

Notice of Preliminary Hearing on Statement of Scope

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a preliminary public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 053-21 relating to sturgeon spearing harvest regulations and gear use. In accordance with s. 227.136, Wis. Stats., the DNR is seeking public comment and feedback on Statement of Scope SS 053-21 at the time and virtual location shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: July 8, 2021

Time: 6 p.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online by [Zoom](#) or by phone at 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID 898 4531 9032

Rule Information: This is a statement of scope for a proposed emergency rule; no rules have yet been developed. The future rule may address the use of underwater cameras, electronic fish finders, and similar technology during the Winnebago sturgeon spearing season, and may remove the size limit for sturgeon during the spearing season.

Accessibility

For the hearing or visually impaired, non-English speakers, or those with other personal circumstances which might make communication at the meeting/hearing difficult, DNR will, to the maximum extent possible and with reasonable advance notice, provide aids including an interpreter, or a non-English, large-print, or recorded version of hearing documents. To access these resources, please contact the email address or phone number listed below as soon as possible.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which is available here <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to Meredith.Penthorn@wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed scope statement must be received on or before July 8, 2021. 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 scope statement should be submitted to:**

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The Statement of Scope may be reviewed, and comments made at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.