

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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1. Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original    Updated    Corrected

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2. Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

NR 23, Wisconsin-Michigan Boundary Waters FH-08-15(E)

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3. Subject

Lake sturgeon fishing regulations on the Menominee River

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4. Fund Sources Affected

GPR    FED    PRO    PRS    SEG    SEG-S

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5. Chapter 20, Stats. Appropriations Affected

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6. Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs  
 Indeterminate       Decrease Existing Revenues       Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget  
 Decrease Cost

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7. The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy       Specific Businesses/Sectors  
 Local Government Units       Public Utility Rate Payers  
 Small Businesses **(if checked, complete Attachment A)**

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8. Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes       No

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9. Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

The rule is necessary to prevent harvest and consumption of lake sturgeon from the Menominee River downstream of the Grand Rapids Dam during the 2015 lake sturgeon harvest season.

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10. 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.

The proposed rule will primarily affect recreational anglers. It is not expected that there will be any economic impact or change directly related to these rule changes.

It is not expected that this rule would affect businesses that register sturgeon. There are only two non-department sturgeon registration stations in the area and only 10 lake sturgeon have been harvested above the Menominee Dam since 2006.

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11. Identify the local governmental units that participated in the development of this EIA.

N/A

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12. 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)

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13. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

The emergency rule is necessary to prevent the harvest and consumption of lake sturgeon that have been transported from Green Bay upstream past the Menominee Dam. In addition, it will prevent the harvest and waste of sturgeon that should not be eaten.

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14. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

In spring of 2015, adult lake sturgeon exceeding 60 inches were transported upstream past the dam via a capture and sort facility located at the Menominee Dam. The active movement of sturgeon past the dam is being done to provide the sturgeon greater access to spawning habitat in the Menominee River, up to the Grand Rapids Dam, and improve population numbers. The rule extends the catch and release lake sturgeon fishing area to the Grand Rapids Dam, an additional 20-mile stretch of the Menominee River.

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Anglers will still have the opportunity to harvest a sturgeon greater than 60 inches in length in the more than 40 river miles upstream from the Grand Rapids Dam.

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15. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government  
N/A

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16. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)  
The Menominee River is a Wisconsin-Michigan boundary water. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is also pursuing a rule change to match the lake sturgeon regulations proposed in this rule. The change made by both states will ensure there are consistent lake sturgeon regulations on this shared waterbody.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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1. Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Small Businesses (Separately for each Small Business Sector, Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

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2. Summary of the data sources used to measure the Rule's impact on Small Businesses

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3. Did the agency consider the following methods to reduce the impact of the Rule on Small Businesses?

- Less Stringent Compliance or Reporting Requirements
- Less Stringent Schedules or Deadlines for Compliance or Reporting
- Consolidation or Simplification of Reporting Requirements
- Establishment of performance standards in lieu of Design or Operational Standards
- Exemption of Small Businesses from some or all requirements
- Other, describe:

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4. Describe the methods incorporated into the Rule that will reduce its impact on Small Businesses

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5. Describe the Rule's Enforcement Provisions

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6. Did the Agency prepare a Cost Benefit Analysis (if Yes, attach to form)

- Yes    No
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