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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated January 2005.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

a. In s. NR 20.12 (2) (k), the rule uses the term “and/or.” The rule should avoid the use of slashed alternatives. Instead the rule should determine whether the sentence means “and,” “or,” or both, and use the appropriate word or phrase. [See s. 1.01 (9) (a), Manual.] In addition, the word “State” should not be capitalized.

b. In s. NR 20.20 (73) (a) 3. a., “all of” should be inserted before “the following.”

c. In s. NR 20.20 (73) (cx), the notation “(cx)” should be changed to “(cm).” [See s. 1.03 (7), Manual.]

4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

In SECTION 27, the correct citation is “s. 227.22 (2) (b), Stats.”

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. In the analysis of SECTION 20, the phrase “to make consistent” is an incomplete expression.

b. In the discussion of the small business impact of the rule, the last sentence should be made into two sentences by placing a period after the word “required” and beginning the next sentence with the phrase “The department.”

c. In s. NR 20.20 (27) (e) 1., “Arbutus lake” is used twice when it appears that the term should only be used once.

d. In s. NR 20.20 (64) (g) 2., the second parentheses before “for” should be deleted. This problem also occurs in the treatment of sub. (64) (h) 4.