds.

12. Dogs are not allowed on the managed hunting unit.

13. No person shall leave any refuse in any blind or in the managed hunting unit, and immediately upon terminating his hunting trip shall deposit all refuse in containers provided at managed hunting unit access points.

14. When finished hunting, each hunter must surrender, in person, his numbered arm band at the checking station through which he entered, and there submit for examination such game as he may have bagged, not later than 3:30 p.m.

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15. Hunters must park at designated access points and driving to and from blinds is prohibited.

(5) Except as provided in s. WCD 10.15 ~~(1)~~ (2) (3) (4) and (6), no person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue in any manner any species of wild animals or birds 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 within a carrying case upon that area known as the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge.

(6) HUNTING AND TRAPPING. (a) Within the discretion of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, an open season for trapping muskrat, mink and raccoon within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge may be declared under written permit from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife or its authorized representative and with the approval of the conservation director between the dates of October 25 and the succeeding April 15. Open seasons for hunting or trapping all other fur-bearing animals within the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge may be declared in the same manner at any time during the state season on such fur-bearing animals. Such permits shall be subject to all other rules and regulations governing hunting and trapping set forth in this chapter except that the use of not more than 125 traps and the use of wet or dry sets may be authorized by such permits.

History
History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. and recr., Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. emerg. eff. 11-17-58; r. (1) and (2); am. (3) (c) 1 and 5 and (4) (a) and (c) 3.a, Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59.

WCD 10.16 Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau County. Except as provided in subs. (1), (2) and (3) of this section, 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.

(1) Within the discretion of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife an open season for the taking of fur-bearing animals may be declared within the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge upon written approval of the conservation commission, 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 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. 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 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. WCD 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 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. No special permits shall be required but hunting license and deer tag as required by statutes are necessary.

(3) An open season for hunting deer with firearms shall be established on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and such season shall be concurrent with the season established for the remainder of Juneau county in s. WCD 10.01 (3) (e). Such open season shall be effective only on those areas on the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge designated by posted notices of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. No special permits shall be required but hunting license and deer tag as required by statute are necessary and other regulations as outlined for the remainder of Juneau county under s. WCD 10.01 (3) (e) shall apply.

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.

WCD 10.20 Recording of deer and bear. (1) **GUN SEASONS.** (a) Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open season for hunting such animals with guns shall exhibit such deer with his deer tag attached as required by s. 29.40 (1) Wis. Stats., or such bear, to a conservation warden or other authorized conservation department personnel in the county in which such deer or bear was killed or in the adjoining county but within the area included within the open season in which such deer was killed not later than 10:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season. Such deer or bear shall be wholly intact except that it may be field-dressed. Upon approval of the officer, such officer shall attach a special tag to such deer or bear indicating that it has been inspected and recorded and such tag shall remain attached to such deer or bear until such carcass is finally consumed. Such deer or bear shall not be removed beyond the limits of the county adjoining that in which it was killed unless it has been so exhibited and tagged.

(b) Any deer so taken in any county wherein there is an open season for hunting deer of any age, either sex, shall be exhibited and tagged as provided in par. (1) (a) in the county in which the deer was killed not later than 10:00 p.m. of the last day of such season in such county, and such deer shall not be removed from said county unless it has been so exhibited and tagged.

(c) Any deer taken on any of the islands in the outlying waters of Lake Superior in Ashland and Bayfield counties shall be exhibited and tagged not later than 10:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season in such county, at the registration station in the city of Bayfield.

(e) Any deer taken under the authority of a deer hunting party permit shall be exhibited and tagged as provided in paragraph (1) (a) in the county in which the deer was killed or in an adjoining county, but within the area included in the open season in which such deer was killed not later than 10:00 p.m. of the first day following the close of such season, and such deer or part thereof shall not be removed or transported from such area and no part thereof shall be consumed unless it has been so exhibited and tagged. Such tags shall remain attached to such deer or tagged part thereof until such deer or tagged part thereof is finally consumed.

(f) Any person who has killed a bear in any area during the closed season for hunting deer with firearms in such areas shall exhibit and register such bear as provided in paragraph (1) (a) except that such

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(2) RECORDING OF DEER AND BEAR TAKEN DURING THE BOW AND ARROW ONLY SEASON. Each person who has killed a deer or bear during the open season for hunting such animals with bow and arrow only shall exhibit and register such deer or bear as provided in subsection 1, except that the carcass of such deer or bear shall be exhibited within 24 hours after the taking or killing thereof.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; am. (1), (2), Register, August, 1957, No. 20, eff. 9-1-57; r. (1) (d), am. (1) (a) and (c) and cr. (1) (e), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59.

WCD 10.21 Possession of game. (1) Opening day limits. On the opening day, no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than a daily bag limit of upland game birds, gray or fox squirrels, cottontail rabbits, jackrabbits and snowshoe hares, or migratory game birds for which an open season is prescribed.

(3) Except as provided in s. 29.579, Wis. Stats., no person shall keep alive in captivity any animal or bird on which there is a closed season at any time unless a game or fur farm license has been first obtained from the state conservation commission.

History: 1-2-56; R. (2), Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56.

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