

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

NR 19-21 and 26

3. Subject

Fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters

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

With this rule, the department will make changes to fish size limits, bag limits, seasons, and other regulations related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters. Fishing regulations are in place to help meet management goals and objectives for waters and their fish species, such as providing a trophy walleye fishery or a bass fishery that maximizes predation on smaller fishes. New regulations are proposed when management goals have changed or the department must address a critical need, such as a major fish population decline.

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, 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. The economic impact comment period was open from March 2-16, 2015. No comments were received by the department.

11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

No local governmental units requested to coordinate with the department on preparation 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)

It is not expected that there will be any economic impact or change directly related to these rule changes. The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. Regulations are already in place and this rule is intended to continue protection and enhancement of the State's fish resources. One purpose of the rule is to help maintain the general economic impact of fishing throughout Wisconsin.

The proposal to require that Asian carp are dead and unrevivable before transporting in or through Wisconsin could affect fish haulers from other states and potentially commercial fishers in Wisconsin if Asian carp numbers increase. There is only a small number of Asian carp in Wisconsin waters so far and this proposal is intended to keep it that way by educating fishers and haulers on safe methods for transporting the invasive species.

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The proposed 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

The general policy behind fishing regulations is to protect and enhance fish populations while providing diverse fishing opportunities throughout the State. That policy will be continued and enhanced by these rule changes. Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the department strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained, slow-growing fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

Not making the proposed rule changes would result in less than optimal management of fish populations in the waterbodies and reduced fishing opportunities for resident and visiting anglers.

14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Protection and enhancement of fish populations statewide.

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.

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ATTACHMENT A

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)

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

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:

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

5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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

- Yes No
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