

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on emergency Board Order FH-05-18(E) related to lake trout bag limit and season for Lake Michigan at the times and places shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: April 17, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m. until the end of the agenda
Location: Room 405 of the Natural Resources State Office Building (GEF-2), 101 South Webster St., Madison, 53707.

Rule Information

This is an emergency rule that went into effect on March 17, 2018 and a hearing is being held after it has already been promulgated pursuant to s. 227.24 (4). Board Order FH-05-18(E) modifies NR Ch. 20 related to the lake trout bag limit and season for Lake Michigan.

The rule establishes a continuous open season and increases the bag limit for lake trout from 2 to 5 in most of Lake Michigan.

Accessibility

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by writing to e-mail
2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.
3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Mr. William Fetzer with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before April 17, room 405. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Or email Mr. Fetzer at: william.fetzer@wisconsin.gov

Comments can also be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRuleComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1). The proposed 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.

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