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 026-23 which affects ch. NR 20, and is related to Minocqua Chain walleye harvest regulations, at the virtual time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: June 2, 2023

Time: 10 a.m.

Virtual Location Link: Online through <u>Teams</u> or by phone at 1-608-571-2209, phone conference

ID 631753541#

Rule Information: This statement of scope would allow the department to pursue one or more emergency rules to allow limited angler harvest of walleyes on the Minocqua Chain of Lakes in Oneida County in the event that the Lac du Flambeau Tribe decides to exercise its 2023 walleye harvest declaration for the Minocqua Chain. No specific walleye regulation proposals are described in the scope statement; rather, the scope statement outlines the regulation changes that may be discussed for a future rule.

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.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/8300/8300-014.pdf. 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 June 2, 2023. 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 scope statement may be viewed at: https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html

Comments can be made at: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

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