

## **Report From Agency**

### REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10 and 19, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. WM-05-23  
Clearinghouse Rule No. 24-045

#### Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule implements changes related to elk management and hunting regulations that have emerged from the Department's 2024-2034 elk management plan.

#### Summary of Public Comments

The department received a joint letter from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association and the Wisconsin Soybean association during the open public comment period. The letter expressed concerns about the expansion of the Central Elk Zone and the impact it would have on agricultural damage in those areas. In addition, further concerns were identified in the letter with elements of the elk plan that are independent of the administrative rule.

#### Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule as a result of public comments.

#### Appearances at the Public Hearing

The department held a virtual public hearing on June 19, 2024. Two members of the public attended the hearing. One individual was an elk farmer and expressed concern that wild elk could transfer CWD to captive elk. Another individual expressed concern that the wolf population could hinder the growth of the elk herd.

#### Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were made to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate through the public comment process.

#### Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on June 7, 2024.

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

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule making authority, do not have a significant 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. Therefore, under s. 227.19 (3m) Stats., a final regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

#### Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

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