

Clearinghouse Rule 06-108

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 20.40, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. FH-22-06

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 29.014(1), 29.403, 29.4035 and 227.11(2), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.014, 29.041, 29.403 and 29.516, Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

The Department is authorized in s. 29.403, Stats., to promulgate rules for authorizing and regulating fishing tournaments. This rule proposal includes definitions of various types of tournaments, rules regulating the number and size of tournaments on different sizes of waterbodies, permit conditions and permit fees. The proposed rules would require a permit for:

1. All tournaments consisting of 20 boats or 100 participants on lakes, rivers, Great Lakes, Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters and Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters
2. All tournaments that target trout on classified trout streams
3. All live release tournaments with an off-site weigh-in
4. Require a permit for all tournaments with prizes of \$10,000 or more.

If a fishing tournament did not meet any of the requirements, no permit is required.

The Department will be presenting three alternatives for the tournament permit fees. The alternatives are:

1. Tournament organizers pay fishing tournament permit application fees.
2. Tournament organizers pay fishing tournament permit application fees and tournament anglers pay fishing tournament participant permits.
3. Tournament organizers pay fishing tournament permit application fees, tournament anglers pay fishing tournament participant permits and all anglers pay with fishing license fees plus SFR funds.

In addition, the proposed rule creates a permit application process, establishes limits on size and number of fishing tournaments, procedures for additional fishing contest permits, disposition of dead fish and general provisions and permit conditions.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None

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