

## Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise chs. NR 8, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 104 relating to the minor changes, corrections, and clarifications to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters (the 2025 Fisheries Management housekeeping rule), at the time and place shown below.

### Hearing Information

Date: February 5, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

Join the virtual public hearing here: [FH-19-24 Public Hearing](#)

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**Rule Information:** This rule is minor in nature and mainly clarifies regulations, codifies existing department policies to ensure consistency in implementation, corrects outdated language and drafting errors, removes obsolete provisions, updates cross-references and points of reference, and addresses inconsistencies in administrative code language. Changes to chs. NR 22 and 25 related to commercial fishing regulations will aid the department and stakeholders in interpreting and implementing these chapters. This rule will not impose new regulations on commercial fishers as the changes are minor nature. Some of these changes also make administrative code consistent with regulation changes that were implemented using the process outlined in s. NR 20.35, Wis. Admin. Code, which allows the department to remove a special regulation or implement a predefined alternate regulation through a public notice period and public meeting, if requested. This rule contains the NR 20.35 changes that have been implemented since the previous housekeeping rule.

### Accessibility

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### 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 [Hearing Appearance form](#). 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 Lee-Zimmermann at [Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov).

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before February 5, 2026. 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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Attn: Kari Lee-Zimmermann  
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The rule may be viewed at:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments may be emailed to: [DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov)

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

**Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:** Economic impacts are expected to be minimal, if any. The regulations proposed in this rule will mainly correct inconsistencies or oversights in administrative code language. The rule is mainly applicable to individual anglers and imposes no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

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