

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 114-24 which affects ch. NR 20 and 25 and is related to the establishing a Lake Michigan lake trout commercial harvest, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Phone conference ID: 673 959 666#

Rule Information:

This rule will primarily seek to establish a commercial bycatch fishery for lake trout in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan as part of Lake Whitefish fishing. Topics which may be addressed as part of this rulemaking include but are not limited to: lake trout management zones; locations where harvest may or may not occur, such as restricted fishing areas and refuges; season dates; size limits; total allowable catch (TAC) of lake trout; allocations of the TAC between the commercial and recreational fisheries; allocation of the TAC between individual commercial fishers; tagging requirements; reporting requirements; and potential lake trout tag transfers. This rule may additionally update lake trout sport fishery regulations, as needed, including individual bag limits, and sport fishing seasons. The rule may include a sunset date.

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 February 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 emailed to: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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