Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rule to revise chs. NR 11 and 15, relating to closed areas and refuges, at the time and place shown below.

**Hearing Information**

Date:  July 29, 2019
Time:  6 p.m. – end of agenda
Location:  Superior Public Library, Classroom, 1530 Tower Ave, Superior, WI 54880

Date:  July 30, 2019
Time:  6 p.m. – end of agenda
Location:  Mead Wildlife Area Education and Visitor Center, 2148 County Hwy S, Milladore, WI 54454

Date:  July 31, 2019
Time:  6 p.m. – end of agenda
Location:  Navarino Nature Center, Great Room, W5646 Lindsten Rd, Shiocton, WI 54170

Date:  August 1, 2019
Time:  6 p.m. – end of agenda
Location:  Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, Horicon Classroom, N7725 WI-28, Horicon, WI 53032

**Rule Information:** Current rules establish properties as closed areas and wildlife refuges. These designations restrict the public’s ability to access these properties for activities during specific dates. Many of the current closed area and refuge definitions are decades old. During that time wildlife use of the property has changed. This proposal will update the closed area and refuges designations of all currently designated properties so that the designations reflect the current property use. Even if the designation of a property does not change, we will be updating maps for each property so that they are consistent with each other and so the boundaries of these areas are easily identifiable by the public.
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 scottr.karel@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 August 16, 2019. 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: Scott Karel
    P.O. Box 7921
    101 S. Webster Street,
    Madison, WI 53707-7921

The rule may be viewed at: https://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/ProposedPermanent.html

Comments can be made at: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis: Based on our preliminary analysis, we do not anticipate an economic impact to individuals or groups. If there were to be any economic impact resulting from this rule, we anticipate that it would be very minimal. These rules are applicable to individual sportspersons and impose no compliance or reporting requirements for small business, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule.

Agency Small Business Regulatory Coordinator:

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By ________________________________

Preston D. Cole, Secretary

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