

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to repeal chs. NR 107 and 109 and recreate ch. NR 107, relating to aquatic plant management, manual removal and mechanical control regulations, aquatic habitat protection, and surface water grants, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Wes4OHfATJgagrlGeo84g>

Meeting ID: 896 2745 6939

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Rule Information

The Aquatic Plant Management (APM) program regulates the chemical, mechanical, physical, and biological control of aquatic organisms in order to protect and develop diverse and stable native aquatic plant communities. The program is currently regulated under two separate but related administrative rules, ch. NR 107, Wis. Adm. Code, which regulates chemical control, and ch. NR 109, Wis. Adm. Code, which regulates burning and mechanical, physical, and manual control.

The proposed recreated ch. NR 107, Wis. Adm. Code, unifies all control activities under a consistent set of procedures and policies that align with current state and federal law, improving administrative consistency and efficiency as well as customer service.

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. To join via Zoom, please register or pre-register using the link above, which will prompt you to enter information required on the Hearing Appearance form. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. For those who plan to phone in, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Sarah.wood@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before April 30, 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:

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The rule may be viewed under NRB Order number WY-20-23 at:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>.

Comments may be emailed to: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov.

The rule may also be reviewed, and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule reduces the compliance requirements for small businesses by incorporating less stringent compliance or reporting requirements, less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting, and consolidation or simplification of reporting requirements.

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