

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

<p>1. Type of Estimate and Analysis</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>Original   <input type="checkbox"/>Updated   <input type="checkbox"/>Corrected</p>	<p>2. Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 30, 2026</p>
<p>3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable)</p> <p>NR 20: Fishing: Inland Waters; Outlying Waters, NR 40: Invasive Species Identification, Classification and Control</p>	
<p>4. Subject</p> <p>FH-21-25(E) and FH-22-25; 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.</p>	
<p>5. Fund Sources Affected</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>GPR   <input type="checkbox"/>FED   <input type="checkbox"/>PRO   <input type="checkbox"/>PRS   <input type="checkbox"/>SEG   <input type="checkbox"/>SEG-S</p>	<p>6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected</p>
<p>7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>No Fiscal Effect                      <input type="checkbox"/>Increase Existing Revenues                      <input type="checkbox"/>Increase Costs                      <input type="checkbox"/>Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/>Indeterminate                      <input type="checkbox"/>Decrease Existing Revenues                      <input type="checkbox"/>Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget</p>	
<p>8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>State's Economy                      <input type="checkbox"/>Specific Businesses/Sectors <input type="checkbox"/>Local Government Units                      <input type="checkbox"/>Public Utility Rate Payers <input type="checkbox"/>Small Businesses <b>(if checked, complete Attachment A)</b></p>	
<p>9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1).</p> <p>\$0</p>	
<p>10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>No</p>	
<p>11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule</p> <p>Round goby (<i>Neogobius melanostomus</i>) are a non-native fish that are considered invasive and are not currently established in the Lake Winnebago system. 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. Current regulations only allow anglers to possess one round goby, so any additional round goby would need to be released back into the waterbody.</p>	
<p>12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments.</p> <p>The department will hold a comment period in late July 2026 to gain input on the rule anticipated economic effects.</p>	
<p>13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA.</p> <p>We do not anticipate any impacts on local governmental units as a result of implementing this rule.</p>	
<p>14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)</p> <p>The impact of these rules is expected to be minimal (less than \$50,000), as any economic impacts generated by angler spending is generally beneficial to the state. The department anticipates no fiscal impact resulting from the rule. DNR currently conducts a variety of activities related to managing fisheries, selling licenses, providing law enforcement services, and related research. The department will continue to conduct the same activities under the regulations proposed in this rule and does not anticipate any new or reduced expenditures for those activities.</p>	
<p>15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule</p> <p>This rule change will align with management goals to control the spread of round goby and will allow the department to provide a logical and consistent message to the public about those goals.</p>	

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16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Managing for a healthy and balanced fishery through removal of this invasive species in the Lake Winnebago system will continue to provide excellent fishing opportunities and meet the interests of many types of anglers. The economic activity that results from this healthy sport fishery will also endure well into the future.

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17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

No federal regulations apply. None of the rule proposals violate or conflict with federal regulations. Individual state or provincial agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has their own decision-making process.

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18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

All of Wisconsin's surrounding states utilize comparable harvest regulations as tools to distribute angler harvest and manage for high quality fisheries. They utilize general regulations that apply to many bodies of water and, when appropriate, apply specialized regulations on specific waterbodies or in regional areas.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

Yes  No

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