

Citizen Resolution # 040621

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Dispatching a animal in a trap within 50' of roadway center.

Problem: The Department of Natural Resources requires for humane purposes that all trapped animals must be dispatched. Some trapped animals are aggressive and can only be dispatched by means of a firearm. With certain exceptions it is illegal, pursuant to Section 167.31 (2) (d), Wisconsin Statutes, to use a firearm within 50 feet of the centerline of a roadway. One exception to this prohibition is that it is lawful to hunt small game within 50 feet of the center line of an unpaved road with a muzzleloader or a shotgun loaded with shot shell or chilled shot number BB or smaller. To assure the humane and safe dispatch of a trapped animal it is preferred to dispatch the animal with a rim fire rifle or hand gun.

Solution: Add to the exceptions in Section 167.31 (2) (d), an exception allowing the dispatch of a legally trapped animal with a rim fire rifle or hand gun within 50 feet of the centerline of an unpaved road.

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