

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a Scope Statement for Emergency Board Order WM-11-18(E) and Board Order WM-12-18, to revise chs. NR 10 & 16, relating to deer carcass transportation, deer farm fencing, and chronic wasting disease, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: June 11, 2018

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Comfort Suites, North, 57800 Kinney Road, Portage, WI 53901

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 scottr.karel@wisconsin.gov
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 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 June 11, 2018. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, 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:

Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Scott Karel
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Madison, WI 53707-7921

Email comments may be made at DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: The proposed carcass transportation rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

While these rules may make it more difficult for individuals to home butcher their deer, the process will not be outright prohibited since statute allows the movement of specific parts of the deer to any area of the state. Many of the state's deer hunters already take their deer to a licensed meat processor and current rules exempt the movement of deer out of a CWD affected county to any licensed meat processor. We anticipate any additional cost to sportsmen will be related to those who currently home butcher carcass and do not take advantage of moving carcass in parts as currently permitted.

The average cost of meat processing is estimated to be about \$150. We do not know how many sportsmen will opt to process their carcass at a licensed meat processor. Based on our preliminary analysis, we do not anticipate a significant economic impact to individuals or groups. If there were to be any economic cost resulting from this rule, we anticipate that it would be very minimal to moderate (between \$50,000 to \$370,000). The additional cost that will be attributable to additional sportsmen opting for a licensed meat processor will be a benefit transferred to meat processors within the economy.

The proposed deer farm fence enhancement rules could have a fiscal impact. We do not know the exact economic impact at this time. This will become clear as the rule is developed. We anticipate that implementation and compliance costs that would be passed along to white-tailed deer farms will be far less than \$10 million over any two-year period.

The economic impact of this rule is estimated to be a moderate impact (less than \$20 million).

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