

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

<p>1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected</p>	<p>2. Date November 14, 2024</p>
<p>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) Ch. NR 20, Fishing: Inland Waters; Outlying Waters - DNR Board Order number FH-18-24 (E)</p>	
<p>4. Subject Walleye harvest regulations on the Minocqua Chain of Lakes in Oneida County</p>	
<p>5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S</p>	<p>6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected None</p>
<p>7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget</p>	
<p>8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A)</p>	
<p>9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137 (5) Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137(5), Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments. An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137(5), Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137(5), Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred) An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137(5), Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule An EIA is not required for emergency rules promulgated under s. 227.24, Wis. Stats., per s. 227.137(5), Wis. Stats.</p>	
<p>16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule This is a temporary, emergency rule and there are no related long-term implications.</p>	
<p>17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government No federal regulations apply. States possess inherent authority to manage the fishery and wildlife resources within their boundaries, except insofar as preempted by federal treaties and laws, including regulations established in the Federal Register.</p>	
<p>18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota) All of Wisconsin's surrounding states manage the use of fish and wildlife resources sustainably with tools such as harvest management regulations.</p>	

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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

This rule continues the expansion of fishing opportunities available to anglers on the Minocqua Chain to include limited harvest of walleyes for the remainder of the 2024-2025 season. This will result in increased economic activity generated by anglers as they spend money on travel, bait, fishing tackle and associated expenses. This economic activity will be beneficial to the local economy. Specific business sectors that may benefit include sporting goods retailers and businesses that support leisure travel.

This beneficial economic impact is likely to be minimal and only local in nature, however. Catch-and-release fishing opportunities for walleye are currently available on the Minocqua Chain and anglers are already participating in the fishery. Fishing for muskellunge, bass and panfish also draws anglers to this popular chain-of-lakes. Many other recreational activities are also available in the Minocqua area and the local economy is not dependant on the ability of anglers to harvest walleye. Though impacts are limited and cannot be estimated precisely, the ability to harvest walleye almost certainly supports the recreational component of the area economy.

These proposed rules apply to individual anglers and no implementation or compliance costs are created.

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife-Associated Recreation is coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and provides information on individuals involved in fishing, hunting, and other wildlife-related recreation. The most recent report focuses on 2022 participation and expenditures of persons 16 years of age and older. This source provides evidence that outdoor recreation, including fishing, generates significant economic activity.

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

These proposed rules apply to individual anglers and do not create any compliance or reporting requirements. These proposed rules also do not establish any performance or design standards.

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses
None.

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

No enforcement standards will apply to small businesses.

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes No
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