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Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule WM-13-25 (E) and WM-14-25. Both rules revise NR 10 and are relating to relating to establishing the 2026-2030 migratory bird season framework and regulations. In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on WM-13-25 (E) and WM-14-25 at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: October 22, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/225513311857239?p=hLErfhOZiQoQuJSrCQ>

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Rule Information: These rules may modify season dates, bag limits, and other regulations for the duck and goose hunting seasons, most of which begin in September. These seasons are part of the federal migratory bird season frameworks and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) needs to be informed of the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board decisions on these seasons by late April, 2026. Publication and the effective date of a permanent rule is unlikely to occur prior to the start of many of the fall seasons in September of 2026 which is why the department is utilizing an emergency rule.

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 scotr.karel@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before October 23, 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: Scott Karel

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101 S. Webster Street,

Madison, WI 53707-7921

The rule may be viewed at: INCLUDE LINKS AS APPLICABLE

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedEmergency.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: No economic impacts are anticipated. The hunting season frameworks proposed in this rule will be comparable to those in place during the previous season. These rules are applicable to individual hunters and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

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