STATE OF WISCONSIN
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
11/11/2020

3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable)
Ch. NR 20 (Fishing: Inland Waters; Outlying Waters)

4. Subject
Board Order FH-09-20 relating to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters - the 2021 Fisheries Management Spring Hearing rule

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).
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No implementation or compliance costs to anglers or businesses are expected as a result of this rule. Anglers and businesses will not be required to purchase any special gear or pay any new fees to comply with this rule change.

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
This rule will serve several purposes, including applying fishing regulations to waters to accomplish management goals, such as improving size structure of game fish, increasing the density or abundance of certain fish species or increasing the survival of mature adults; establishing statewide regulations that provide harvest opportunity while protecting fish populations; and aligning regulations with public desires for certain waterbodies. Changing these regulations will help sustain quality fish populations and fishing opportunities around the state.

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.
The department will hold a comment period in February 2021 to gain input on the anticipated economic effects. Fiscal impacts on the department are also summarized in this analysis.

The primary entities who will be affected by the proposed rules are recreational anglers and fishing-associated businesses. We do not anticipate any fiscal impacts on the department or statewide economic impacts.

13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA.
We do not anticipate any impacts on local governmental units as a result of implementing this rule. The department will hold a comment period in February 2021.

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)

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These rules will modify fishing regulations with a management objective to provide excellent fishing opportunities statewide. The impact of these rules is expected to be minimal (less than $50,000), as any economic impacts generated by angler spending is generally beneficial to the state.

The department anticipates no fiscal impact resulting from these rules. The department currently conducts a variety of activities related to managing fisheries, selling licenses, providing law enforcement services, and and related research. The department will continue to conduct the same activities under the regulations proposed in this rule and does not anticipate any new or reduced expenditures.

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

These rules will result in continuing to provide excellent fishing opportunities for a variety of species on waterbodies across the state while maintaining healthy fish populations. The economic impacts that result from spending by anglers will continue to benefit retail businesses and service providers in every corner of the state. Continually evaluating the condition of our waters and responding with regulations that maximize the productivity of those waters is necessary to maintain and improve fishing opportunities. These rule changes are expected to be cost-neutral; any negative economic impacts due to variation in angler activities or fishing effort as a result of these changes are likely to be offset by the beneficial economic impact of strong local fisheries and sustainable fishing populations.

Wisconsin is consistently among the top ten states in the number of anglers and in the amount of angler expenditures. According to the most recent American Sportfishing Association report, 2,068,469 anglers contributed total direct expenditures of $1,472,127,261 in the state in 2013. Retail sales had a total multiplier or ripple effect of $1,867,284,677. More than 13,000 jobs are supported by the retail expenditures of anglers and result in $539,521,969 in salaries and wages. Federal tax revenues generated in Wisconsin are estimated to total $128,450,559 and state revenue is estimated to be $103,880,991.

REPORT CITATION

Southwick Associates. Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing within U.S. States and Congressional Districts. Produced for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), 2019.

16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Managing for balanced fisheries that provide excellent opportunities and meet the interests of many types of anglers will maintain broad participation as anglers take advantage of these opportunities. The economic activity that results from Wisconsin's popular sport fisheries will also endure well into the future.

17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

No federal regulations apply. None of the rule proposals violate or conflict with federal regulations. Individual state or provincial agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has their own decision making process.

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

All of Wisconsin's surrounding states utilize comparable harvest regulations as tools to distribute angler harvest and manage for high quality fisheries. They utilize general regulations that apply to many bodies of water and, when appropriate, apply specialized regulations on specific waterbodies or in regional areas.

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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