

## 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 015-26 which affects s. NR 20.35 and allows for alternate size and bag limits for walleye under specific conditions for the rehabilitation of walleye fisheries, at the time and place shown below.

### Hearing Information

Date: April 29, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

#### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: [Preliminary Hearing on FH-20-25](#)

Meeting ID: 287 500 242 414 94

Passcode: xi3mf7oW

#### Or call in by phone

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Phone conference ID: 105 618 08#

### Rule Information:

This rule will amend s. NR 20.35 “alternate size and bag limits” to outline specific conditions that, if met, will allow the department to implement alternate size and bag limits for walleye on specific waters where a quick regulation change is needed to preserve or rehabilitate a walleye fishery without sufficient natural reproduction.

### 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](mailto:Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov).

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before April 29, 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 scope statement should be submitted to:

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

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