

## Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on an emergency rule to revise ch. NR 20, relating to the changes to the bag and possession limit for round goby on Lake Winnebago system area waters, at the time and place shown below.

### Hearing Information

Date: July 7, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm

Join the virtual public hearing here: [FH-21-25\(E\) Public Hearing](#)

Or dial in by phone: [+1 608-571-2209,269351627#](#) United States, Madison

[Find a local number](#) Phone conference ID: 269 351 627#

### Rule Information

This rule allows anglers to keep in their possession any round gobies harvested from the Lake Winnebago waters, 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.

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

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 7, 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:

Department of Natural Resources  
Attn: Kari Lee-Zimmermann  
P.O. Box 7921  
101 S. Webster Street,  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedEmergency.html>

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

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:  
[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency\\_rules/hearings](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency_rules/hearings)

### **Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

Economic impacts are expected to be minimal, if any. 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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