

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 042-25 relating to invasive species. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 042-25 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online through [Teams](#).

Rule Information:

This is a statement of scope for a proposed permanent rule; no rule has yet been drafted. This scope statement proposes rule changes related to classifying additional invasive species under the existing prohibited and restricted categories established in ch. NR 40, Wis. Admin. Code. Once classified, these species will be subject to current administrative rules and state statutes governing their introduction, possession, transfer, and transport. The intent is to prevent the establishment of new invasive species in Wisconsin and to limit the spread of those already present. The rule revision may also include reclassification of currently regulated species, such as changing a species from prohibited to restricted, or removing it from regulation altogether.

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](#). 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 Scottt.karel@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed statement of scope must be received on or before October 10, 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 Statement of Scope may be reviewed, and comments made at

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.