

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 050-25, which affects chs. NR 20, 21, 22, and 23, and is related to the interpretation of possession limits between the boundary waters between Wisconsin and neighboring states and the inland and outlying waters, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: October 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Phone conference ID: 332 571 161#

Rule Information: This rule will evaluate statewide fish possession limits with the goal of improving consistency in interpretation of possession limits between the boundary waters between Wisconsin and neighboring states and the inland and outlying waters. This rule will also improve language and provide clarity relating to fishing tournaments to increase understanding of existing fishing tournament rules for both department personnel and the public, which will include addressing possession limit exceptions for tournament-caught fish that will be donated to a food distribution service.

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. 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 Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before October 13, 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 scope statement should be submitted to:

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The scope statement may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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