

## NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on emergency rule, FH-17-16(E) related to lake trout harvest limits in Lake Superior and affecting small business. This proposed rule would revise Chs. NR 20 and 25, Wis. Admin. Code. The hearings will be held at the time and place shown below.

### **Hearing Information**

Time: **11:00 a.m.**

Date and location: February 1 in Room 608 of the Natural Resources State Office Building (GEF-2), 101 South Webster St., Madison, 53707.

### **Rule Information**

Emergency rule order FH-17-16(E) related to lake trout harvest limits in Lake Superior will take effect upon publication on January 16. This will be the second hearing – a meeting was also held on January 19 in Ashland. It is not necessary to attend both meetings.

The purpose of the emergency rule is to amend Lake Superior lake trout harvest limits for the 2016-17 open season and implement other reasonably related changes stemming from discussions regarding the Lake Superior Fishing Agreement. The total allowable catch of lake trout in Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior is divided among Chippewa-licensed commercial fishers, state-licensed commercial fishers, Chippewa subsistence fishers, and recreational fishers. This emergency rule amends the annual commercial fishing harvest limit for lake trout in the Apostle Islands region of Lake Superior and amends the bag limits and size restrictions for recreational anglers in order to manage the total population. The rule also prohibits previously allowed commercial fishing within certain refuge areas. The recreational lake trout open season runs from December 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. The commercial fishing season is open November 28, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

### **Accessibility**

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by letter or e-mail to Mr. Terry Margenau at the addresses described below.
2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.
3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Mr. Margenau with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

**Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments**

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before February 1, 2017. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Or email Mr. Margenau at: [terry.margenau@wisconsin.gov](mailto:terry.margenau@wisconsin.gov)

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code>

**Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1).

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Stepp, Secretary