

Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Statement of Scope

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 058-23 relating to Lake Superior cisco and lake trout quotas. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 058-23 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: October 5, 2023

Time: 1 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online via [Microsoft Teams](#), meeting ID 266 552 511 486, passcode tugBCJ; or call-in to 1-608-571-2209, Phone Conference ID: 926 652 497#

Rule Information: This is a statement of scope for proposed emergency and permanent rules; no rule has yet been drafted. The rules drafted under this statement of scope would update lake trout and cisco quotas based on the most recent data collection cycle and may also revise other regulations relating to Lake Superior commercial fish species, including size and bag limits, season dates, allowable gear, and fishing zones. The rules may also create a mechanism for more efficient updates to quotas and associated regulations. No specific proposals relating to these regulations have yet been developed.

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:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>. 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 Meredith.Penthorn@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed statement of scope must be received on or before October 8, 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 statement of scope should be submitted to:**

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The Statement of Scope may be reviewed, and comments made at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.