

Report From Agency

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code

Board Order No. WM-08-17
Clearinghouse Rule No. CR 17-077

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

Wisconsin is divided into 78 deer management units (DMUs), which currently follow county boundaries in most cases. Seventy-two County Deer Advisory Councils review deer herd metrics and public feedback to develop recommendations for three-year deer population objectives of increasing, maintaining or decreasing the herd in each county's DMU(s). These population objectives and DMUs serve as the foundation for managing the deer herd and determining annual antlerless deer harvest quotas, antlerless tag levels and deer season structures. The department incorporates each CDAC's recommendations into the review of deer population objectives and DMU boundaries, which occurs every three years.

CDACs participated in the review of DMU boundaries and population objectives during the fall of 2017, and provided their recommendations to the department. DMUs and population objectives approved in the fall of 2017 will serve as the framework for the development of annual deer quotas, tag levels and season structures to move the deer population in the direction of the population objective in each DMU.

Summary of Public Comments

A notice for solicitation of comments on this analysis was posted on the department's website in October 2017. Furthermore, the public and businesses had an opportunity to comment on all CDAC recommendations during the September CDAC 21-day public comment period. Over 5,000 people provided comments to CDACs on recommendations that influenced this rule, but no comments on the rule itself were received. No comments on economic impacts were received from either solicitation.

Modifications Made

No modifications were made to the rule as a result of public comments, as no public comments or testimony on the rule itself were received. Maps contained within the rule may be modified to reflect Natural Resources Board approval of final CDAC recommendations.

Appearances at the Public Hearing

One public hearing on this rule was held on Nov. 28, 2017. One person, a hunter from Green County, attended the hearing for informational purposes and did not take a position on the rule or provide testimony.

Changes to Rule Analysis and Fiscal Estimate

No changes were made to the rule analysis or fiscal estimate through the public comment process, as no public comments on either were received.

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

The Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse submitted comments on form, style and placement in Administrative Code.

Changes to the proposed rule were made to address all recommendations by the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

No fiscal effects on small businesses, their associations, or local governments are anticipated. The outcomes of these rules will be similar to DMU boundary and population objective reviews conducted in the past. The rules most significantly impact individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Response to Small Business Regulatory Review Board Report

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