

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 11 and 15 relating to refuges and closed areas, at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: July 29 – August 1

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: July 29 – Superior Public Library, 1530 Tower Ave, Superior, WI 54880

July 30 – Mead Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center, 2148 County Hwy S, Miladore, WI 54454

July 31 – Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Rd, Shiocton, WI 54170

August 1 – Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, N7725 WI-28, Horicon, WI 53032

Rule Information:

This rule updates the closed area designations in Chapter NR 11 and refuge designations in Chapter NR 15. It also moves the wildlife designations from Chapter NR 15 into Chapter NR 11. This section reduces the number of available refuge and closed area designations, updates all refuge and closed area maps removes Department properties that no longer ecologically justify remaining a refuge and removes land that is not owned or managed by the Department as refuges.

Accessibility:

1. Hearing impaired persons may request an interpreter for this hearing. Please make reservations for a hearing interpreter at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing, by writing to e-mail.
2. Alternatively, you may contact the Department of Natural Resources TDD at (608) 267-6897. The hearing facility is accessible to disabled users.
3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.
4. Handicap access is available at the hearing location.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

The public has the opportunity to testify at the hearing. Registration will take place at the hearing by completing a Hearing Appearance form, which will be provided. Comments on the

proposed rule must be received on or before Aug. 2. The Hearing Appearance form also can be used for submitting a written comment at the hearing. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or through the internet and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing. Questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Taylor Finger
P.O. Box 7921
101 S. Webster Street,
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, and no design or operational standards are contained in the rule. Because this rule does not add any regulatory requirements for small business, the proposed rules will not have an economic impact on a substantial number of small business under s. 227.24(3m) Stats.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____

Preston D. Cole, Secretary