

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to repeal chs. NR 190, 191, 192, 195 and 198, and to create ch. NR 193 relating to the administration of cost-sharing grant programs for lake and river planning, monitoring and protection, and aquatic invasive species, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: July 10, 2019

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: The hearing will be held by videoconference at the following locations:

- **Madison** – UW-Extension, Pyle Center, Room 235, 702 Langdon Street, 53706
- **Eau Claire** – UW-Eau Claire, Centennial Hall, Room 2904, 1698 Park Avenue, 54702
- **Green Bay** – UW-Green Bay, Instructional Services Building, Room 1034, 2420 Nicolet Drive, 54311
- **Milwaukee** – UW-Milwaukee, Kenwood IRC Building, Room TBD, 3135 N Maryland Avenue, 53211
- **Rhineland** – Nicolet Area Technical College, Room TBD, 5364 College Drive, 54501
- **Superior** – UW-Superior, Swenson Hall, Room 2004, 1610 Weeks Avenue, 54880

Rule Information

The Bureaus of Water Quality and Community Financial Assistance propose to repeal five related administrative code chapters that govern three cost-sharing grant programs for lake and river planning, monitoring and protection, and aquatic invasive species, and recreate one consolidated rule chapter.

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 writing to e-mail Alison.Mikulyuk@wisconsin.gov.
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 information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call 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

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which will be provided. Comments on the

proposed rule must be received on or before July 24, 2019. The Hearing Appearance form also can be used for submitting a written comment at the hearing. 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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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Written comments may also be submitted to the Department at:
DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Small business is not directly affected by the rule because grants are issued only to governmental units, educational institutions, and non-profit surface water management organizations. Therefore, under s. 227.114, Stats., an initial regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. Environmental consultants and other third-party service providers involved in surface water planning, surface water management, and aquatic invasive species control should benefit from a consolidated and streamlined grant program. Changes in the funding caps for grant programs and changes in the timing of the grant cycle may affect the timing and activity cycles of their work. The addition of quality assurance requirements in s. NR 193.17 will mean that, for some projects, a grantee must adhere to minimum training and qualifications. Consultants or grantees may incur costs for staff time to attend required trainings but registration costs will be minimal or free.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

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By _____

Preston D. Cole, Secretary