Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on an emergency rule to revise ch. NR 10, relating revising white-tailed deer management unit boundaries, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: May 15, 2025 Time: 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Join the meeting now

Rule Information:

This creates habitat-based deer management units in the Northern Forest Zone. It also proposes to adjust a portion of the Central Forest Deer Management Zone boundary, as well as select Metropolitan Subunit boundaries. Prior to 2014, units were bounded by major roads and rivers that surrounded areas with generally similar habitat. In response to a recommendation in the Deer Trustee Report of 2012, units were adjusted to instead align with county boundaries.

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 <u>Hearing Appearance form</u>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable <u>Hearing Appearance form</u> and send it to <u>scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov</u>.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before May 16, 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 rules should be submitted to:

Department of Natural Resources Attn: Scott Karel P.O. Box 7921 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921

The rule may be viewed at: <u>https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedEmergency.html</u>

Comments can be emailed to: <u>DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov</u>

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at: <u>https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency_rules/hearings</u>

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rulemaking authority, will have no effect on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

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