

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 10, relating to the administering the elk hunting license application, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: October 22, 2026

Time 2:00 P.M.

Virtual Location Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/286691649639502?p=hH4mZkPABfr1NDqPYI>

Rule Information

The department is proposing to conduct a separate application and drawing for antlered and for antlerless elk. This would allow hunters to apply for one permit type or the other, or to apply for both. Consistent with statute, however, only one license could be issued. Current rules are not broad enough to orderly administer separate applications for bull and antlerless elk in light of the statutory once-in-a-lifetime limitation for elk license issuance. These rules will clarify the new procedures for the drawing so that the department can effectively administer separate applications for bull and cow elk while still complying with state statutes.

A companion emergency rule, EmR 2602, is already in effect.

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 scottr.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

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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, 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.

Additionally, the cost of the elk hunting application is established in state statute and will not be impacted by this rulemaking.

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