

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule WM-06-21 revising ch. NR 19, relating amending the list of date-regulated wild rice harvesting waters in s. NR 19.09(4). In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on WM-06-21 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: January 4, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

Rule Information:

This rule will propose to repeal date-regulation of approximately 40 waters and add approximately 4 waters to the list of date regulated waters found in s. NR 19.09(4). The rule change would substantially cut down on administrative time posting boat launches and notifying the public of lake openings through other means, as well as enforcement time.

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 scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before January 4, 2022. 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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or DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

The rule may be reviewed and comments made at:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/chr/hearings>.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: No effects on small businesses, their associations, or local governments are anticipated. The department does not anticipate any fiscal impacts as a result of these rules. Following is the department's preliminary analysis.

Economic Impact

Because the hunting season framework proposed in this rule will be very similar to those in place during previous seasons, no economic impacts are anticipated. We do not anticipate that these rules will result in changes in the activities of migratory bird hunters, their expenditures, and the related economic activity. These rules are applicable to individual hunters and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Fiscal Impact

The department anticipates no fiscal impact resulting from these rules. The department currently annually conducts a number of activities related to migratory bird hunting such as managing department lands, selling licenses, providing law enforcement services, and surveys and related research. The department will continue to conduct the same activities under the season framework proposed in this rule and does not anticipate any new or reduced expenditures.

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