

Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Statement of Scope

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 110-20 relating to fishing guide licenses and reporting requirements for licensed fishing guides in Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and Green Bay. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 110-20 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: Oct. 5, 2020

Time: 3 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online through [Skype link](#) or 1-866-715-6499 (passcode 756 080 2998#)

Rule Information: This is a statement of scope for a proposed permanent rule; no rule has yet been drafted. The rule drafted under this statement of scope would address reporting requirements for licensed fishing guides in Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and Green Bay to make them consistent and clear. Existing reporting rules are too general to provide adequate data for fisheries management decision-making, and lack clarity for fishing guides and the public. Enhanced guide reporting will provide important data on fish harvest that will be used in conjunction with commercial fish harvest reports to develop and monitor sustainable quotas for whitefish, lake trout, cisco and other game fish.

Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available here:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Meredith.Penthorn@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before Oct. 5, 2020. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. **Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:**

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The Statement of Scope may be reviewed, and comments made at
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.