Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 10, relating to the deer management assistance program, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: September 12, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Join the meeting now

Rule Information:

The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is seeking revisions to its NR Code to incorporate program updates resulting from a 2023 program review. These updates will improve alignment between the program's goals and its structure by increasing the partnership between DMAP participants and the program, refining the program's scope, and better connecting the program's offerings with participants' preferences and needs. To accomplish this, the rule includes:

- Defining and differentiating basic program membership from enhanced program options which offer on-site benefits.

- Restructuring the program levels including reducing acreage minimums for on-site benefits, adjusting the fee structure, and updating the requirements for cooperative enrollments.

- Improving data sharing integration between DMAP and WI DNR deer management by increasing accountability for data sharing by DMAP members.

- Enhancing the focus on private land management by reducing the on-site benefits available to public land managers.

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 <u>Hearing Appearance form</u>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable <u>Hearing Appearance form</u> and send it to <u>scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov</u>.

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before September 13, 2024. 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: Scott Karel P.O. Box 7921 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921

The rule may be viewed at: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent

Comments can be made at: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These rules, and the legislation which grants the department rulemaking authority, will have no effect on the private sector or small businesses. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses.

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