

Chapter WCD 16

GAME FARMS AND EXHIBITS

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(Sections 29.574 to 29.578, 29.585 and 29.586, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 16.01 Deer farm fence specifications. (1) Deer farm fence construction, replacement or repairs on licensed deer farms shall comply with the following minimum specifications:

(a) *Minimum size.* There shall not be less than ½ acre of land within the area enclosed as a licensed deer farm.

(b) *Fence height.* 1. 7 ft. 10 in. woven wire for deer farms licensed for white-tailed and larger species of deer.

2. 6 ft. woven wire for deer farms licensed for species smaller than white-tailed deer.

(c) *Posts (wooden).* Length—12 ft. Tops not less than 4 in. in diameter. Corner and gate posts with minimum of 6 in. tops.

(d) *Posts (steel or iron).* Length—11 ft.

(e) *Post spacing.* 12 ft. (or less).

(f) *Wire (woven) mesh and gauge.*

1. 14½ gauge, not larger than 36 sq. in. mesh opening.

2. 12½ gauge, not larger than 48 sq. in. mesh opening.

3. 11 gauge or heavier, not larger than 48 sq. in. mesh opening.

4. Adjoining strips or widths of woven wire shall be securely fastened together at intervals not exceeding 4 ft.

(g) *Staples.* Nine-gauge, one staple for each strand of wire.

(2) **EXCEPTIONS.** The use of materials, other than those herein specified, in deer farm fence construction may be permitted by the Conservation Director if found to exceed minimum specifications and in fact sufficient to hold the deer therein.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58.

WCD 16.02 Game farm fence specifications. Game bird and animal farm fence construction, replacement or repairs shall comply with the following minimum specifications: The area to be included within the licensed game bird and animal farm shall be enclosed with a woven wire fence not lighter than 20-gauge wire with mesh not larger than 2 inches. Such fence shall be not less than 47 inches high of which 6 inches may be laid in or upon the ground in a manner to prevent the passage of game at ground level.

(1) **EXCEPTION.** Variation in fence construction other than specified shall be submitted to the conservation director and may be approved by the director if found to comply with the intent and purpose of these rules.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; cr. (1), Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59.

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WCD 16.03 Pheasant wintering ground. (1) Game bird and animal farm licenses will be issued when the area applied for is not less than 2 miles from a major wintering ground for pheasants.

(2) Game bird and animal farm licenses may be issued on areas lying between $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and 2 miles from a major wintering grounds for pheasants when the Conservation Department determines that the area applied for would not benefit from any major wintering ground for pheasants.

(3) Game bird and animal farm licenses will not be issued for any area lying within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of a major wintering ground for pheasants unless the area applied for is completely enclosed including an enclosed top of woven wire with mesh not larger than 6 inches.

(4) Game bird farms licensed for pheasants which are taken by hunting may not be located within one-quarter mile of the exterior boundaries of a planned or approved state or federal wildlife area, public hunting ground or refuge which is managed in whole or in part for pheasants.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; cr. (4), Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59.

WCD 16.04 Tagging hand-reared game. Hand-reared game shall not be released for hunting purposes within the boundaries of a licensed game bird and animal farm until there shall have been securely attached to the leg of such game, leg band or tag furnished at cost by the conservation commission.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; am. Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59.

WCD 16.10 Wildlife exhibits. (1) **APPLICATION.** This section applies to wildlife exhibits and wildlife exhibit licenses provided in section 29.585, Wis. Stats.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms, when used in this section, shall be construed as indicated.

(a) *Pen.* "Pen" includes any cage, fenced-in plot, or other enclosure in which birds or animals are held under a wildlife exhibit license.

(b) *Adult.* "Adult" means any animal which has reached the age of one year.

(c) *Wild animals.* "Wild animals" are defined as any mammal, bird, fish or other creature of a wild nature endowed with sensation and capable of voluntary motion.

(3) **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** Applications for wildlife exhibit licenses shall be on forms prepared and furnished by the conservation director and shall show:

(a) The name and address of the applicant.

(b) The location of the proposed exhibit, including a legal description of the land and the approximate area devoted to the entire exhibit. Traveling exhibits shall include their itinerary and dates of exhibition.

(c) The species and number of wild animals to be exhibited.

(d) The source from which wild animals are to be obtained. If already in possession, include the license number under which they are possessed.

(e) Specifications of the pens and shelters provided for each kind of wild animal.