

## **Report From Agency**

### REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 23, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. FH-09-15  
Clearinghouse Rule No. CR15-066

#### Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule will implement catch and release fishing for lake sturgeon on the Menominee River downstream from Grand Rapids Dam, a Wisconsin-Michigan boundary water. The hook and line fishing season occurs the first Saturday in September to September 30 each year, and the existing minimum length limit for lake sturgeon harvest is 60 inches.

The 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 due to high levels of contaminants.

#### Summary of Public Comments

No public comments were received.

#### Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule.

#### Appearances at the Public Hearing

A public hearing was held in Peshtigo, WI, on September 29, 2015. No one attended the hearing and no comments were submitted.

#### Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were made.

#### Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on one minor change to Form of the rule and the change was made.

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

It is not expected that there will be any economic impact or change directly related to these rule changes. The proposed rule will primarily affect sport anglers. The proposed rule does not impose any reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

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. The Peshtigo DNR Service Center is an alternate registration station.

#### Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board did not prepare a report on this rule proposal.