

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 043-26 relating to wolf depredation claims. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 043-26 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: July 30, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Join by phone: 1 608-571-2209

Phone conference ID: 259 887 528#

Rule Information

This is a statement of scope for a proposed permanent rule; no rule has yet been drafted.

This statement of scope proposes rule changes to create a process for how wolf depredation claims will be paid when the statutorily identified funding sources are insufficient to fully cover all claims for the entire fiscal year. These rules may set limits on the maximum amount each claimant may receive, establish a system for prioritizing claims according to type and authorize the proration of payments when claims are expected to exceed available funds.

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. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register or register during the hearing, 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 July 30, 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:

Department of Natural Resources

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The Statement of Scope may be reviewed, and comments made at:
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.