

## Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on an emergency rule to **amend** NR 20.20 (44) (g) 3. relating to Minocqua Chain walleye harvest regulations, at the time and place shown below.

### Hearing Information

Date: March 4, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Phone conference ID: 333 525 561#

**Rule Information:** Emergency Board Order FH-18-24 (E) maintains continuity from a previous emergency rule allowing limited walleye harvest by state anglers in the Minocqua Chain of Lakes. This will allow state anglers to continue to participate in the shared Minocqua Chain walleye fishery alongside tribal fishers through the 2024-2025 harvest season. The rule that prohibits the harvest of walleyes will sunset April 1, 2025, so FH-18-24 (E) is being requested to allow walleye harvest and maintain consistency among anglers until the prohibition sunsets.

### Accessibility

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### 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 is available here [Hearing Appearance form](#). Pre-registration is strongly encouraged if you plan to provide spoken comments during the hearing. To pre-register, please download and complete the fillable [Hearing Appearance form](#) and send it to [Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kari.LeeZimmermann@Wisconsin.gov).

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 4, 2025. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, 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: Kari Lee-Zimmermann (FH/4)

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The rule may be viewed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/news/input/ProposedEmergency.html>

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

The rule may be reviewed, and comments made at:  
[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency\\_rules/hearings](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/emergency_rules/hearings)

**Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:** Any impacts from implementing this rule will be positive, as this rule will allow for limited angler harvest of walleye rather than anglers remaining limited to catch-and-release fishing for walleye. Small businesses that guide anglers in fishing for walleye may benefit for similar reasons.

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