Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 29, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order No. ER-10-10

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

The state statutes that authorize the promulgation of this rule include Section 23.287(3)(b), Stats., and Section 227.11, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

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

This is Board Order ER-1H0-1-0 for revisions to Ch. NR 29, Wis. Adm. Code, to update fees for provision of Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) information and data to the public services provided by the Endangered Resources (ER) Review Program, and to consider implement improved service alternatives requested by stakeholders. The ER Review Program reviews projects for potential impacts to rare species and habitats, shares provides NHI data on rare species and habitats with to customers, and provides training and support for Department staff and external partners and customers. Fees for providing NHI information and data (contained in Ch. NR 29, Wis. Adm. Code: Endangered Resources information Fees) need to be updated; the last update was 20 years ago. The Department proposes to amend Ch. NR. 29, Wis. Adm. Code to: update fees; establish a new expedited endangered resources review service; may require education, training, experience or and an exam for requesters of detailed NHI data; establish a pilot certification program; and charge fees for provision of training, exams, and certification to cover Department costs.

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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