STATE OF WISCONSIN
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# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
## Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

**1. Type of Estimate and Analysis**
☐ Original    ☒ Updated    ☐ Corrected

**2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number**
Chapter NR 20, Fishing in Inland Waters and Outlying Waters

**3. Subject**
Minor changes to fisheries administrative code

**4. Fund Sources Affected**
☐ GPR    ☐ FED    ☐ PRO    ☐ PRS    ☐ SEG    ☐ SEG-S

**5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected**

**6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule**
☒ No Fiscal Effect          ☐ Increase Existing Revenues          ☐ Increase Costs
☐ Indeterminate            ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues          ☐ Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget
                                                                 ☐ Decrease Cost

**7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)**
☐ State's Economy                    ☐ Specific Businesses/Sectors
☐ Local Government Units             ☐ Public Utility Rate Payers
                                     ☐ Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

**8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than $20 million?**
☐ Yes        ☒ No

**9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule**
The rule is being pursued to ensure the rule language that governs fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters is accurate and properly reflects the desired management of Wisconsin waters. The objectives are to:
☐   remove sections of code that are outdated or have been replaced by other statute or code changes,
☐   correct errors that occurred during the drafting of rules, and
☐   add or repeal language to clarify intent of original rules.

**10. Summary of the businesses, business sectors, associations representing business, local governmental units, and individuals that may be affected by the proposed rule that were contacted for comments.**
The department contacted several groups during the open comment period December 4-18, 2014, including the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, WI Federation of Great Lakes Sport Fishing Clubs and many other similar angling organizations, as well as the League of WI Municipalities, WI Towns Association, and WI Counties Association.        No comments were received by the department.

**11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.**
No local governments requested to participate in the development of the EIA.

**12. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)**
The rule will have minimal impact on sport anglers and is not expected to have an economic impact. As with any change in regulations, there will be a requirement for anglers to learn the new rules. However, a majority of this rule change clarifies code to reflect existing policies for which anglers must already comply. The department works to notify the public of new regulations via press releases, the internet, and fishing regulations pamphlets.

The rule does not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

**13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule**

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The rule is being pursued to ensure the rule language that governs fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters is accurate and properly reflects the desired management of Wisconsin waters. An alternative would be to leave the code as is, which leads to confusion among the public and law enforcement and may also result in inadequate management of fisheries resources.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Fishing regulations, such as length and bag limits or season dates, are used as a tool to ensure good fishing exists into the future. The department has used different types of fishing regulations in order to: control angler impacts on fish populations; maintain numbers and sizes of fish in a lake or stream; provide different types of fishing experiences, such as fishing for dinner or for a trophy fish; and make access to fishing as fair as possible.

This rule includes minor changes to administrative code that support existing policies and fisheries management goals.

15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

Authority to promulgate fishing regulations is granted to states. None of the proposed changes violate or conflict with federal regulations.

16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Fisheries management rules are generally similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Each bordering state regulates fishing by the use of seasons, bag limits and size limits.

| 17. Contact Name | 18. Contact Phone Number |
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## ATTACHMENT  A

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

☐ Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements

☐ Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting

☐ Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements

☐ Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards

☐ Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements

☐ Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

☐ Yes   ☐ No

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