

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 20 and 21, relating to changes to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters (the 2025 Fisheries Management Spring Hearing rule), at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: May 22, 2025

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Conference phone ID#: 123 214 128#

Rule Information: This rule will apply fishing regulations to waters of the state to accomplish management goals including 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. The department utilizes the annual Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings questionnaire, available online statewide, to gain broad public feedback from outdoor recreators on standard fishing regulation change proposals.

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 through the public hearing link above. Those attending by phone, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before May 22, 2025. 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:

Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Kari Lee-Zimmermann (FH/4)
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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

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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