

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 to administering the elk hunting license drawing, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Virtual Location Link:

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Rule Information:

This rule is being proposed to update the procedures for the elk hunting license application and drawing. Currently, elk harvest is authorized through the issuance of an elk hunting license and corresponding carcass tag, which are awarded through an application process and randomized drawing. Carcass tags are sex specific, meaning that they only authorize the harvest one antlerless elk if it is an antlerless elk tag or one elk with antlers not less than six inches in length if a bull elk carcass tag has been issued.

This rule would allow the department to administer separate drawings for each carcass tag type: one for bull elk carcass tags and the other for antlerless elk carcass tags. This would allow hunters to apply for either an antlerless elk carcass tag only, a bull elk carcass tag only, or for both.

This rule also makes additional housekeeping revisions that are necessary to fully implement this rule.

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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 scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before June 10, 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

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The rule may be viewed at: <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:
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency_rules/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 or operational standards are contained in the rule. Because this rule does not add any regulatory requirements for small businesses, the proposed rules will not have an economic impact on a substantial number of small businesses under s. 227.24(3m), Stats.

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