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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 10-025

Comments

[<u>NOTE</u>: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the <u>Administrative Rules Procedures Manual</u>, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 2008.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. The rule preface should indicate the date by which public comments should be submitted. [See s. 1.02(2) (a) 12., Manual.]

b. The text shown in the proposal after the repeal and recreation of s. NR 20.20 (26) includes a number of changes not described in the rule analysis (such as changes to the list of lakes to which the special bag limit requirements apply for walleye). If it is the department's intent to make these changes, they should be described in the rule analysis.

c. In s. NR 20.20 (26) (i) 3. a., does the department intend that the reference to one walleye longer than 14 inches should replace the current reference to one walleye longer than 20 inches?

d. In s. NR 20.20 (44) (g), changes are made to the existing code that are not indicated by strikethroughs and underscoring. Any such changes that are intended should be so described and should also be included in the rule summary.

e. Section NR 20.20 (49) (f) 2. already exists in the administrative code, and therefore cannot be created. It appears that the department's intent is to add Big Butternut, Half Moon, Pipe, and Ward Lakes to the existing provision for Big Round Lake under subd. 2.

f. The subsection that should be referenced in SECTIONS 16 and 17 is "(55)."

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

a. In SECTION 8 of the rule preface, the word "a" should be inserted before the phrase "regional director."

b. The rule preface describes changes to "Horseshoe" lake while the text of the proposed rule refers to "Horsehead" lake. [See s. NR 20.20 (3) (am) 2.]

c. In addition to the description in the rule preface, s. NR 20.20 (66) (bm) appears to allow a five bass bag limit throughout the hook and line season on Long and Middle McKenzie Lakes. If this is correct, this change should be added to the plain language analysis in the rule preface.