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The DNR are accepting input on the natural resources advisory questions from the DNR, Natural Resources Board (NRB), and WCC through the online input option The online input option will go live at 7 p.m. on April 13 and will remain open for three days. (72 hours).

Three of the questions could have an impact on snowmobiling. Remember these are just advisory questions and do not make any rule changes without further action.

Questions #10 and #11 have to do with extending the gun deer season and eliminating the antlerless only holiday hunt.

Question #29 has to do with introductory operation of motorized recreation vehicles.

See below for Steve Ditter's comments related to each question.

Cast your vote at:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>

The questions and Steve's input is below:

29. Would you support allowing persons who have not completed an approved safety course to operate a motorized recreational vehicle at any event designed to introduce them to the sport? **I believe this proposal is acceptable as long as the event is controlled with appropriate oversight and limited to the specific event. Law**

requires anyone born on/after 1-1-85 to have a valid safety certificate to operate snowmobiles. This means individuals currently age 35 or younger need a certificate. If a demo ride entices people to purchase a sled and enter our sport this seems like a reasonable proposal. I'd vote in favor of this item.

10: Extend the current nine-day firearm season by adding ten days Wisconsin has one of the country's shortest regular firearm deer seasons with just nine days of gun hunting for bucks. Providing additional firearm hunting opportunity that also includes bucks would increase excitement and participation in our premier hunt and may be important for the future. A longer season would provide days of high-quality hunting with moderate hunting pressure, buffer impacts of bad weather on opening weekend, and generally expand hunting opportunities to more people. State law has established that the traditional firearm deer season begins the Saturday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday with limited exceptions for youth and disabled hunts. This proposal would extend the current firearm hunting season for both bucks and antlerless deer so that it would run until the day before the current December firearm antlerless-only hunt begins. Muzzleloaders, crossbows, and archery equipment will continue to be allowed with a gun deer license. There would no longer be a muzzleloader-only season but we anticipate the same type of high quality hunting opportunity to be available to more people during that time [frame.10.Do](#) you favor improving firearm deer hunting opportunities by extending the season to run for 19 consecutive days beginning on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving?

QUESTION 11: Eliminate the antlerless-only holiday firearm deer season There is a 4-day antlerless-only firearm season in mid-December that begins on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday. Additional days of firearm hunting for deer of either sex are proposed in the previous question and, if supported, would result in firearm deer hunting being allowed continuously for more than three weeks beginning on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and continuing through the second week in December.

Considering the additional deer hunting opportunity proposed in the previous question and, in order to simplify deer hunting season frameworks and to reduce user conflict that occurs during the holiday hunt, the holiday hunt could be [eliminated.11.Do](#) you support eliminating the antlerless-only holiday firearm deer season if an additional 10 days of firearm deer hunting will occur after the traditional 9 day season. **I would suggest we oppose changing current gun hunting laws. Eliminating the Holiday Hunt is desired however, extending the gun hunt 10 days will delay clubs who must wait and mark trails until after the gun deer season is over. Some land owners will not allow access to their land until after the gun deer season. Also, by mid-December ground is typically frozen making the marking trails more difficult. I'd vote against this item.**

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