

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 20 and 26, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. FH-14-22
Clearinghouse Rule No. 23-058

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mainly clarifies regulations, codifies existing department policies to ensure consistency in implementation, corrects outdated language and drafting errors, removes obsolete provisions, updates cross-references and points of reference, and addresses inconsistencies in administrative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 recreational fishing regulations found in chs. NR 20 and 26, Wis. Admin. Code.

Summary of Public Comments

One person attended the public hearing but did not have any questions or comments.

Modifications Made

The department added one section updating the name of a lake in St. Croix County that was renamed Apple Lake during a broad-scale geographical renaming effort to eliminate derogatory names.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

One person attended the public hearing but left early in the presentation and did not provide comments.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

Changes to the rule analysis were made to reflect the minor change described above. No changes were made to the fiscal estimate.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on 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, except for those discussed below.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The department expects no economic impacts as a result of 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.