

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC

Chapter 88, Fishing Tournaments - Notice of Intended Action

The Commission is requested to approve a Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 88, "Fishing Tournaments."

The proposed amendment requires electronic submission of applications and adjusts the time period when applications shall be accepted.

The Department developed an online electronic permit application procedure to serve customers more efficiently. The system will allow tournament organizers to search for open dates, select alternate dates, and submit online reports. It will also improve staff time in issuing permits. Organizers of other special events will be required to apply through the online electronic system.

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July 09, 2009

Attachment: Chapter 88, Fishing Tournaments - Notice of Intended Action Rule

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION[571]
Notice of Intended Action**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 88, "Fishing Tournaments," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment requires electronic submission of applications and adjusts the time period when applications shall be accepted.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before September 1, 2009. Such written materials should be directed to Martin Konrad, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or E-mail Martin.Konrad@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Fisheries Bureau at (515)281-6976 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be a public hearing on August 20, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing,

persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who attend the public hearing and have special needs such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 462A.16 and 481A.38.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571—88.3(462A,481A) as follows:

571—88.3(462A, 481A) Application procedures. The following procedures shall be used to administer fishing tournaments:

1. Application shall be made on ~~a standard~~ an electronic form provided by the department and shall include the name, address and telephone number of the sponsoring organization or individual, the location and date of the tournament, total value of the prizes, and expected number of participants.

2. The application shall be received electronically by the department area fisheries management biologist ~~at least 30 days prior to the proposed event~~ via the centralized special events application system.

3. Applications ~~will not be accepted prior to July 1 of the year preceding the calendar year in which the tournament is scheduled~~ shall be submitted not earlier than six months or later than 30 days prior to the requested date for the tournament.

4. The number of tournaments at any one access area during a given day may be restricted if deemed necessary to avoid congestion with the public or competing tournaments. The capacity of facilities as boat ramps, docks and parking lots shall be considered when assigning tournament sites.

5. Permits are not transferable.

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