

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 30.206(2b) and (2m), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is noticing its intention to hold a public informational hearing on its intention to issue a statewide general permit for the placement of a net pen(s) in a Great Lakes water body or a tributary of a Great Lakes water body for the purpose of holding or rearing fish for noncommercial purposes and for a period not to exceed 8 weeks.. The proposed statewide general permit, once in place, is valid for 5 years and will allow applicants to apply for coverage under the permit for placement of a net pen(s) in a Great Lakes water body or a tributary of a Great Lakes water body, if the project meets all of the eligibility criteria and conditions of the general permit.

An environmental assessment has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. The Department does not anticipate the statewide general permit to cause significant adverse environmental effects. The Department has made a preliminary determination that an environmental impact statement for the action to issue this statewide general permit is not necessary.

To view a copy of the proposed statewide general permit *and* environmental assessment go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/lakemichigan/> or <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/lakesuperior/>

For more information or to submit written comments on the proposed statewide general permit or environmental assessment via U. S. mail, contact: Martin Griffin, DNR-WT/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921; via e-mail: MartinP.Griffin@wi.gov. Written comments must be received within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Two informational hearings will be held.

- Friday, February 21, 1 p.m. at: DNR Service Center, The Lake Michigan Room, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313.
- Friday, February 28, 11 a.m. at: DNR Satellite Center, 2501 Golf Course Road, Ashland WI 54806.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2014
Martin Griffin
Statewide Waterway Science & Policy Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources