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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 98–055

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. This rule creates a subch. II in ch. NR 16. However, that chapter currently has no subchapters. Therefore, a title for a subch. I should be created and placed before s. NR 16.001. Also, subchapters should be numbered with Roman numerals; i.e., subch. II, not subch. 2. In addition, the title of ch. NR 16 should be amended to reflect the inclusion of fish farms.

b. The section titles in the rule should be consistent. Some are all in capital letters and some have only an initial capital letter. It is suggested that the latter be used consistently.

c. Is s. NR 16.70 (2) (b) actually intended to be part of par. (a)? If so, "(a)" should be deleted before the (intro.) and the three subunits should be pars. (a) to (c).

d. "In this subchapter:" should be inserted after the title of s. NR 16.71. [Similarly, "In this chapter:" should be inserted after the title of current s. NR 16.001.]

e. In s. NR 16.72 (intro.), a colon should replace the period.

f. In s. NR 16.73 (3) (intro.), "all of" should be inserted after "verifying."

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In s. NR 16.71 (6), "same" should be deleted.

b. In the second sentence of s. NR 16.74 (1), "many" should be deleted. Also, in that section, what is the meaning of "Wetland functional values"?

c. In s. NR 16.74 (1) (e), the material in parentheses should be deleted or incorporated in a "note." [See s. 1.01 (6), Manual.] In the alternative, the parentheses could be deleted and "including" could be inserted before "fishing."

d. In s. NR 16.74 (2), the first "that" should be replaced by "if." As written, the sentence does not make sense.

e. In s. NR 16.74 (4), "provided" should be replaced by "if."