

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 009-26 which affects ch. NR 20 and NR 40, and is related to changes to the bag and possession limit for round goby on Lake Winnebago system area waters and possession and bag limit for other detrimental species on other waters of the state., at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Join the virtual public hearing here: [Round Goby Preliminary Public Hearing](#)

Or dial in by phone: [+1 608-571-2209,,58350304#](#) United States, Madison

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Rule Information: These rules will allow anglers to keep in their possession any harvested round gobies provided that the fish are eviscerated or decapitated or their gills removed. Since a round goby population has not been established in these waters, angler harvest and reporting of all gobies taken will serve as a critical tool for the tracking of the round goby invasion into the Winnebago System. Allowing anglers to keep any round goby that has been eviscerated or decapitated or had its gills removed following harvest from the Winnebago system waters or other waters of the state where they are not currently established will align with management goals to control their spread and will allow the department to provide a logical and consistent message to the public about those goals.

Additional permanent rules may be promulgated to allow for the increase in possession of detrimental fish on other waters of the state provided they are eviscerated or decapitated or their gills are removed. This would support efforts to control detrimental fish in waters around the state.

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. 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.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before March 10, 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/ProposedEmergency.html>

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.