

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 25, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. FH-16-20
Clearinghouse Rule No. CR 23-008

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The purpose of this rule is to restructure, reorganize and simplify ch. NR 25, “Commercial Fishing – Outlying Waters.” These changes will aid the department and stakeholders in interpreting and implementing this chapter. This rule will not impose new regulations on commercial fishers, and changes will be of a minor nature.

Summary of Public Comments

The department received no public comments and made no changes to the rule following the public hearing.

Modifications Made

The department did not make any modifications to the rule aside from editorial changes to address the recommendations in the LCRC Report.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

No members of the public attended the public hearing.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

The department did not make any changes to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on statutory authority, form, style and placement in administrative code, and clarity, grammar, punctuation and use of plain language.

Changes to the proposed rule were made to address all recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse, except for those discussed below.

Recommendation 2.c. of the Report indicated that new text in certain sections should be shown with underscoring, but the new text is already shown with underscoring. Recommendation 2.d. indicated that the rule should not use paragraph lettering that also forms a word, such as (am), but the use of “m” for first insertions is standard according to the administrative rules procedures manual (p. 25).

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

This rule is not anticipated to have any economic impact on small businesses, because it is not making any substantive changes to the regulatory function of rule provisions in ch. NR 25, Wis. Admin. Code. In addition, this rule does not impose any new compliance or reporting requirements, nor are any changes to design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board did not prepare a report on this rule proposal.