

# Dept. of Natural Resources: Seeking public input on 2026-2030 migratory bird hunting season frameworks

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## ***Public Comment Period Open Through March 6***

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public input on migratory bird hunting season frameworks for the years 2026-2030. Comments can be submitted through various formats ([an online comment tool](#), email or at any of the public hearings) through March 6, 2026.

Historically, waterfowl and migratory bird season frameworks were developed on an annual basis. However, with near-unanimous support from conservation organizations and the public, a new process was developed to set season structures for multiple years at a time. This year is the first time the DNR is doing so.

An [online public input form](#) and supporting information are available on the DNR's [Waterfowl Hunting webpage](#) for those interested in submitting comments electronically. Anyone interested in Wisconsin's migratory bird hunting seasons is encouraged to provide feedback.

Individuals may also submit comments via email to Taylor Finger, DNR gamebird specialist, at [Taylor.Finger@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Taylor.Finger@wisconsin.gov) or Alissa Kakatsch, DNR assistant gamebird specialist, at [Alissa.Kakatsch@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Alissa.Kakatsch@wisconsin.gov). Comments will be accepted through **11:59 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2026.**

The final way people can submit feedback is at one of four public hearings. Three of the public hearings are in-person meetings on March 2, 3 and 5, and the fourth is a

virtual session on March 4. After public comments have been collected, a final season structure will go to the Natural Resources Board for approval.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS DETAILS**

### **Public Hearing #1**

**What:** [2026-2030 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Public Hearing - La Crosse](#)

**When:** Monday, March 2, from 7-9 p.m.

**Where:** DNR Service Center

Rooms B-19 and B-20

3550 Mormon Coulee Rd.

La Crosse, WI 54601

### **Public Hearing #2**

**What:** [2026-2030 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Public Hearing - Rice Lake](#)

**When:** Tuesday, March 3, from 7-9 p.m.

**Where:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rice Lake

The Knapp Room

824 Bear Paw Ave.

Rice Lake, WI 54868

### **Public Hearing #3**

**What:** [2026-2030 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Public Hearing - Virtual](#)

**When:** Wednesday, March 4, from 7-9 p.m.

**Where:** Virtual via Zoom. [Registration is required.](#)

### **Public Hearing #4**

**What:** [2026-2030 Migratory Bird Hunting Season Public Hearing - Appleton](#)

**When:** Thursday, March 5, from 7-9 p.m.

**Where:** Fox Valley Technical College

D.J. Bordini Center, Room BC112A

5 N. Systems Dr.

Appleton, WI 54914