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 067-25 relating to administering the elk hunting license application. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 067-25 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: December 18, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online through Teams.

Rule Information:

This is a statement of scope for a proposed permanent rule; no rule has yet been drafted. The proposed rule would revise rules related to the procedures for the elk permit drawing so that the department can effectively administer separate applications for bull and cow elk while still complying with state statutes.

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. 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 statement of scope must be received on or before December 19, 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 scope statement should be submitted to:

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