

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise ch. NR 46 relating to the forest tax law programs (Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law), at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: **February 12 and 13, 2019**

Time: **3:00-6:00pm**

Location: **February 12:** Dane County Courthouse – Room 351
215 Hamilton St., Madison, WI 53703

February 13: Rhinelander Station
107 Sutliff Ave, Rhinelander, WI 54501

Rule Information:

The Bureau of Forest Management recommends amending ch. NR 46, Wis. Adm. Code, to become consistent with statutory changes in ch. 77, Wis. Stats. 2015 Wisconsin Act 358 was signed into law on April 14, 2016. This act made a number of changes to the administration of the Forest Tax Programs. Chapter NR 46, Wis. Adm. Code, needs to be amended as a result of Act 358 to reflect current statutory language. Additional changes to ch. NR 46, Wis. Adm. Code, may also be pursued in this proposed rule to incorporate long standing policy into rule as well as to streamline and clarify administration of the MFC and FCL programs.

Accessibility

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Jeff Simon at (608) 225-8639 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

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 February 15. 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: Amanda Koch
P.O. Box 7921
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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html>

Comments can be made at: DNRAAdministrativeRuleComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:

There are significant economic impacts associated with the passage of Act 358 in April 2016; the proposed changes to ch. NR 46, Wis. Adm. Code, will not discuss these impacts. Here, only the economic impacts resulting from the DNR's implementation discretion to add requirements through the rule process or clarify statutory provisions is evaluated. It is anticipated that the proposed changes to ch. NR 46, Wis. Adm. Code, will have minimal to moderate economic impacts and will not have an impact on small businesses.

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Preston Cole, Secretary