NOTICE OF HEARING

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 10, Wis. Admin. Code related to migratory bird hunting regulations at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Dates and locations:

- August 3 - La Crosse, State Office Building, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, Rooms B-19 and B-20.
- August 4 - Rice Lake, Days Inn, 1710 South Main St.
- August 5 – Appleton, Agricultural Services Center (main conference room), 3369 West Brewster St.
- August 6 – Pewaukee, Wildwood Lodge, N14 W24121 Tower Place.

Additionally, informational meetings will be held by the department and the Conservation Congress prior to the administrative rules hearings. Those meetings will be held on Saturday, August 1 at the following location and times:

- Migratory Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress – 9:00 a.m., Stevens Point - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave.
- Department of Natural Resources Waterfowl Season Public Information Meeting – 1:00 p.m., Stevens Point - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave.

Rule Information

These rules will revise migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations in response to revisions to a federal framework which will be established by the U.S. fish and wildlife service. Federal revisions may include modifications to duck and goose hunting season lengths and dates, bag limits, and other regulations. At the time this hearing notice was published, the service has not finalized the season frameworks that will be available to the states. Early teal and mourning dove hunting seasons and regulations are known and are described in the rule order. Additional migratory bird hunting season modifications include possible changes to duck and goose hunting regulations and that information will be available prior to these hearings on the department's website and at the hearing locations. Waterfowl hunting season information for 2015 will be located on the department's website at http://dnr.wi.gov/ and by searching for the key words "waterfowl hunting".

Under international treaty and Federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulations process.

Accessibility

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by writing to e-mail

2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.
3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments
Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before August 6, 2015. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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101 S. Webster Street,
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Or email Mr. Van Horn at: kent.vanhorn@wisconsin.gov

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at:
https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1).

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin 7-7-15

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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