

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FH-07-07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 29.014(1), 29.041, 29.519(1m)(b) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.014(1), 29.041 and 29.519(1m), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on the amendment of s. NR 25.06(2)(b)1., Stats., relating to the commercial fishing for yellow perch in zone 1 (Green Bay). Yellow perch abundance fluctuates widely. For the most part these fluctuations can be attributed to weather and to biological factors outside our control. But commercial and recreational harvests can deplete a population and inhibit recovery when numbers are low, so the Department regulates the harvest of yellow perch from Green Bay by limiting the annual total allowable commercial harvest and the daily recreational bag limit. The Department attempts to split the allowable harvest equally between sport and commercial fishers. The proposed rule would increase the total allowable commercial harvest from 60,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., the proposed rule may have an impact on small businesses. The initial regulatory flexibility analysis is as follows:

- a. Types of small business affected: Commercial fishers for yellow perch in Green Bay
- b. Description of reporting and bookkeeping procedures required: No new procedures
- c. Description of professional skills required: No new skills

The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will be held on:

August 13, 2007
Monday

Council Chambers, Peshtigo Municipal Bldg., 331 French St., Peshtigo
at 1:00 p.m.

Estuary Room, Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay
at 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Bill Horns at (608) 266-8782 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Mr. Bill Horns, Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until August 23, 2007. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A personal copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Mr. Horns.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Scott Hassett, Secretary