

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold public hearings on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 19, Wis. Admin. Code related to wildlife rehabilitation at the time and places shown below.

Hearing Information

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dates and locations:

August 24 – Eau Claire, DNR Service Center, 1300 W. Clairemont, 54701

August 25 – Rhinelander, James William Middle School, 915 Acacia Lane, 54501

August 31 – Fitchburg, DNR Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd., 53711

September 1 – Green Bay, Northeast Wisconsin Tech College, 2740 W. Mason St, 54307-9042

Rule Information

This subchapter was initially created in 2004 to establish consistent standards for the rehabilitation of wildlife, ensure that all persons engaged in wildlife rehabilitation are qualified, and to ensure that rehabilitators provide humane care and housing for wildlife being rehabilitated. These proposed revisions will clarify existing rules and establish new requirements for people licensed to rehabilitate wild animals based on what the department has learned after ten years of experience administering the subchapter.

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 scott.loomans@wisconsin.gov
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 (608) 267-2452 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

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before September 1, 2015. 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. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Or email Mr. Loomans at: scott.loomans@wisconsin.gov

The rules may be reviewed and comments made at:

<https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Home>

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1).

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