

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule, Board Order FH-09-20, to revise Ch. NR 20 relating to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters (the 2021 Fisheries Management Spring Hearings rule). In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Board Order FH-09-20 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: April 12, 2021

Time: 7 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online via [Zoom](#) or by phone at 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID 845 9296 3437#

Additionally, the online Spring Hearing fillable questionnaire containing all rule proposals and advisory questions will be open for public input from April 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. to April 15, 2021. The questionnaire survey will be available on the Spring Hearing web page at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>.

Rule Information:

This rule will serve several purposes, including applying fishing regulations to waters of the state to accomplish management goals. Such management goals include improving size structure of game fish, increasing the density or abundance of certain fish species or increasing the survival of mature adults; establishing statewide regulations that provide harvest opportunity while protecting fish populations; and aligning regulations with public desires for certain waterbodies. Proposals contained in this rule package will receive input at the 2021 Spring Hearings.

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.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/8300/8300-014.pdf>. 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 April 15, 2021. 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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Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

The proposed rule would not impose any reporting requirements on small businesses, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rule would not allow for the potential to establish a reduced fine for small businesses, nor would it establish “alternative enforcement mechanisms” for “minor violations” of administrative rules made by small businesses.

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