

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 20 relating to the possession and bag limit for round gobies and other detrimental species on waters of the state, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: August 19, 2026

Time: 11:00 am

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://DetrimentalFishRuleHearing>

Meeting ID: 297 325 642 252 669

Passcode: qp2ok2a3

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Phone conference ID: 758 943 386#

Rule Information:

These rules will allow anglers to keep in their possession any harvested round gobies or ruffe provided that the fish are eviscerated or decapitated or their gills removed. Allowing anglers to keep any of these invasive and detrimental fish that have been eviscerated or decapitated or had its gills removed following harvest, will align with management goals to control the spread of prohibited fish and will allow the department to provide a logical and consistent message to the public about those goals.

This rule also continues to allow anglers to harvest an unlimited number of white perch, however, it requires white perch harvested on inland waters to be eviscerated, decapitated, or have its gills removed, to reduce the chance of spreading white perch to inland waters where they are not yet established.

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 \(https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf\)](https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf). 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 \(https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf\)](https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8300-014.pdf) and send it to Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before August 19, 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 (FH/4)
P.O. Box 7921
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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments may be emailed to: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/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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