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10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 50, Section II, this will be a level 3 economic impact analysis for this permanent rule. A notice for Solicitation of comments on this analysis for the companion permanent rule will be posted on the department's website during 2017 and various interest groups will be contacted by email.

In nearly all situations, there will be no effects but the rule will result in improved convenience for people who are required to use a harvest tag and register harvest with the department after taking certain species. The department would continue to contract with a variety of private retail outlets to deliver services which will basically be the same and include licenses and registrations for outdoors related activities.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 50, Section II, this is a level 3 economic impact analysis. A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis of the companion permanent rule will be posted on the department's website during a 14 day period beginning in 2017. The department will seek comments by contacting interest groups, individuals, and associations that represent local governmental units.

No effects on local governments are anticipated.

12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

No economic impacts are anticipated as a result of these rules. The department currently contracts with a vendor and provides automated licensing to the public at private retail outlets, department service centers, and online. Those include a range of retail outlets such as convenience stores, department stores, small sporting goods shops, as well as large retailers of outdoors-related merchandise. These rules will not result in any changes to this framework for license delivery.

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

Under these proposed rules, the department will be able to allow carcass tags to be validated very conveniently, such as by separating a portion of it. Some people have expressed concern about being required to have a writing implement available while in the field, as was previously required.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

The long range implications of this rule proposal will be the same as the short term impacts. These proposals will contribute to the maintenance of the current economic activity generated by people who purchase licenses, permits, and registrations and participate in a variety of outdoor recreational activities.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

Federal regulations allow states to manage the wildlife resources and state-owned lands located within their boundaries provided they do not conflict with regulations established in the Federal Register. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Under the proposal, Wisconsin's rules and automated licensing system will not differ significantly from surrounding states. All surrounding states have an automated system in place for the issuance of recreational licenses. Their systems are established based on needs that are unique to those state's resources and public desires.

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