

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on:

— WA-17-21(E) – An emergency rule affecting chs. NR 500 and 520 related to disposal of material dredged from the Great Lakes.

— WA-18-21 – A permanent rule affecting chs. NR 500 and 520 related to disposal of material dredged from the Great Lakes.

In accordance with s. 227.17, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on WA-17-21(E) and WA-18-21 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Virtual Location:

— Online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87643982507>

— Meeting ID: 876 4398 2507

— Join by Telephone: 312-626-6799, 87643982507#

Rule Information

2021 Wisconsin Act 93, effective July 1, 2022, established requirements and exemptions in s. 289.43 (8) (d), Wis. Stats., relating to materials dredged from the Great Lakes by municipalities and counties and directed the department to promulgate emergency and permanent rules. The proposed rules incorporate requirements in Act 93, provide sediment sampling and analysis requirements, and outline additional information to guide streamlined applications for dredged material disposal facility proposals.

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. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, either use the Zoom

link above prior to the day of the hearing or download and complete the fillable [hearing appearance form](#) and send it to KathrynM.StromHiorns@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 21, 2023. 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:

Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Kate Strom Hiorns – WA/5
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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The rules are not expected to have an impact on small businesses because the entities affected are municipalities and counties.

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