

## **Notice of Hearing**

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on an emergency rule to revise ch. NR 20, relating to Minocqua Chain walleye harvest regulations, at the time and place shown below.

**NOTE: An identical hearing was held on June 1, 2020, but due to a technical malfunction, attendees may not have been able to access the hearing by phone.**

### **Hearing Information**

Date: July 16, 2020

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Online via [Skype link](#); call-in at 1-866-715-6499, passcode 756 080 2998#

### **Rule Information:**

This emergency rule will extend the existing walleye harvest regulation on the Minocqua Chain of Lakes (consisting of Kawaguesaga, Minocqua, Mid, Little Tomahawk and Tomahawk lakes) to May 2021. The current regulation is slated to sunset in April 2020. Extending this regulation by one additional year will allow walleye stocked into these waters to continue to replenish populations on the Minocqua Chain. The department anticipates that by 2021, adult walleye numbers will reach established goals and natural reproduction will occur.

This rule extends the zero bag limit and defines the size limit as “none” until May 2021.

### **Accessibility (Choose either version)**

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 [Meredith.Penthorn@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Meredith.Penthorn@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 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 July 16, 2020. 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. Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

Department of Natural Resources  
Attn: Meredith Penthorn  
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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be made at: [DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRAAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov)

**Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:**

The department anticipates a minimal economic impact, if any, as a result of these rules. Because this rule will extend an existing regulation, local anglers and businesses are not anticipated to experience any new economic impacts. The department will solicit public input on potential economic impacts during development of the permanent rule.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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