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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DOA-2049 (R09/2016)

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis
☒ Original ☐ Updated ☐ Corrected

2. Date
October 14, 2020

3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable)
NR 8 and 10

4. Subject
Furbearer registration and tagging simplification.

5. Fund Sources Affected
☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEG-S

6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule
☒ No Fiscal Effect ☐ Increase Existing Revenues ☐ Increase Costs ☐ Decrease Costs
☐ Indeterminate ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues ☐ Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget

8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)
☐ State's Economy
☐ Local Government Units
☐ Specific Businesses/Sectors
☐ Public Utility Rate Payers
☐ Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1).
$0

10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be $10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)?
☐ Yes ☒ No

11. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule
Bobcat, fisher and otter distribution has increased considerably since the initial tagging and registration requirements were first put in place by the department. Likewise, the range of many furbearer species has increased substantially since these regulations went into effect.

Current rules require individuals who harvest certain furbearer species to report the harvest within twenty-four hours. This reporting is typically done either online or over the phone. This proposal will change the reporting requirements so that they are consistent with other species.

Currently, individuals who harvest certain furbearer species must also register the animal in person. The department often requires successful furbearer harvesters to separate the pelt from the carcass and tag both the pelt and the carcass. In order to register these species, the individual must meet with a representative of the department within seven days after month of harvest to register the animal and submit the carcass to the department to use for population modeling. In order to meet this registration requirement forces both the harvester and approved department employee to find time to meet in-person to register the animal and tag the pelt. This sometimes requires both the department representative and the harvester to travel a considerable distance in order to meet to register the animal. A number of harvesters are increasingly interested in retaining portions of the carcass for personal use.

This proposal simplifies the registration process by removing the in-person registration requirement for certain furbearer species. It also requires fewer instances where a pelt and/or carcass tag would be required because fewer individuals would be required to submit a full carcass. Also, other individuals may be required to submit only a part of a carcass rather than the entire carcass. Successful harvesters will still be required to report their harvest.

12. Summary of the Businesses, Business Sectors, Associations Representing Business, Local Governmental Units, and Individuals that may be Affected by the Proposed Rule that were Contacted for Comments.

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A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis will be posted on the department's website in October 2020 for fourteen days and various interest groups may be contacted. No fiscal effects on small businesses, their associations, or local governments are anticipated.

13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA.

A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis will posted on the department's website during a 14 day period in October 2020.

14. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule making authority, do not have a fiscal effect on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule

15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

These proposals will generally contribute to providing good opportunities for hunting and trapping and maintenance of the economic activity generated by people who participate in those activities. These rules will also simplify the registration and certification of harvested furbearer species requiring fewer instances of in-person certification of harvest.

16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implications of this rule proposal will be the same as the short term impacts. These proposals will generally contribute to providing good opportunities for hunting and trapping and maintenance of the economic activity generated by people who participate in those activities.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

States possess inherent authority to manage the wildlife resources located within their boundaries, except insofar as preempted by federal treaties and laws, including regulations established in the Federal Register. In general, hunting and trapping within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore follows state regulations. However, in some instances, there are specific restrictions set in place by the federal government. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa require in-person registration of bobcat, fisher and otter. Illinois does not require in-person registration for bobcat or otter and does not have a fisher season. Only Michigan still requires a carcass tag be attached to the hide after harvest.

19. Contact Name	20. Contact Phone Number
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ATTACHMENT A

1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

☐ Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
☐ Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
☐ Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
☐ Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
☐ Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
☐ Other, describe:

4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

☐ Yes ☐ No