Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Migratory Committee
Meeting Minutes

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March 5, 2016
9:00 am
Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY
Chairman Al Shook at 9:00am

B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES

EXCUSED
Dick Koerner, John Edelblute

UNEXCUSED
Tim Morgan, John Collen, Dave Kowalkowski

GUESTS
Alayna Suchla

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION None

ACTION None

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION No Comments

ACTION None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION None

ACTION None

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. MEETING NOTIFICATION

DISCUSSION Shook – If you have e-mail meeting notices will be sent by e-mail not postal service.

ACTION None

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
None

DEADLINE
N/A

B. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION ITEMS & UPDATES (SEE ATTACHMENT)

KENT VAN HORN

DISCUSSION
1. Mississippi Flyway updates
2. Duck Zone Boundary background information
3. Waterfowl Hunter Survey analysis and results
4. Duck Zone boundary proposal
5. 2016 waterfowl season proposal
6. LE update

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### C. WATERFOWL ZONE BOUNDARIES

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- Kent - wants committee input when forwarding forward proposal.
- Shook - explained Robert’s Rules pertaining to a tabled item.
- Heidel - we need to vote on this.
- Koenig - Issues with moving to highway 64.
- Shook - not up for discussion at this meeting.
- Heidel - Leave as is.
- Robinson - Green Bay area, leave zones as they are.

**ACTION**
- 1) M/S-Koenig/Lane to table; 2) M/S-Koenig/Lane to withdraw motion to table; 3) M/S-Harrison/Earnest to stay with current zones, motion passed with one opposed.

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### D. EARLY TEAL SEASON

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- No discussion; Sept. 1- Sept. 7 (6 birds/day)

**ACTION**
- M/S-Robinson/Hennlich to accept as proposed; vote passed with one opposed

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### E. EARLY GOOSE SEASON

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- No discussion; Sept. 1- Sept. 15 (5 birds/day)

**ACTION**
- M/S-Gettelman/Norling to accept as proposed; passed

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### F. MORNING DOVE SEASON

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- No discussion; Sept. 1 – Nov. 29 (15 birds/day)

**ACTION**
- M/S-Earnest/Robinson to accept as proposed; passed

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### G. WOODCOCK SEASON

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- No discussion; Sept. 24- Nov. 7 (3 birds/day)

**ACTION**
- M/S-Hennlich/Harrison to accept as proposed; passed

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### H. DUCK SEASON PROPOSAL

**AL SHOOK**

**DISCUSSION**
- 60 day season- 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards (only 1 hen), 3 woodducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail, 2 canvasbacks, 5 mergansers (not more than 2 hooded)
- Heidel - KAMO would like 2 hen mallards during youth hunt.
- Shook - How many participate?
- Kent - 3000 statewide, harvest about 8,000 ducks woodducks, teal, mallard constitute most of harvest.
- Shook - Asked TylerS. If overharvest of hens is an issue during the youth hunt?
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**I. OPENING DAY SHOOTING HOURS**

**½ HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE**

**DISCUSSION**

Wardens liked it, hunters liked it

**ACTION**

M/S-Hennlich/Robinson to accept as proposed; passed

**J. YOUTH HUNT SEPT. 17 & 18, 2016**

**DISCUSSION**

Harrison-Does not like youth hunt or early teal season, burns duck off local lakes.
Gettelman- Early geese are shot in fields, youth and teal seasons disrupt birds.
Koenig- need to check regs on youth hunt timing.
Robinson- would be opposed, conflict with learn-to-hunt.
Van Horn- youth hunt regs 2 days/zone; weekend, holiday or another no school day; bag same as regular season.

**ACTION**

M/S-Harrison/Koenig; move youth hunt to Sept. 10 & 11, hand vote 6 yes 11no, motion fails

**K. YOUTH HUNT SEPT. 17 & 18, 2016**

**DISCUSSION**

No discussion

**ACTION**

M/S-Robinson/Hennlich to accept as proposed, vote passed 3 opposed

**L. NORTH ZONE SEASON DATES SEPT. 24 - NOV. 22**

**DISCUSSION**

McFarren- to warm to open early, lots of ducks after season closes.
Shook-open north and south on the same day, phone calls supporting same day opener.
Koenig-in favor of same day opener statewide, have early teal season now.
Harrison- open Oct.1
Robinson-would eliminate an opportunity for “fresh” ducks for two weekends.
Van Horn-many that hunt both zones, complaints from those living near zone lines of overcrowding for north opener, public opinion is split.
Heidel-when was the last time both zones opened on the same day?
Lane-opening day experience at Mead, duck numbers going down, would prefer an Oct. 1 opener.
Van Horn-majority prefer two opening days.
Finger-2014 proposal was for same day opener.
Koenig-was teal season on then?

**ACTION**

M/S-Norling/Robinson accept as proposed vote 11 yes 8 no, motion passed

**M. SOUTH ZONE SEASON DATES OCT.1-OCT. 7 & OCT.15- DEC. 4**

**DISCUSSION**

No discussion

**ACTION**

M/S-Earnest/Scott to accept as proposed, passed
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**N. MISSISSIPPI RIVER ZONE SEASON**
**DATES OCT.1 – OCT. 7 & OCT.15 – DEC. 6**

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**O. EXTERIOR ZONE CANADA GOOSE SEASON NORTH**
**ZONE SEASON DATES SEPT. 16 – DEC. 16**

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**P. EXTERIOR ZONE CANADA GOOSE SEASON SOUTH**
**ZONE DATES SEPT. 16-OCT. 9 & OCT. 15 – DEC. 21**

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<th>Shook- correspondence requesting to close Dec.5 and re-open for a Holiday Hunt. Robinson- doesn’t think it would increase opportunity. Norling-several days past holidays.</th>
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**Q. EXTERIOR ZONE CANADA GOOSE SEASON**
**MISSISSIPPI ZONE SEASON DATES OCT.1 – OCT. 7 & OCT.15 – JAN. 5**

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**R. HORICON CANADA GOOSE SEASON**
**DATES SEPT.16 – DEC. 16**

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<th>Shook-thanks to Kent &amp; Taylor for the work on the Horicon Zone</th>
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S. MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS - COOT, MOORHEN, RAILS AND SNIPE: SAME AS WILD DUCKS IN THE ZONE IN WHICH YOU ARE HUNTING. DAILY BAG LIMIT: COOT 7, MOORHEN 15, SORA & VIRGINIA RAIL 25, SNIPE 8

AL SHOOK

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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

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<td>Koenig- $10 rise in Federal Duck stamp, any change in number of stamps sold?</td>
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<td>Van Horn- No</td>
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<td>Hennlich- hunters in the Mead area that have contacted him want the 1:00pm closure to stay.</td>
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<td>Meunch- tour the wild whooping cranes, come in June or July to Juneau county.</td>
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<td>Gehrke-Grant county Outdoor Skills Day had 300 kids showed up.</td>
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<td>Harrison- what's up with the sandhill crane hunt?</td>
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<td>Van Horn- still waiting for a sponsor.</td>
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<td>Norling- Sandhill crane hunt update, many in Burnett county.</td>
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<td>Reindner- started sandhill crane hunt resolution, tried to contact Rep. Kleefisch.</td>
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<td>Scott- are dead tress &amp; stumps included with concealment law change?</td>
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<td>Gettelman- Leon Schroeder, delegate from Gretn Lake county has passed.</td>
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<td>McFarren- snow goose update? Bad hatch in 2015</td>
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<td>Heidel- Spring hearing question #9 is circumventing the WCC process.</td>
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<td>Shook- question is being asked to get stakeholder feedback.</td>
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<td>Heidel- railroad crossing issue, thanks for support for Mississsippi river zone.</td>
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<td>Fontaine- local man was honored for building his 5000th woodduck box, he is blind, belong to Marysville Spoertmans club.</td>
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<td>Suchla- railroad crossing issue, Sen. Wannguard siding with big money, this is shutting kids out from hunting and fishing access.</td>
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<td>Shook- Thanked all for coming; committee is getting a lot of flack for the Mead Marsh question, passed in Marathon County 44 to 10; removal of permanent blinds on public waters, getting positive feedback; concealment rule has been finalized, opens up more opportunity; be proactive and contact representatives, always be cordial; Dick Koerner is 81 years old and having health issues, if re-elected this spring it would be his 50th year on the Congress.</td>
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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<th>M/S-Gettleman/McFarren to adjourn @12:20</th>
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Mississippi Flyway Updates

• Federal Duck Stamp office proposal to make a non-waterfowl bird mandatory on stamp
• Bird Banding Lab – Staff cut from 22 to 12
  – Looking to eliminate phone, and web report only
• Flyway Council support of continuing Miss River survey
• Flyway opposition to tribal migratory bird hunting methods
• Reduce monitoring effort for Ontario Canada geese
• Working on hunter recruitment
  – Hold workshop
2016 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulation Process

Things are a little different
New Regulation and Rule Process

- December 10, 2015 – USFWS Proposed 2016 season frameworks. Based on 2015 biological data

- Projected February 25, 2016 – USFWS Final 2016 season Framework – Currently nothing from USFWS

- March 14-17, 2016 – State public input hearings on migratory bird seasons

- April 12, 2016 – NRB meeting on migratory bird seasons
2015 Duck Status Data

• Total Continental duck estimate - Record 49.5 million +1% (from 2014), +43% LTA
• Ponds Canada/US survey – 6.3 million, -12% from 2014, +21% LTA
• BPOP’s majority up or =LTA
• Cont. Blue-winged teal 8.5 mil (+73% LTA)
• Wisconsin total ducks – 372,840 (6% below ave)
• Liberal season recommendation for 2016
Current Conditions 2016 - US

Drought Severity Index by Division
Weekly Value for Period Ending FEB 27, 2016
Long Term Palmer

-4.0 or less (Extreme Drought)
-3.0 to -3.9 (Severe Drought)
-2.0 to -2.9 (Moderate Drought)
-1.9 to +1.9 (Near Normal)
+2.0 to +2.9 (Unusual Moist Spell)
+3.0 to +3.9 (Very Moist Spell)
+4.0 and above (Extremely Moist)

Climate Prediction Center, NOAA
Duck harvest $\sim \frac{3}{4} = 4$ species

**WI Duck Harvest 1999-2005 ave.**

- Mallard: 38%
- Wood duck: 16%
- GW Teal: 10%
- BW Teal: 8%
- All others (<2%): 10%
- Redhead: 2%
- Gadwall: 3%
- Ring-neck: 4%
- Bufflehead: 4%
- Lesser Scaup: 3%
- Greater Scaup: 3%
- Gadwall: 3%
- Wigeon: 1%
- Redhead: 3%
- Canvasback: 3%
- Goldeneye: 3%
- All others (<2%): 9%

**WI Duck Harvest 2009-2013 ave.**

- Mallard: 31%
- Wood duck: 20%
- GW Teal: 7%
- BW Teal: 7%
- All others (<2%): 9%
- Redhead: 3%
- Goldeneye: 3%
- Wigeon: 3%
- Gadwall: 1%
- Lesser Scaup: 3%
- Greater Scaup: 3%
- Ring-neck: 3%
- Bufflehead: 4%
- Canvasback: 2%
- All others (<2%): 2%
Mallard Harvest Derivation

(Arnold, Berdeen and Lawrence 2010)

Sources of Mallards Harvested in Wisconsin
Mallards in Wisconsin

- 1995-2005 BPOP average: 272,000
- 2006-2015 BPOP average: 192,000
- Mallard hen survival decline of 11% between 1960’s to 2009
- CRP decline: 700,000 ac in 1994 to 250,000 ac in 2015
- Longer and earlier seasons since 1996
- We need to continue to promote/support nesting habitat and conservative regulations
Sources of Blue-winged Teal Harvested from Upper Midwest (MN, IA, WI)
Teal Season Evaluation – 2nd Year

3 State Analysis for USFWS requirements – WI, MI, IA
- USFWS requires 3 states observe 180 hunting parties over 3 years
- Wisconsin team of 24 WM and LE staff observe around the state
- Ducks within range of hunter were identified, counted, and recorded in addition to the number of shots fired and birds that were hit.

Preliminary Results
- During Wisconsin’s 2nd 7 day season, 40 hunts were successfully observed
- 100% of observed parties did not shoot at a non-teal duck
- Wisconsin Teal Season Summary and 3 State Teal Season Summary – Located on waterfowl webpage
Canada Geese
## 2015 Canada Goose Harvest

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<td>Horicon</td>
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<td>Exterior</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Early Season Goose Harvest

- Average temp over 15 day season was 80 degrees
- Only 6 days when high was below 80 degrees
Regular Season Goose Harvest
Mourning Doves

- 818 banded in WI 2015
- WI dove population trends:
  - 2004-2014 = 0.9% increase, EMU 0.6% increase
- Moderate harvest prescription – 15 bird bag
- Season length - 90 days Sept. 1 – Nov. 29
- 10,000- 15,000 dove hunters in Wisconsin
Woodcock

- Central and Eastern management units – decline in 10 year trend = slight decline in both units.
- Wisconsin – no significant 10 year trend in SGS
- Decrease in recruitment - 2015
- Wisconsin woodcock hunters – 16,200 (2nd in nation)
- Harvest of 49,300 (2nd in the nation)
Early Season – Migratory Birds

• **Teal Season** – Sept. 1-7 (3rd year) – Our 2nd season in 2015 was very hot and decreased participation. However, 100% of our observed parties did not take any shots at non-teal ducks.

• **Early Goose** – 9/1-15 – to focus on locally breeding geese

• **Mourning Dove** – Continue a 90 day season from 9/1-11/29

• **Woodcock** – 9/24-11/7
Anticipated 2016 Duck Season Framework

- **60 Day Season** – 6 ducks, no more than 4 mallards - only 1 may be a hen, 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 2 pintail, and 2 canvasback. 5 mergansers, not more than 2 hooded.

- Federal population estimates are just into the level that allow an increase from 1 to 2 canvasback in the daily bag

- Coot daily bag of 15.
Goose Regulations – Simplify & Liberalize

- 2004 – Early goose season regulations made uniform statewide
- 2005 – Early goose adds Labor Day Holiday – 12 to 15 days of hunting
- 2006 – Eliminated Horicon Intensive subzone
- 2007 – Established stable, liberal season with 6 permits/92 days in Horicon and 85 days in Exterior with no closure threat
- 2008 – Reduce Horicon time periods from 4 to 2 & made periods longer
- 2010 – Remove Burnett Co. closed area & Rock Prairie Subzone
- 2011 – Removed the Collins Zone
- 2012 – Added 7 days of hunting to Exterior Zone
- 2014 – Horicon Zone shrinks, registration consistent with Exterior
Goose Harvest Derivation

WI:
- 57% Giant
- 41% MVP
- 2% EPP

IL:
- 44% Giant
- 51% MVP
- 5% EPP

MN:
- 90% Giant
- 10% EPP

MI:
- 37% Giant
- 5% MVP
- 58% SJBP

Giant, MVP, EPP
Declining Canada Goose Populations

60% of regular season harvest

40% of harvest
Canada Goose Populations and Recommendations

With 2 declining populations of Canada Geese, there is some cause for concern but for now the recommendation is to maintain current framework:

**Exterior Zone:** 92 days total. Daily Bag of 2.

Most zones will open on Sept. 16th and run in concert with the duck season.

**Note – Horicon Zone will be going to 1 time period Sept. 16 – Dec. 16**
# Duck Zone Review Process

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<td>Break out session to present timeline and identify issue areas – 2015, 2016 present proposal</td>
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<td>Ad Hoc WCC/DNR Committee</td>
<td>Sept 2015 – Work on options</td>
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<td>Mail Hunter Survey with proposal</td>
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<td>Public Hearings with duck rule</td>
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<td>NRB Decision</td>
<td>April 2016</td>
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<td>Submit zone lines to UWFWS</td>
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Current Zone Line Adjustments
2015 Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunter Survey

Scientifically designed
Random mail survey
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

The USFWS limits all states in the Mississippi Flyway to a maximum of a 60 day duck season under the liberal alternative which have been allowed for 20 years.

- How do you feel about duck season length (60 days)?
  - 56% - about right
  - 36% - too short
  - 1% - too long
  - 7% - no opinion
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

- How do you feel about current total daily duck bag limit (6 ducks)
  - 82% - about right
  - 5% - too low
  - 6% - too high
  - 7% - no opinion

- What do you think the daily bag limit for hen mallards should be?
  - 60% - 1 hen
  - 21% - 2 hen
  - 10% - 0 hen
  - 10% - no opinion
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

• Which zone do you hunt?
  – 43% - North
  – 68% - South
  – 15% - Miss River
  – * 3% - Indicated they open water hunt on Lake Michigan (excluding Green Bay) –
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

Zones and Zone Structure

• From the three zone options, which option do you prefer?
  – 1. No change to current zone structure
  – 2. Extend the South Zone further north to Hwy 64
  – 3. Create a fourth zone of Lake Michigan for open water hunting

  – 63% - No change to current zone structure
  – 18% - Extend the South Zone further north to Hwy 64
  – 19% - Create a fourth zone of Lake Michigan for open water hunting

** Miss River respondents – 69% in favor of no change to current zone structure
** Respondents that live between Hwy 10 & Hwy 64 – 56% in favor of no change to current zone structure
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey
Zones and Zone Structure

• Which zone structure results in more crowding?
  – 23% - Probably/Definitely 2 zone structure
  – 11% - Probably/Definitely 3 zone structure
  – 66% - No difference
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

• **North Zone** – Support for current structure
  – 72% No Split

Opening day

- Sat nearest Sept 24 – 42%
- Sat nearest Oct 1 - 22%
- Sat nearest Oct 8 - 7%
- Later than Oct 8 - 3%
- No difference - 25%
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

• **South Zone** – Divided opinion results in compromise structure
  – 42% Split
  – 58% No Split

  **If yes, how many?**
  - 5 days – 38%
  - 7 days – 22%
  - 9 days – 11%
  - 9 days – 11%

  **Opening day**
  - Sat nearest Sept 24 – 11%
  - Sat nearest Oct 1 - 37%
  - Sat nearest Oct 8 - 22%
  - Later than Oct 8 - 9%
  - No difference - 21%
2015 Waterfowl Hunter Survey

- Preference for opening day - duck season - Miss River Zone? Miss River respondent results in red
  - 10% - Saturday nearest Sept 24th (Sept 21 – 27) (12%)
  - 21% - Saturday nearest Oct. 1st (Sept 28 – Oct 4) (35%)
  - 12% - Saturday nearest Oct. 8th (Oct 5 – Oct 11) (29%)
  - 7% - Later than Saturday nearest Oct. 8th (16%)
  - 50% - Makes no difference (7%)
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Mississippi River Zone
• Should the Mississippi River zone have a split?
  – 31% - Yes (Miss River – 62% - Yes)
  – 69% - No
• How many days should the split be in the Miss River Zone?
  – 31% - 5 days  24% - 7 days  11% - 9 days
  – 4% - More than 9
  – 19% - Unsure

Miss River respondents
➢ 25% - 5 days  29% - 7 days  17% - 9 days
➢ 22% - More than 9 days
➢ 7% - Unsure
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CANADA GOOSE SEASONS:

• How do you feel about goose season bag for early season?
  – 64% - about right
  – 14% - too low
  – 5% - too high
  – 17% - no opinion

• How do you feel about goose season bag for Reg. season?
  – 49% - about right
  – 36% - too low
  – 1% - too high
  – 14% - no opinion

• Overall feeling about the timing of the goose seasons?
  – 69% - about right
  – 9% - too early
  – 2% - too late
  – 19% - no opinion
Public Input

• We take public input year around via phone calls, emails, letters and public meetings.
  – Kent Van Horn – kent.vanhorn@wisconsin.gov or (608) 266-8841
  – Taylor Finger – taylor.finger@wisconsin.gov or (608) 261-6458

• **Upcoming public meetings**
  – Conservation Congress Migratory Committee Meeting – March 5th
  – Wisconsin Waterfowl Hunters’ Conference – March 11th – 12th – Special session
  – Public Hearings
    • March 14th – La Crosse
    • March 15th – Rice Lake
    • March 16th – Appleton
    • March 17th - Pewaukee
Go WILD

Do you need to:

- Buy a license or permit?
- Take a safety ed class?
- Register a vehicle?

Get Started

Get Outside!
Spring is here. Get your licenses today.

Welcome to Go WILD!

Access the DNR Go Wild! System to purchase a hunting/fishing license, complete a recreational vehicle registration or update your customer profile. Customers who have purchased a license, registration, or completed a safety ed course at any point in the past may look up their account; otherwise, create a free account to begin your purchase.

Quick Catalog

Quick Sale Catalog

Harvest Reporting

Report your harvest now

Hiking
Find a state park, forest, recreation area or trail

Birdwatching
Information and conservation

Camping
State Park System camping opportunities

Air Quality
Current air quality, notices, and topics

Boating
Safety, registration, and regulations
What is Go Wild?
New Goose Permit Format
Next Steps

• Outreach and information products are being released to inform users of this new license system and flexible licensing options
• Currently in transition period with a goal to be up and running this month
• Customers can still purchase licenses by visiting a DNR service center or calling 1-888-936-7463 during transition but slow time
• New system to go live in March
Stay up to date on current waterfowl issues

• Sign up for GovDelivery Updates (email or text message)

• Click on this icon at the bottom of the dnr homepage: http://dnr.wi.gov/

• Select from various topics of interest
Questions - Discussion?