

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 20, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. FH-12-14
Clearinghouse Rule No. 15-014

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule addresses minor changes to administrative code relating to the regulation of fishing. The rule is being pursued to ensure the rule language that governs fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters is accurate and properly reflects the desired management of Wisconsin waters. The objectives are to:

- remove sections of code that are outdated or have been replaced by other statute or code changes,
- correct errors that occurred during the drafting of rules, and
- add or repeal language to clarify intent of original rules.

Summary of Public Comments

The Department did not receive any comments during the economic impact comment period held December 4 - 18, 2014. A public hearing was held on March 16, 2015, in Madison at which no one attended. No comments were received about the rule.

Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule. This rule includes minor changes to administrative code that support existing policies and fisheries management goals.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on March 16, 2015, in Madison at which no one attended.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No modifications were made to the rule or the fiscal estimate.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on form, style and placement of rule language and grammar (highway instead of high way in one spot).

Changes to the proposed rule were made to address all recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will have minimal impact on sport anglers and is not expected to have an economic impact. As with any change in regulations, there will be a requirement for anglers to learn the new rules. However, a majority of this rule change clarifies code to reflect existing policies for which anglers must already comply. The department works to notify the public of new regulations via press releases, the internet, and fishing regulations pamphlets.

The department conducted an economic impact analysis (with a public comment period from December 4-18, 2014) and determined that no individuals, businesses, local governments, or other entities will be adversely affected economically. The proposed rule does not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board did not prepare a report on this rule proposal.