

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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| 1. Type of Estimate and Analysis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Updated <input type="checkbox"/> Corrected | 2. Date 11/08/2022 |
| 3. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number (and Clearinghouse Number if applicable) FH-16-20 (Ch. NR 25) | |
| 4. Subject Chapter NR 25 reorganization rule | |
| 5. Fund Sources Affected <input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEG-S | 6. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected |
| 7. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget | |
| 8. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> State's Economy <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Businesses/Sectors <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Units <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utility Rate Payers <input type="checkbox"/> Small Businesses (if checked, complete Attachment A) | |
| 9. Estimate of Implementation and Compliance to Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(1). \$0 This rule makes changes of a housekeeping nature to reorganize and clarify existing provisions in ch. NR 25. | |
| 10. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Businesses, Local Governmental Units and Individuals Be \$10 Million or more Over Any 2-year Period, per s. 227.137(3)(b)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 11. Policy Problem Addressed by the 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 also include minor changes to update maps or geographical boundaries, improve regulatory consistency, correct errors, and clarify existing regulations. This rule will not make changes of a substantive nature to existing commercial fishing regulations. | |
| 12. 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. Ch. NR 25 regulates licensed commercial fishers and wholesale fish dealers, but any impacts resulting from this rule are expected to be very minor. The main purpose of this rule is to clarify and reorganize existing regulations. This will facilitate rule interpretation and compliance for licensees and other stakeholders. This rule will not make any substantive changes to existing commercial fishing or fish distribution regulations. | |
| 13. Identify the Local Governmental Units that Participated in the Development of this EIA. Local governments are not expected to be impacted by this rule. | |
| 14. 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) This rule is not expected to have any economic or financial effects on businesses or the economy, as the rule reorganizes and clarifies existing rule provisions rather than creating any new rules. | |
| 15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule The rule will make ch. NR 25 of administrative code clearer and easier to navigate. An alternative would be to leave the code as is, which leads to confusion among the public and law enforcement. | |
| 16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule The long-range implications of the rule will be similar to the short-term implications, as this rule mainly reorganizes existing rule provisions and clarifies language. | |
| 17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government No federal regulations apply. None of the rule proposals violate or conflict with federal regulations. | |

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

Fisheries management rules are generally similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Neighboring states employ seasons, quotas, gear restrictions, reporting requirements, limitations on the number of licenses, and other regulations to regulate their commercial fishing industry, and have also established license, record-keeping and reporting requirements and other regulations for wholesale fish dealers.

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