

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 19-23 and 26, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. FH-14-20
Clearinghouse Rule No. CR 21-058

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

This rule is minor in nature and mainly clarifies regulations, codifies existing department policies to ensure consistency in implementation, corrects outdated language and drafting errors, and addresses inconsistencies in administrative code language. Some of these changes also make administrative code consistent with regulation changes that were implemented using the process outlined in s. NR 20.35, Wis. Admin. Code, which allows the department to remove a special regulation or implement a predefined alternate regulation through a public notice period and public meeting, if requested. Specifically, these rules will amend fishing regulations found in Chs. NR 19-23 and 26, Wis. Admin. Code.

Summary of Public Comments

No public comments were received at the hearing.

Modifications Made

Modifications included one bag limit correction for a musky water (to 1 per day rather than 1 per season), and clarifying the boundary of the Thornapple Fish Refuge to exclude an area that is already physically inaccessible to anglers. The fish refuge modification was added after review of April 2021 Spring Hearings public input relating to the Thornapple Fish Refuge.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

Jacob Rodmaker

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

The only changes to the rule analysis were to describe the changes to the rule language, as described in “Modifications Made” above. No changes were made to the fiscal estimate.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on form, style and placement in administrative code, and clarity, grammar, punctuation and use of plain language.

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

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The department expects no economic impact directly related to these rule changes. 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.