

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule, WM-08-17, relating to the revision of white-tailed deer 3-year population objectives and deer management unit boundaries. The rule revises Ch. NR 10, Wis. Admin. Code. The hearing will be held at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 5 p.m.

Location: Fitchburg DNR Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711; Gathering Waters/Glacier's Edge Room

Rule Information

The Department of Natural Resources is required to review Deer Management Unit (DMU) boundaries and deer population objectives (increase, maintain or decrease the deer population) at three-year intervals. Population objectives and DMUs serve as the foundation for managing the deer herd and determining annual deer hunting season structures and antlerless deer permit availability. To form population objectives and revised DMU boundaries, County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) review deer herd metrics and public input. Each year, CDACs recommend antlerless deer harvest quotas, carcass tag levels and deer season structure within each DMU to work toward that DMU's 3-year population objective. This rule will revise Wisconsin Administrative Code (Ch. NR 10) to reflect updated DMUs and population objectives. Implementing this rule will allow CDACs to form annual deer season recommendations based on these updated DMUs and objectives.

Accessibility

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 writing to e-mail Accessibility@dnr.wisconsin.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.

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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 November 28, 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 Meredith Penthorn at Meredith.Penthorn@wisconsin.gov

Email comments may also be made at DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

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