

## **Report From Agency**

### **REPORT TO LEGISLATURE**

NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. WM-18-23  
Clearinghouse Rule No. 24-061

#### Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule redesigns the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). The DMAP was first established in 2014 in response to the Deer Trustee Report. In the ten years since the DMAP was launched, the department has seen exponential program growth. The goals and needs of our members and Wisconsin's private landowners have evolved while the DMAP has remained unchanged. Recently, the department underwent a comprehensive review of the program. As part of this review, the department held a series of focus groups, conducted several member surveys and analyzed member and landowner demographic data. This process culminated in the development of a new program vision which will better align the program's structure with its mission.

#### Summary of Public Comments

The department received several written comments during the open public comment period, which was open from August 19, 2024 through September 13, 2024. The attached document summarizes the comments received during the open comment period and department responses to those comments.

#### 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 September 12, 2024. No members of the public attended the hearing.

#### 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 September 5, 2024.

Changes to the proposed rule were made to address all recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse except for item 5. f. of the Clearinghouse Report. In 5. f., it is the department's intent that "in the past" mean at any time in the past and not a specific date.

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rule-making authority, do not have fiscal effects on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to landowners who enroll in the DMAP impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards

contained in the rule. However, per member requests during our program review process, the department anticipates instituting modest increases to our membership fees.

Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

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