

Dept. of Natural Resources: Public hearings provide opportunity to provide feedback for proposed permanent catfish rule

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff will host [public hearings](#) to collect feedback regarding a proposed permanent rule pertaining to catfish harvest.

The [proposed permanent rule](#) follows an emergency rule, which was implemented to protect wintering catfish from overharvest, sets size and bag limits, season dates and gear restrictions to regulate catfish harvest with a bow and arrow, crossbow or by hand. This rule does not impact hook and line regulations for catfish.

Public hearings will be held at 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Tuesday, March 19, La Crosse** – State Office Building Room B-19 and B-20, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road;
- **Wednesday, March 20, Oshkosh** – Coughlin Center, 625 E County Road Y; and
- **Wednesday, March 27, Fitchburg** – Fitchburg DNR Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road.

Written comments will be accepted through March 27, 2019. See the [hearing notice](#) for contact information. For more information, visit dnr.wi.gov and search

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