

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 47, subch. VI, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. FR-12-08

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

s. 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting s. 28.11(5m)(am), Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

The amendment of s. 28.11(5m), Stats., in the recent budget necessitates changes to s. NR 47.70, Wis. Adm. Code, to implement the statutory change to the county forest administration grant program. The change makes eligible for cost-sharing a county's dues to a non-profit organization that represents the collective interests of counties in the county forest program and that serves as a liaison to the Department of Natural Resources. Previously known as the County Forest Administrator Grant, this grant program provides encouragement to counties to hire professional forestry staff to manage their county forests. The previous version of this grant provided 50% cost-sharing of the salary and benefits for a professional forester in the position of county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator. Those payments would continue under the new version of the program along with cost-sharing of the non-profit organization dues. The maximum payment for the dues portion of this grant for all participating county forests combined is \$50,000 annually.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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