

## Natural Resource Commission Meeting

### Public Participation Procedure

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend Natural Resource Commission (NRC) meetings and offer public input at the designated time. Additional opportunities for public input are, also, provided through rulemaking public comment periods.

It is the intent of the Commission to provide adequate opportunity for citizens to offer public comment at its meetings while balancing the constraints of time and conducting official business. As a result, [the Natural Resource Commission has adopted the following procedure](#) to implement 571 Iowa Administrative Code 1.5(2)(c), [which governs meeting decorum by providing the NRC Chair with the authority to facilitate public participation as necessary.](#)

1. Speakers must fill out a Public Speaker Form at the meeting, and submit the Form to the NRC Board Administrator, in order to speak to the NRC.
2. Speakers may present at the scheduled public participation time or may request to speak when a particular item is being discussed. The Chairperson will call upon the person(s) to speak and has discretion when presentations will occur.
3. Speakers shall speak from the podium or table (if physically able), state their name and address, and shall speak to subject matters listed on the agenda or an issue related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.
4. Speakers are to be constructive and concise. Public disturbances, outbursts, personal attacks, threats, or other disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.

Prior to public participation, the Chair will announce the allotted amount of time each speaker may present. Time allotted may range up to five minutes.

The Chair reserves the right to establish limits to public input on any issue (e.g.: if multiple persons request to speak on one particular issue, the Chair has the discretion to adjust the allotted time per speaker and/or the number of speakers).

5. Speakers are asked to provide written materials in advance of the NRC meeting, preferably one week in advance, to the NRC Board Administrator. Materials presented to the NRC become public record.

For further information regarding the NRC and meetings, please visit  
[www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/BoardsCommissions/NaturalResourceCommission.aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/BoardsCommissions/NaturalResourceCommission.aspx)  
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