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Chapter NR 29

ENDANGERED RESOURCES INFORMATION FEES

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NR 29.01 Purpose. This chapter establishes and describes fees for providing natural heritage inventory information, pursuant to s. 23.27 (3) (b), Stats.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90.

NR 29.02 Applicability. The provisions of this chapter apply to all persons who request natural heritage inventory information from the department of natural resources.

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NR 29.03 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(2) "Natural heritage inventory information" means information collected by the department under the natural heritage inventory program, including information on the biology, existence and locations of native plant and animal communities and of endangered, threatened and critical species; the degree of endangerment and protective status of these communities and species; information on managed lands; life-history information on Wisconsin's native flora and fauna, and biological consultation and recommendation.

(3) "Person" means an individual or any corporation, partnership, association or body politic.

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NR 29.04 Fees for providing natural heritage inventory information. (1) The department may charge a fee for compiling and providing natural heritage inventory information to any person requesting that information for the purposes authorized in s. 23.27 (3) (b), Stats.

(a) The department shall charge a minimum fee of \$60 per request, for which the department will provide up to 3 hours of staff time. The \$60 fee includes the associated administrative costs in compiling, interpreting and providing appropriate natural heritage inventory information. The department shall charge an additional \$20 for each hour, or any portion thereof, of staff time required in excess of 3 hours to answer the request.

(b) For frequent requesters of natural heritage inventory information, the department may set and charge an annual fee for providing updated copies of all or any portion of the actual natural heritage inventory data and for providing training and support in the use and interpretation of this data. This annual fee shall be no less than \$500 and no greater than \$1,000.

(2) (a) The department may waive or reduce fees for any person with whom the department has a contractual agreement or other mechanism by which the department's costs are reimbursed, or a memorandum of understanding by which the department is obligated to provide natural heritage inventory information.

(b) The department may waive or reduce fees for providing natural heritage inventory information for any research or educational project, where it has been determined that:

1. Such waiver is in the public interest because the project furthers the interests of the endangered resources program; and

2. The department has determined the requester has demonstrated that they are not financially capable of paying the fee. The department may request financial statements.

Note: Requests for natural heritage inventory information and the associated fees for the provision of this information should be directed to the Bureau of Endangered Resources at P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, phone (608) 266-2625.

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