

Dept. of Natural Resources: To hold smallmouth bass virtual meeting Oct. 13

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will hold a virtual public meeting to engage with stakeholders and discuss options for maintaining and improving the Green Bay and Lake Michigan smallmouth bass fishery.

This virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Members of the public can access the meeting beginning at 5:45 p.m. via [Zoom](#) or by calling 1-312-626-6799 and using meeting ID: 93985589492#.

The DNR previously held public meetings in 2017 and 2019 to discuss the status of the present fishery and its sustainability with stakeholders and gain perspective from guides and anglers. The Oct. 13 meeting will allow members of the public to provide input into how to best maintain and improve the Green Bay and Lake Michigan smallmouth bass fishery.

“We will continue to gather input on how to manage this special fishery,” said Scott Hansen, a DNR fisheries biologist charged with managing smallmouth bass in Door County. “Previously, we focused on Door County, but for this meeting, we are inviting participation from all of our fish management staff around Green Bay to address the entire Green Bay and Lake Michigan fishery.”

It’s important to note that during this meeting, information will be shared using a PowerPoint presentation. While the call-in number will allow attendees to listen to the discussion, to better understand the information and see the presentation, the DNR recommends the public attend using a computer via the [Zoom](#) link.

“We look forward to discussing this information with stakeholders and gathering their comments and suggestions to help us sustain the smallmouth bass fishery into the future,” said David Boyarski, DNR East District fisheries supervisor.

More information on the [Lake Michigan fishery](#) can be found on the DNR’s [fisheries webpage](#).