



August 15, 2013

Waterfowl Permit Requestors,

I am looking forward to another successful season in 2013 and we will again be requiring the following:

- A \$10 fee will be charged to anyone requesting a permit to cover the cost of the criminal background investigation and administrative time in processing the permit.
- Anyone requesting a permit will need to submit proof of approval to be on property owner's land. **You must obtain this written proof each year and attach with your permit application.** If you are hunting from a boat on one of the lakes, please indicate this on the permit form.
- The season has been broken into "mini-permit" seasons. Only 10 permits will be issued for each zone in each "mini" season.
- Hunting will be allowed 7 days a week within the established DNR seasons and the City issued permits. Exception: hunting program at Moraine View Park
- Requests are allowed for more than one "mini" season. Each requestor only need pay the \$10.00 permit fee once, no matter how many permits you are applying for.
- I will be asking that hunters provide the City data on the number of geese harvested in 2012 on your permit application.

A friendly reminder that the success of the waterfowl hunting program is dependent on hunters being respectful of the environment and the rights of the property owners along the lakes.

- All hunters must have written permission to be on private property
- All hunters must have permission to use existing blinds
- No blinds should be constructed without the permission of the property owner
- There should be no cutting of trees, bushes and grasses to build blinds without permission from the effected landowner
- Only those with permits issued by the City are allowed to hunt
- If you obtain permission to hunt on private property, please coordinate with the property owner regarding dates and times that you plan to hunt
- Please note that all of the land around the lakes within the approved hunting zones requires land owner permission and that WE Energies and ATC do not allow hunting on their land.

As there are a number of residential areas along the lakes, I ask all hunters to be mindful of community residents and property owners. I would like to highlight the following statement from the permit,

*“I understand that safety will be adhered to at all times regardless of legal permit and that no hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any street, highway, or occupied building. I further understand that any violation of this permit or any of the fish and game laws of the State of Wisconsin will automatically revoke this permit. I understand I must have written permission for hunting on private property and must carry that permission at all times while hunting on that property.”*

In 2013, we will again include Moraine View Park as a hunting area on the weekends in November and December. This will provide a limited opportunity to hunt on public land that will not need landowner permission. A large detention pond exists in the park and it is my hope that the hunting program will assist in controlling the geese population at this location.

In addition, unless you are hunting from a boat or at Moraine View Park – you will need permission from the landowner to be on private property. WE Energies and ATC have informed us that they do not allow hunting from their property – please keep this in mind this season.

We have again broken the season into several permit options. If you are interested in multiple permits, please rank the season you are most interested in as your #1 choice, second most interested as #2, etc. Failure to do this may result in a delay in processing your permit request. If you are interested in all 10 permits, you must rank them from 1-10.

Thank you for interest and assistance in controlling the waterfowl population in Whitewater. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (262) 473-0122 or via email at [mamundson@whitewater-wi.gov](mailto:mamundson@whitewater-wi.gov).

The completed permit application should be sent to:

Whitewater Parks & Recreation  
Waterfowl Hunting Program  
312 W Whitewater Street  
Whitewater, WI 53190

Sincerely,

*Matt Amundson*

Matt Amundson, CPRP  
Parks and Recreation Director



# 2013 Final Waterfowl Rule Summary

Natural Resource Board  
approved August 14th



**Early September Canada goose season** – September 1-15, with a daily bag of 5 geese.

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt** - September 14-15. The daily bag is the same as the regular seasons.

## **Ducks**

60 Day Season – Daily bag of 6 ducks in total. Of the 6 ducks, no more than: 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, **3 scaup**, 2 pintail, and **2 canvasback**. In addition, 5 mergansers to include not more than two hooded mergansers. (For species of duck not listed such as teal and ring-necks, the combined total with all other species may not exceed 6 ducks). Coot daily bag of 15.

\*Possession Limit is now **3 times** the daily bag limit.

\*Opening day shooting hours will begin at 9am.

**Northern Zone:** Sept 21 – Nov 19

**Southern Zone:** Sept 28- Oct 6, Oct 12- Dec 1

**Mississippi River Zone:** Sept 21- 29; Oct 12- Dec 1

## **Canada Geese**

**Exterior Zone:** Daily Bag of 2.

- North - Sept 16 - Dec 16
- South - Sept 16 – Oct 6, and Oct 12 – Dec 21
- Mississippi River Subzone: Sept 21- 29; Oct 12- January 2

**Horicon Zone:**

- H1- Sept 16 – Oct 27
- H2- Oct 28 – Dec 16

Daily Bag of 2. 6 Tags per hunter.

**Light geese, brant and white-fronted geese** - Light geese (Snow, Blue and Ross) and Brant: Seasons are the same as for the Canada goose zones and subzones. Daily Bag Limit: 1 brant and 20 light geese. The open season for White-fronted geese begins on September 20 for the Exterior (north and south) and the Horicon zone and then follows the same dates as for Canada geese in those zones. In the Mississippi River subzone of the Exterior zone the White-fronted goose season does not open until September 25 and then follows the same dates as those for Canada geese in that subzone. Daily Bag Limit: 1 white-fronted goose.

**Horicon Zone Changes** – In 2012, changes to harvest and hunter pressure on Ontario nesting Canada geese within the Horicon zone were evaluated. Based on input from staff, stakeholders and standing committees, modifications to the boundary line and tagging/registration procedures have been proposed, but would not take effect until the **2014 license year**. Shrinking the zone's northern boundary to Hwy 23 and the western boundary to Hwy 73 will allow additional harvest opportunities in the areas removed while maintaining harvest controls on the areas of high harvest for the migrating geese that nested in Ontario. Changes to the Horicon permit would make the format similar to other goose permits, eliminating the application deadline/drawing and allowing hunters to acquire a permit through any license sales location. A 1-800 reporting system currently used to monitor harvest in other goose zones would simplify the regulations and provide more comparable data.

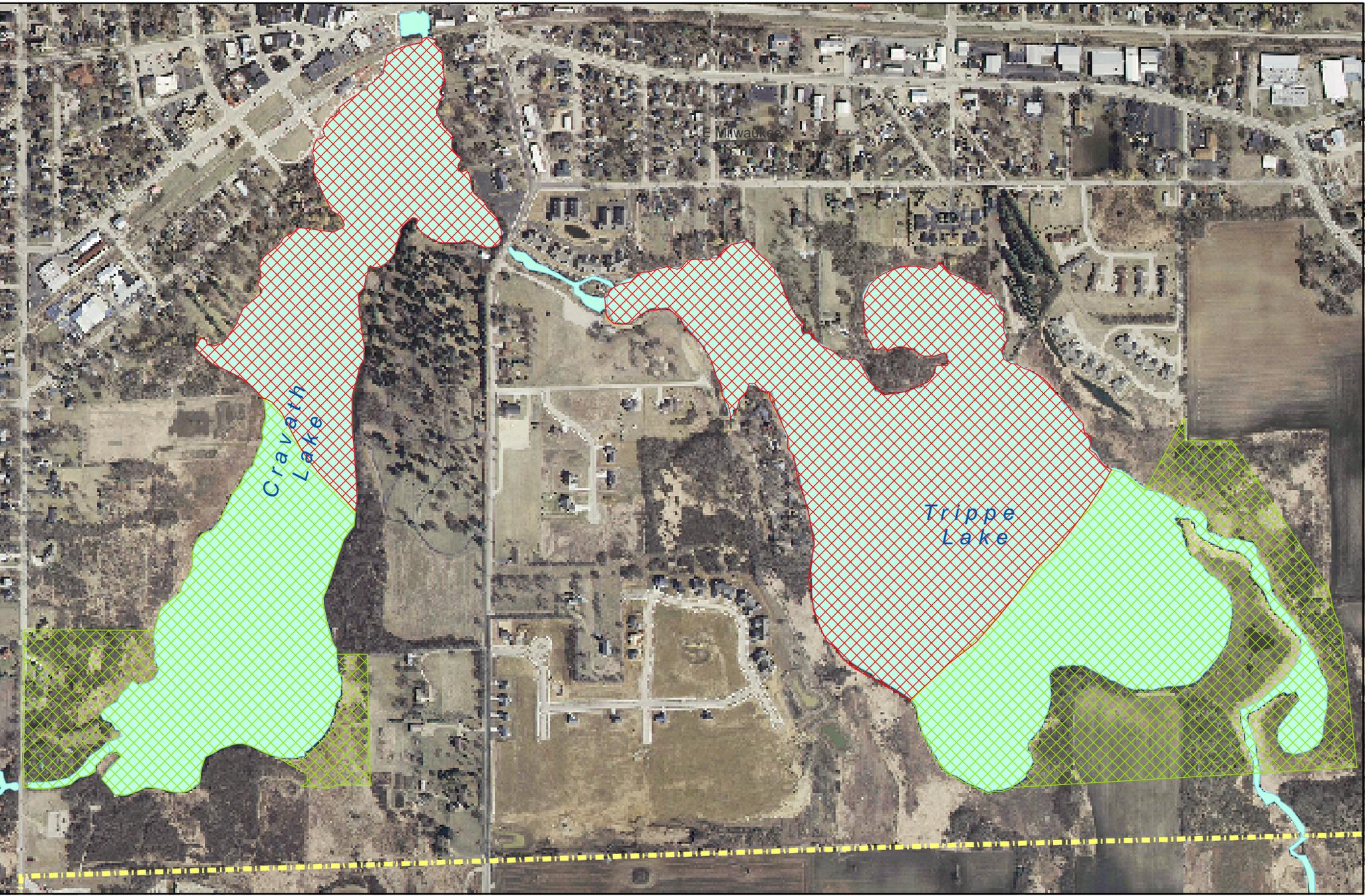


**Additional Open Water Hunting Lakes** – A citizen resolution in 2006 proposed an expansion of the lakes available for open water duck hunting and in 2007 a statewide spring hearing question showed support for this idea. In 2008 and 2009, an ad hoc committee of staff and stakeholders reviewed the idea and proposed a list of 13 new lakes for consideration. This proposal was reviewed by standing committees and shared with local communities in public meetings. Following spring hearing votes in 2012 and 2013 the list was revised to this final list of 10 lakes. Hunters would need to be 1000 ft from shore and securely anchored, which is consistent with existing regulations for open water hunting. The following lakes are being recommended for providing additional lakes:

- Beaver Dam Lake (excluding Rakes and Trestle Works Bays)  
Dodge County
- Castle Rock Lake (south of railroad bridge and Cty G),  
Adams and Juneau counties
- Fence Lake, Vilas County
- Grindstone Lake, Sawyer County
- North Twin Lake, Vilas County
- Lake Puckaway (the waters west of the west end of the dredge  
bank, excluding the waters east of the west end of the dredge  
bank), Marquette and Green Lake counties
- Shawano Lake, Shawano County
- Trout Lake, Vilas County
- Lake Wisconsin (north of railroad bridge), Sauk and Columbia counties
- Lake Wissota (south of Cty S and north of Cty X), Chippewa County

**Disabled Concealment Rule** - NR 10.12(3)(e) Persons holding a Class A or B disabled permit that authorizes hunting from a stationary vehicle and which has been issued for more than 1 year, and a person who assists the disabled hunter in the same boat, may hunt more than 3 feet from emergent vegetation that provides the required 50% concealment of the hunters and boat, but not farther than necessary to maintain the minimum depth of water necessary for operation of the boat being used by the hunters.

**Mead and Zeloski Special Regulations** – We propose to eliminate the sunset of special regs that have been in place for 3 years. This would retain the 1pm closure for 16 days after the opener and has been popular with local hunters since it helps to hold birds on the properties.



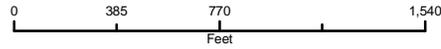
**Legend**

**Water Fowl Areas**

-  NO Hunting
-  Approved Control Area
-  City of Whitewater

# Water Fowl Control Areas

## City of Whitewater, WI





 Border of Park – Approved Control Area

**Waterfowl Control Area – Moraine View Park**  
City of Whitewater, WI

