

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a meeting 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 Ch. NR 20 and 25, Wis. Administrative Code. The meeting will be held at the time and place shown below.

Meeting Information

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date and location: January 19th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, 29270 Co. Hwy G, Ashland 54806

Rule Information

Emergency rule order FH-17-16(E) related to lake trout harvest limits in Lake Superior will take effect upon publication in the official state paper. Publication will occur prior to this statutorily required meeting.

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 meeting. Please make reservations for a meeting interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled meeting, 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 meeting 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 meeting.
4. Handicap access is available at the meeting location.

Appearances at the Meeting and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before January 19, 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 meeting. If there are questions on the proposed rule, please contact:

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Written comments on the proposed rules should be submitted to:
DNRAAdministrativeRuleComments@wisconsin.gov.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule may 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