

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold an online public hearing on a permanent rule, Board Order WT-02-19, to revise ch. NR 350, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to requirements for wetland mitigation. In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on the rule at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m. CST

Join online Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83486772301?pwd=SVdvR2tmVWILVWNmcDQ2dUwyRHVXZz09>

Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjFZxo53>

Meeting ID: 834 8677 2301

Rule Information:

The proposed ch. NR 350, Wis. Adm. Code, makes updates to wetland mitigation procedures for permittees, mitigation bank sponsors, and the in-lieu fee program. Outdated language is updated to match current statute, guidance and practice. Mitigation requirements for wetland permittees and exempt project proponents is updated to reflect changes in state statute and federal regulations. Procedures for establishing and operating a wetland mitigation bank are updated to follow federal regulations and practice. The DNR's in-lieu fee program was established after the current NR 350, therefore a chapter on in-lieu fee processes and administration has been added.

Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

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 is available [here](#). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Amanda.Minks@Wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before April 23, 2021. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, 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.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can also be made at: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: The proposed rule was found not to have a significant impact on small businesses in Wisconsin.

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