



## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

### Fiscal Estimate & Economic Impact Analysis

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opportunities statewide. The impact of these rules is expected to be minimal (less than \$50,000), as any economic impacts generated by angler spending is generally beneficial to the state.

The department anticipates a minimal fiscal impact resulting from the rule since it will require updates to the internal data base used for tournament program administration. Otherwise, the department currently conducts a variety of activities related to managing fisheries, selling licenses, providing law enforcement services, and related research. The department will continue to conduct the same activities under the regulations proposed in this rule and does not anticipate any new or reduced expenditures for those activities.

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#### 15. Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

These proposed rules would result in continuing to provide excellent fishing opportunities for a variety of species on waterbodies across the state while maintaining healthy fish populations. The economic impacts that result from spending by anglers will continue to benefit retail businesses and service providers in every corner of the state. Continually evaluating the condition of our waters and responding with regulations that maximize the productivity of those waters is necessary to maintain and improve fishing opportunities. These proposed rule changes are expected to be cost-neutral; any negative economic impacts due to variation in angler activities or fishing effort as a result of these proposed changes are likely to be offset by the beneficial economic impact of strong local fisheries and sustainable fishing populations.

Wisconsin is consistently among the top ten states in the number of anglers and in the amount of angler expenditures. According to the most recent American Sportfishing Association report, 2,068,469 anglers contributed total direct expenditures of \$1,472,127,261 in the state in 2016. Retail sales had a total multiplier or ripple effect of \$1,867,284,677. More than 13,000 jobs are supported by the retail expenditures of anglers and result in \$539,521,969 in salaries and wages. Federal tax revenues generated in Wisconsin are estimated to total \$128,450,559 and state revenue is estimated to be \$103,880,991.

#### REPORT CITATION

Southwick Associates. Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing within U.S. States and Congressional Districts. Produced for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), 2019.

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#### 16. Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

Managing for balanced fisheries that provide excellent fishing opportunities and meet the interests of many types of anglers will maintain broad participation in fishing as anglers take advantage of these opportunities. The economic activity that results from Wisconsin's popular sport fisheries will also endure well into the future.

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#### 17. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

No federal regulations apply. None of the rule proposals violate or conflict with federal regulations. Individual state or provincial agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has their own decision making process.

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#### 18. Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

All of Wisconsin's surrounding states utilize comparable harvest regulations as tools to distribute angler harvest and manage for high quality fisheries. They utilize general regulations that apply to many bodies of water and, when appropriate, apply specialized regulations on specific waterbodies or in regional areas.

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