Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise chs. NR 300, 301, 305 and 310, relating to administration, procedures and enforcement of the Wisconsin Wetland and Waterway regulatory program, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: March 7, 2022

Time: 1-3pm

Virtual Location Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87015359295

Rule Information:

Current chs. NR 300, 301, 305, and 310 have outdated language and are missing administrative and procedural steps for Waterways Program activities. This rule would establish procedures, timelines, and fees for permitting, exemptions, and other regulatory determinations in the Program. The department would align administrative procedures with current statutes and process language redundant with statute would be repealed. This rule also proposes to adjust fees to reflect costs incurred by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to conduct permit reviews consistent with ch. 30 and s. 281.36, Wis. Stat.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/87015359295. 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 Amanda.Minks@Wisconsin.gov.

Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

Department of Natural Resources Attn: Amanda Minks P.O. Box 7921 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921

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

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:

The revised rule is not likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses. The Department believes the economic impact would be minimal to moderate because the regulatory changes are minor and seek to clarify the Department's current implementation practices. No mandatory fees will be created through this rule making effort although some additional services may be offered within the existing regulatory scope of ch. 30, 23.321 and s. 281.36, Wis. Stats.

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