

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise chs. NR 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19 and 45 relating to the 2025 Wildlife Management Housekeeping rule, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: January 16, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

Rule Information: Commonly referred to as the wildlife management housekeeping rule, these rule changes are proposed to correct inconsistencies, update outdated language, align rules with statutes, revise scientific and common name spellings, provide clarification when appropriate, and make other minor revisions. All the policies in this rule are consistent with past board policies of regulating fish and game harvest. The changes proposed in this rule will have a minimal impact on the activities of hunters, trappers and individuals seeking scientific collector permits and scientific research licenses. These rules are proposed primarily to maintain consistency with recently revised statutes or to update cross-references.

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 scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before January 17, 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:

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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: These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, and no design standards are contained in the rule.

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